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**First Nation Communities READ 2022-2023  
Children and Young Adult/Adult Shortlists  
for the PMC Indigenous Literature Award**

Toronto, September 21, 2022 – First Nation Communities READ announces the shortlists for the combined Children’s and Young Adult/Adult categories. Chosen by a jury of Indigenous librarians from across Ontario, these titles represent the best of Indigenous literature from Canada today. The title selection announcement and award presentation for FNCR 2022-2023 will take place during First Nations Public Library Week (October 3-7, 2022). <https://resources.olservice.ca/fnplw/home>

The two selected title authors will be the recipients of the Periodical Marketers of Canada (PMC) **Indigenous Literature Award** and will each receive a \$5000 cash prize. More information can be found on the FNCR website at [www.fnrc.ca](http://www.fnrc.ca)

**Children’s Category Shortlist**

- *Buffalo Wild!* by Deirdre Havrelock. Published by Annick Press.
- *Little Bear in Foster Care* by S.P. Joseph Lyons. Published by Indigenous Education Press.
- *This is What I’ve Been Told* by Juliana Armstrong. Published by Medicine Wheel Education.
- *The Dancing Trees* by Masiana Kelly. Published by Inhabit Media.
- *The Wolf Mother* by Brett Huson. Published by Highwater Press.
- *We Dream Medicine Dreams* by Lisa Boivin. Published by Highwater Press.

**Young Adult/Adult Category Shortlist**

- *Aggie and Muddy: The Journey of Two Kaska Dena Children* by Wendy Proverbs. Published by Heritage House.
- *Christi Belcourt* by Sherry Farrell Racette, Nadia Kurd, and Dylan Miner. Published by Goose Lane Editions.
- *Go Down Odawa Way* by Daniel Lockhart. Published by Kegedonce Press.
- *Indigenomics: Taking a Seat at the Economic Table* by Carol Anne Hilton. Published by New Society Publishers.
- *Permanent Astonishment* by Thompson Highway. Published by Penguin Random House.
- *The Strangers* by Katherena Vermette. Published by Doubleday Canada.

**Periodical Marketers of Canada (PMC) Indigenous Literature Award**

PMC sponsors their Indigenous Literature Award for FNCR. Thanks to the PMC’s generosity and commitment to the spirit of reconciliation, each of the two selected title authors receives a \$5000 cash award.

**First Nation Communities READ** is the Ontario First Nation Public Library Community's contribution to the popular reading movement. Launched in 2003 by the First Nations Public Library Community in Ontario with support from the Ontario Library Service, it promotes a community-based approach to reading.

FNCR celebrates the very best of Indigenous literature across Canada. The program encourages family literacy, intergenerational storytelling as well as intergenerational knowledge transmission. FNCR also helps to increase awareness of the importance of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit writing, illustration, and publishing.

**Ontario Library Service** (OLS) is mandated to deliver programs and services on behalf of the Ontario Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport:

- increasing cooperation and coordination among public library boards and other information providers to promote the provision of library service to the public;
- assisting Public Library boards and First Nation public libraries by providing them with services and programs that meet their needs, including consultation, training, and development.

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**Periodical Marketers of Canada** is the national association of magazine and book wholesalers serving thousands of retail newsstands across Canada. Periodical Marketers of Canada was established under federal charter in 1942 for the purpose of furthering the wholesale periodical distribution industry and contributing to the encouragement of reading in Canada.

PMC's ongoing activities have included funding of a non-profit charitable foundation, the Foundation for the Advancement of Canadian Letters, which has contributed to individuals and agencies engaged in the encouragement of literacy and reading in Canada.

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