

NEW FOR 2024!

The Provincial Executive approved a resolution to move the presentation of the Student Citizenship Awards from the annual convention to its own separate awards program. Additional adjustments were made to the criteria for eligibility, but the awards will continue to honour Manitoba's young people in public schools and their accomplishments. The inaugural presentations will be made at the local school level at a meaningful time (school assembly or graduation exercises, etc.) to enable family, friends, and school community members to be present.

The [awards package](#) contains an overview of the updated 2024 awards program along with criteria for eligibility and the selection process. Only Manitoba high school students in grades 9 to 12 at a public school can apply. The deadline to receive nominations is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5.



SAVE THE DATES!

[The 2024 National Trustees Gathering on Indigenous Education and CSBA Congress](#) will be hosted

by the Ontario Public School Boards Association in Toronto from July 3-5, 2024.



The Canadian School Boards Association also hosts its AGM during the National Trustees Gathering on Indigenous Education and Congress. This annual meeting provides an opportunity for the membership to come together to hear from the President, Vice-President, and Board of Directors. The annual report is presented along with the meeting package.

FEBRUARY IS I LOVE TO READ MONTH!

I Love to Read Month is a month long celebration that is held each February to encourage reading, writing, and sharing in the joy of literacy. This year's theme is *Our Voices are Unique*. This theme is meant to help readers recognize the importance of being their true selves and sharing their stories. We can develop a deeper understanding of different perspectives by sharing our own stories and by listening to others' stories. To help you get ready for *I Love to Read Month*, the Reading Council of Greater



Winnipeg ([RCGW](#)) has prepared an [idea calendar](#). The RCGW is a group of dedicated educators who meet monthly to share and work to promote knowledge and awareness of lifelong literacy and learning. Please share the idea calendar with teachers, students and their families.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

January 27 marks International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a time to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust while raising awareness and education about its tragedy.

[The Jewish Federation of Winnipeg](#) has developed a list of [online resources](#) which offer content about Holocaust-related themes as well as educational resources to assist with Holocaust education.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is the month in which we take the opportunity to celebrate the progress, richness and diversity of the achievements and contributions of Blacks in Canada and around the world. This year, the theme is *Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; Future to Build*. Looking for information on Black History in Manitoba? [Black History Manitoba](#) provides educational information to honour, recognize, and celebrate the past and evolving role of Black experiences within the Canadian historical context. Check out their [event calendar](#) to discover events and celebrations happening in Manitoba throughout the month.



CREATIVE MANITOBA MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS FOR RURAL & CITY STUDENTS

Creative Manitoba's Careers in the Arts youth and young adult mentorship programs provide exposure, support and opportunity for growth towards careers in the arts in three distinct program streams: Professional Mentorship Program (Ages 19-29), Group Mentorship Program (Ages 16-19) and Rural Mentorship Program (Ages 16-29). Each program offers unique hands-on mentorship working with professionals working in an arts career. Visit the Creative Manitoba [website](#) to learn more about each program, and how to apply!



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