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A life, a history, an author: S.P. Joseph Lyons shares his story

S.P. Joseph Lyons, Anishinaabe Algonquin author, speaker, and Indigenous education advocate intimately knows the terrible impacts of colonization. A '60s Scoop adoptee and intergenerational survivor of the residential school system, he endured abuse and neglect, turning to his imagination and creativity as a haven.

On June 15, Lyons will discuss Indigenous history, colonization, residential schools, the '60s Scoop, and intergenerational trauma. The event is happening live via Zoom from 6:30-8 p.m. Participants are welcome to field questions as part of the Q&A following the main presentation.

Register at https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/6195794. Thank you to the Friends of Kingston Frontenac Public Library for generously supporting this event.

Lyon is author of the <u>DRUX</u> series, <u>Little Bear in Foster Care</u>, Wolf Pup Misses His Pack, and the Nootau Tales trilogy; co-author of Rose's Thorns; with work featured in collaborative and charity publications.

"Having Joseph with us is a great opportunity for our region to learn how personal and wider Indigenous experiences influence the creative process," said Jake Miller, Librarian, Adult Programming. "Joseph can speak to the hardships experienced by Indigenous communities, especially in the last several decades. He's an author to watch!"

Want to learn more from regional Indigenous creators? Attend poet Sarah Brown-Dunkley's event on June 20. Register at https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/6408698.