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**First Nation Communities READ 2020-2021
Announce the Children and Young Adult/Adult Shortlists
for the PMC Indigenous Literature Award**

Toronto, September 16, 2020 – First Nation Communities READ announces the shortlist 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 across Turtle Island today. The title selection announcement for FNCR 2020-2021 will take place at Toronto’s Virtual Word on the Street Festival on Sunday September 27, 2020. The authors of the selected title will be the recipients of the Periodical Marketers of Canada **Indigenous Literature Award** and will each receive a \$3000 cash prize.

Children’s Category Shortlist

- *I’m Finding My Talk* by Rebecca Thomas. Published by Nimbus Publishing
- *When We Had Sled Dogs* by Ida Tremblay. Published by Your Nickel’s Worth Publishing
- *E Meshkwadoniged Mitig/The Trading Tree* by Nancy Cooper. Published by Prince’s Trust Canada
- *Sus Yoo The Bear’s Medicine* by Clayton Gauthier. Published by Theytus Books
- *Neekah’s Knitting Needles* by Odelia Smith and Sylvia Olsen. Published by Sono Nis Press

Young Adult/Adult Category Shortlist

- *Crow Winter* by Karen McBride. Published by Harper Collins Publishers Ltd.
- *Chasing Painted Horses* by Drew Hayden Taylor. Published by Cormorant Press
- *If I Go Missing* by Brianna Jonnie. Published by James Lorimer and Company
- *In My Own Moccasins* by Helen Knott. Published by University of Regina Press
- *A Mind Spread Out on the Ground* by Alicia Elliott. Published by Doubleday Canada

Periodical Marketers of Canada Indigenous Literature Award

The Periodical Marketers of Canada’s Indigenous Literature Award is inspired by the goals of the First Nation Communities READ program. It will provide each of the authors of the First Nation Communities READ 2020-2021 title selections with a \$3,000 prize. This is the seventh year the Periodical Marketers of Canada has presented the Indigenous Literature 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 Southern Ontario Library Service, it promotes a community-based approach to reading, FNCR:

- encourages family literacy, intergenerational storytelling, and intergenerational information sharing;
- increases awareness of the relevance and importance of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit writing, illustration, and publishing;
- promotes the publication, sharing, and understanding of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit voices and experiences;
- increases awareness and sales of the titles it honours.

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

- 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 by providing them with services and programs that reflect their needs, including consultation, training and development.

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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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