Learning Resources

Mi’kmaw Heritage Month

In 1993, Premier John Savage and Mi’kmaw Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy declared October as the official month to recognize and celebrate Mi’kmaw culture and heritage. Mi’kmaw History Month is celebrating its 24th-year and invites everyone to join in the celebration of Mi’kmaw culture and heritage. Each October, community activities, events, sharing and showcasing the Mi’kmaw history take place across Nova Scotia. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to participate in Mi’kmaw History Month events.

Please note this is a non-exhaustive list of resources that we have compiled. If you are aware of additional resources not included here, please contact the Educator Advisor, Amanda Wilneff via HRES@dal.ca

Books

- Amazing L’nu’k : A Celebration of the People of Mi’kma’ki by Julie Pellissier-Lush & Robin Grant
- Language of this Land Mi’kma’ki by Trudy Sable
- Mi’kmaq Medicines: Remedies and Recollections by Laurie Lacey
- Epekwitk: Mi’kmaq Poetry From Prince Edward Island by Julie Pellissier-Lush
- Song of Rita Joe: Autobiography of a Mi’kmaq Poet by Rita Joe
- Taapoategl & Pallet: A Mi’kmaq Journey of Loss & Survival by Peter J Clair
- Mi’kmaq Treaties on Trial: History, Land, and Donald Marshall Junior by William C. Wicken
- Real Justice: Convicted for Being Mi’kmaq: The story of Donald Marshall Jr. by Bill Swan
- Mi’kmaq Puoinaq Two Spirit Medicine: Sexuality and Gender Variance, Spirituality and Culture by Joseph Randolph Bowers and Daniel N Paul
- Indian School Road: Legacies of the Shubenacadie Residential School by Chris Benjamin
- Living Treaties: Narrating Mi’kmaw Treaty Relations by Marie Battiste
- My Mi’kmaq Mother Nkij by Julie Pellissier-Lush
- Visiting With Our Mi’kmaq Elders by Jasen Sylvester Benwah & Benoit First Nation
- The Art of Mi’kmaw Basketry by shalan joudry
- Mitji- Let’s Eat!: Mi’kmaq Recipes from Sikniktuk by Margaret Augustine & Dr. Lauren Beck
- Doug Knockwood, Mi’kmaw Elder: Stories, Memories, Reflections by Doug Knockwood
- Stories From the Six Worlds: Mi’kmaq Legends by Ruth Holmes Whitehead

Children and Youth Specific Books

- Muinji’j Asks Why: The Story Of The Mi’kmaq And The Shubenacadie
• *Seeds of Spring* by Christopher Coquard
• *Mi’kmaw Wisisk = Mi’kmaw Animals* by Alan Syliboy
• *Counting in Mi’kmaw* by Loretta Gould
• *Muin and the Seven Bird Hunters: A Mi’kmaw Night Sky Story* by Kisi Amalwi’kmi’tij
• *Kepnít’aqne Ktapekianq – Le chant d’honneur – The Honour Song* by Gregory Paul
• *Walking Together* by Elder Dr. Albert D. Marshall & Louise Zimanyi
• *Mi’kmaw Moons: The Seasons in Mi’kma’ki* by Cathy LeBlanc & David Chapman
• *Mi’kmaq Campfire Stories of Prince Edward Island* by Julie Pellissier-Lush
• *The Sharing Circle: Stories about First Nations Culture* by Theresa Meuse
• *Mi’kmaw Animals* by Alan Syliboy
• *Mi’kmaw Daily Drum: Mi’kmaw Culture for Every Day of the Week* by Alan Syliboy
• *Come, Walk With Me* by Nyanza Julian
• *I Lost My Talk* by Rita Joe

**Podcasts**
• Native Currents with Steven Vanloffeld and Glenn Wheeler
• Mi’kmaq Matters
• ‘Pjilasi Mi’kma’ki’ with Annie Clair

**Videos**
• Mi’kmaq History Month Video Collection
• Nova Scotia Office of Aboriginal Affairs Video Collection
• National Film Board Video Collection
• Halifax Public Libraries Video Collection
• Mi’kmaq of NS Nationhood Proclamation by the KMK & Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi’kmaw Chiefs
• Do You Speak My Language: Mi’kmaw at First Nations School in Nova Scotia
• The Journey of the Mi’kmaq by the Wagmatcook Culture and Heritage Centre
• Elder’s Stories Video Collection by the Mi’kmawey Debert Cultural Center
• Water Warriors: Nothing in This World Can Live Without Water by New Day Films

**Image Collections**
• Educational Posters by the Mi’Kmaq History Month Committee
• Nova Scotia Museum’s Mi’kmaq Portraits Collection
• Niniskamijinaqik / Ancestral Images: The Mi’kmaq in Art and Photography by Ruth Holmes Whitehead
• L’Nu’k: The People: Mi’kmaw History, Culture and Heritage by Theresa Meuse

**Organizations**
• Mi’kmaq Confederacy of PEI
• Confederacy of Mainland Mi’kmaq
• Union of Nova Scotia Mi’kmaq
• Native Council of Nova Scotia
• Mi’kmaw Conservation Group
• L’nuey Initiative

Cultural Centers
• Mi’kmaw Native Friendship Centre
• Mi’kmawey Debert Cultural Center
• Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Center
• Bear River Cultural & Heritage Center
• Lennox Island Mi’kmaq Culture Centre
• Elsipogtog Mi’kmaq Cultural Center
• Membertou Heritage Park

Other
• Ta’n Weji-sqalia’tiek: Mi’kmaw Place Names (Digital Map)
• Peace and Friendship Treaties at the Nova Scotia Archives
• It’s Our Time Education Toolkit by Assembly of First Nations
• Indigenous Ally Toolkit by Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy Network