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Engage, learn and create with Indigenous beading workshop

Beading is a cornerstone of Indigenous artistic and cultural tradition, from traditional regalia to contemporary art. Learn more about this practice and try it for yourself with an upcoming live online beading workshop with Hannah Turcotte.

Turcotte will lead participants through continuing this artistic tradition during the workshop, happening October 27 at 1 p.m. Registration is required and limited to 12 people. Each registrant will create their own poppy piece using a beading kit that can be picked up from their library branch.

A North Bay and Mattawa Algonquin First Nation artist, Turcotte attended her first beading workshop lead by an Elder in 2017. The tradition connected her to community, teachings, and traditions. Enjoy her work on her <u>Instagram page</u> at <u>instagram.com/hannahsbeads</u>.

"Beading is appreciated for much more than being an ornate art form," said Jake Miller, Programming and Outreach Librarian. "It's culturally significant in the areas of legal tradition, trade, and belief systems, making beadwork a uniquely comprehensive form of cultural education. The library is fortunate to have Hannah lead this workshop for people who want to develop this skill and further their cultural awareness."

Register online at https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/5688732, or by calling your local library branch.

KFPL thanks the Friends of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library for sponsoring this event.