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KFPL leading Indigenous Canada course discussion group

Indigenous rights, culture and resilience are topics about which we should continually learn. Following a successful pilot program in 2021, Kingston Frontenac Public Library is once again creating a space to support and encourage a deeper understanding of Indigenous history and contemporary issues.

We invite patrons to enrol in the <u>University of Alberta's Indigenous Canada course</u> and connect with our community in conversation. The library's Indigenous Canada course discussion program is designed to encourage an informed dialogue that stems from learning about Indigenous historical experiences, worldviews and current events. After each week's lesson, participants will join KFPL's discussion, examining the topic of the week in whole-group conversations and in smaller breakout groups. The program runs Mar. 1 through May 17.

Indigenous Canada is a 12-lesson massive open online course, offered through the university's Faculty of Native Studies. Registration is free, though participants can receive a completion certificate for a small fee. Participants will explore topics like land claims, legal systems and rights, Indigenous political activism and contemporary Indigenous life, art, and its expressions.

"We offered this discussion program during the summer of 2021 and there was a great deal of interest," shared Jake Miller, Librarian, Adult Programming. "The discussion component highlighted how much people knew and didn't know, and brought new ideas into the open. This is a truly unique opportunity to learn or relearn and discuss."

The discussion group will gather over Zoom on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Be sure to register for the course and take the first lesson https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/6075077 to register for the library program.