

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Have your say on the [Accessibility for Manitobans Act \(AMA\)](#). The Act affects all Manitobans – including people impacted by barriers in their everyday lives and people able to remove and prevent these barriers.

The AMA requires regular reviews to occur every five years. The first review of the AMA occurred in 2018/2019, and the second five-year review is required to take place in 2023/24. As part of the review, in-person public forums will be hosted in Brandon (April 20), Thompson (May 2), and Winnipeg (May 15). These public forums will allow you to provide your input on the Act. You also have an opportunity to share your views by completing a short [online](#) survey by May 26. Please visit the [website](#) to learn more about the Act and the upcoming forums.



WORLD CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION DAY

There may be no universal understanding of creativity. The concept is open to interpretation from artistic expression to problem-solving in the context of economic, social and sustainable development. Therefore, the United Nations designated April 21 as [World Creativity and Innovation Day](#) to raise awareness of the role of creativity and innovation in all aspects of human development.



Creativity drives our ideas and emotions, as well as our ability to connect, question and be understood. But culture and creativity are a lot more than an expression of our identities; they are livelihoods, careers, and economic opportunities for millions of people around the world, especially women, youth, and vulnerable groups. The creative economy has the power to drive sustainable development.

To mark World Creativity and Innovation Day, [Media Smarts](#) recently updated a [lesson plan](#) for Grades 9-12 on using digital storytelling to address the topics, themes and issues important to students. Check it out!

CROCUS AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN



Each year, the [Manitoba Reading Association](#) recognizes outstanding literacy advocacy and administration. Please check out the Crocus Awards [information page](#) to learn more and to nominate a deserving administrator or literacy community advocate.

The deadline for submission is April 28. Awards will be presented at a gala at the Niakwa Country Club in Winnipeg on May 25.

MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY

Grounded in ceremony and Indigenous values, the [Moose Hide Campaign](#) is a grassroots movement inviting Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys, alongside all Canadians, to stand up against violence towards women, children, and all those along the gender continuum. Wearing a moose hide pin is an outward sign of your commitment to honour, respect, and protect the people in your life and stand up against violence.



This year, educators are invited to engage their students in [Moose Hide Campaign Day](#) on May 11 by participating in a free virtual event open to all Canadian schools, which will create a tangible Reconciliation in Action opportunity. On the day, you can expect a variety of live-stream options depending on grade level, including Indigenous Ceremony, cultural performances by Indigenous artists, inspiring youth speakers, intergenerational learning, and engaging, interactive pre-recorded workshop options to use as a tool leading up to Moose Hide Campaign Day, on May 11, or as follow up to the event.

To learn more about the Moose Hide Campaign, discover teaching resources, register for the event, or to [order](#) moose hide pins, please visit the campaign [website](#).

MANITOBA COLLABORATIVE INDIGENOUS EDUCATION BLUEPRINT

On April 14, on behalf of MSBA, President Sandy Nemeth, and representatives from our partners in K-12 Education, the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre, and the Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools alongside Manitoba's six universities and three colleges attended a ceremony hosted by Red River College Polytech to re-sign the Manitoba Collaborative [Indigenous Education Blueprint](#) (the partners first signed the Blueprint in 2015). This gathering reaffirms their commitment to prioritizing Indigenous education in Manitoba and the agreement to advance ten commitments informed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.



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