BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Viola Desmond

Viola Desmond was a Black Canadian businesswoman from Halifax, Nova Scotia and is remembered as an important figure to Canadian history. In celebration of Viola standing up for equal rights, her image is now on the Canadian $10 bill.

This week’s activities:

Read and Learn – Design a Canadian Bill

Read and Learn

Materials:

- Pencil, pen, or other writing tool
- Paper or notebook (optional)

Directions:

1. Read Meet Viola Desmond and Viola Desmond Won’t Be Budged!
2. Talk about what you learned with family and/or friends
3. Answer the questions below

Questions:

1. How did Viola Desmond make a positive impact on others?
2. What did Viola’s actions teach you?
3. Here’s how I can teach others about Viola Desmond:
Viola Desmond’s $10 Bill

Suggested Materials:

- Pencil or pen
- Colouring tools (optional)
- Paper (optional)

Directions:

1. Check out a virtual version of Viola’s bill at bankofcanada.ca.
2. You can also watch a video about the design of her bill on YouTube in a video entitled Canada’s new $10 not featuring Viola Desmond.
3. Create your own Canadian bill below. You can also use a separate piece of paper to design.
Links to eResources:

Check out our eBooks at hpl.ca/OverDrive on these topics:

- Africville
- Anti-Racism
- Equality

Watch Viola Desmond’s Canadian Heritage
Watch Viola Desmond: Civil Rights Champion

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

If you would like to share one or all your creations, please take a picture and post it to social media using the hashtag, #HPLmakesomething.