



## Media Release

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### **KFPL hosts Haudenosaunee author Alicia Elliott for virtual visit**

Understanding lived experiences is essential to building understanding within and between communities. This is especially important as Canada will be celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day and Canada Day under the long shadow of the discovery of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops residential school and a renewed spotlight on what truth and reconciliation looks like in action.

The Kingston Frontenac Public Library will continue to show its commitment to facilitating dialogue and understanding between Indigenous creators and our wider community by hosting Alicia Elliott online, July 13 at 6 p.m.

Elliott, a Haudenosaunee writer from Six Nations of the Grand River, is the author of *A Mind Spread Out On the Ground*, a memoir analysing her upbringing amidst institutional oppression. She leaves no subject unexplored, writing about race, parenthood, representation, mental illness, poverty, and pop culture. Her work connects the personal and political, situating candid reflection and vulnerability within the impacts of capitalism and colonialism.

“Alicia's writings combine with her lived experience to shed light on the challenges faced by Indigenous communities in Canada, especially those coming of age,” said Jake Miller, librarian at KFPL. “She’s a strong literary voice, one that can speak to the issues in the real world and make it change.”

This event will feature readings from her memoir followed by a Q&A session with attendees. Participants must register in advance and will receive a Zoom link to the virtual event.

Alicia’s writings can also be found in many online outlets, including the CBC, the Washington Post, and Hazlitt.

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