



## Media Release

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### **Local author Judii Merle shares story inspired by family's experiences of colonialism**

Local author Judii Merle's debut novel combines her love of storytelling, genealogy and Indigenous wisdom to create a story inspired by her family's history, personal research and visions of her own life. This September, she will share that story and its creation during a presentation at the Kingston Frontenac Public Library.

*Wabanang: An Anishinaabe Granddaughter's Search for the Truth* is centred on Janey, a young Anishinaabe woman seeking information about her grandmother's experiences with colonialism. After consulting a hypnotist, Janey is pushed back to a time before first contact, then to the early life of her grandmother, showing the consequences of colonialism on her family.

"*Wabanang* is such an original work from an engaged and collaborative community member," said Jake Miller, Librarian, Adult Programming. "Judii applied her creative energies to bring readers into the past to better understand the present. Having her with us is a great opportunity to see how the creative process came together."

On September 7 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Merle will share more about this original work that explores the pains of the past and the need for reconciliation today. She will read from the book, explore the creative process and engage in a Q&A session following her presentation.

The event is happening at the Isabel Turner Branch. Register online at <https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/6856727>.

As we approach the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, observed on September 30, KFPL is offering more opportunities to learn about cultural resilience. Join the online cooking session Food as Medicine - Wild Rice Pudding with Jessie Pengelly by registering at <https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/6860610>.

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