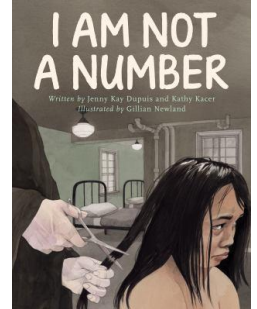




BOOK EXPLORERS: ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30 is Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is a day to remember the legacy of residential schools as well as witness and honour the survivors and their families.

In *I Am Not a Number*, Irene is removed from her family and sent to a residential school where she is not allowed to see or speak with her family until it's time for her to return home. At the school, Irene is scared and very homesick. The nuns try to make her forget who she is, but Irene resists.



Read *I Am Not a Number* on [Hoopla](https://www.hoopla.com/) or check it out at one of our branches.

This week's activity: Learn and Share – Word Search

Learn and Share

1. When Irene arrives at the residential school, the nun assigns her a number and tells Irene she'll be known by that number and not her name. Why do you think the school gave children numbers instead of using their names?

2. Why didn't Sister Mary want Irene and the other girl to speak their language?

3. While Irene was at school, she kept thinking about what she loved at home. What were some of the things she tried to remember so she wouldn't forget herself or from where she came?

Word Search

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FIND THESE WORDS

IRENE

NIPISSING

NUNS

HAIRCUT

MIIGWETCH

HOME

OJIBWAY

RESIDENTIAL

LAW

NUMBER

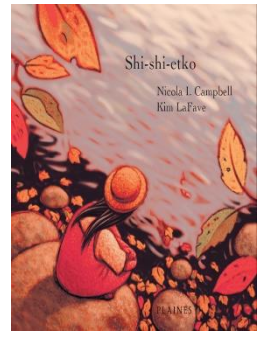
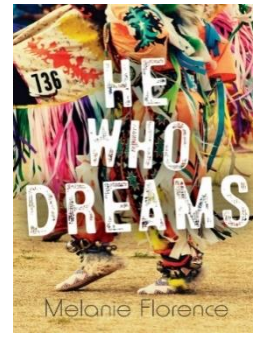
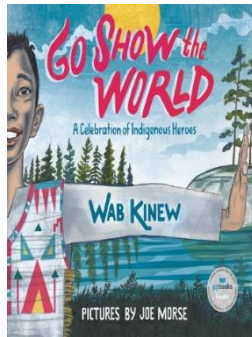
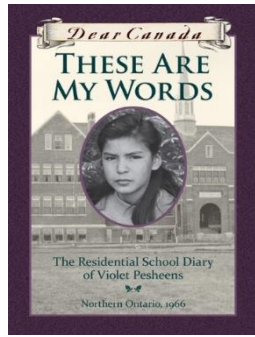
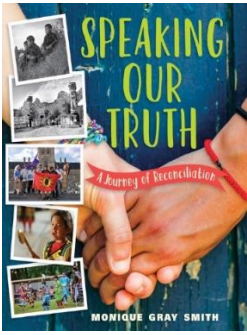
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Links to eResources:

Check out our [eBooks](#) on these topics:



[Indigenous History: Books for Families and Children | Indigenous Stories](#)

Check out [Indigenous Reads - Early Years Books](#) to find books recommended by Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg Cultural Safety Team.

Watch *The Day in the Life of a Residential School Student* on SummaKids. On Summa, watch *Reconciliation Begins with You and Me* to find out how you can play a role in reconciliation.

You can get a library card at hpl.ca/online-registration.

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