



One Book, One Community

Featuring *Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good

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Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that our library system connects with many Indigenous Communities across our vast regional district and today I am located on unceded territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, “the people of the confluence,” within Secwépemc'ulucw.

I recognize and deeply appreciate their historic and continued stewardship of their traditional land and how they shape the community where I live and work.



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Agenda

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4. Marketing & Programming
5. Tips for Success
6. Resources on Library ToolShed
7. Questions



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Project Overview

A region-wide initiative, OBOC supports literacy, promotes Canadian authors and their stories, provokes thought provoking discussion, and builds understanding.



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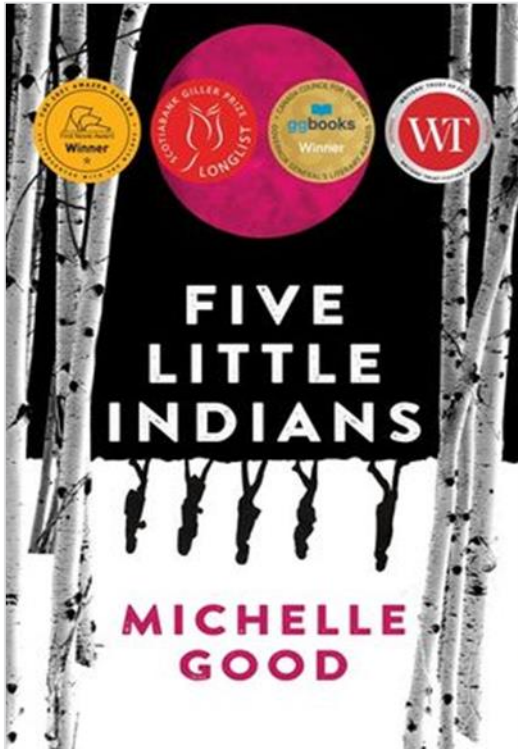
The Community

- Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) and the regional district
 - Population of the regional district: Over 130 000
- Thompson Rivers University
 - Student, staff, and faculty population: Over 25 000
- Cariboo Regional District Library
 - Population of the regional district: Over 60 000



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The Book

- *Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good

Selection Criteria

- Written by a living Canadian author
- Well-written, award-winning story published within the last five years
- Must appeal to the broadest possible audience
- Varies in type (e.g., subject matter, author, etc.) from other recent selections
- Encourages the exchange of ideas, including community building and program potential
- Element of the “WOW!” factor
- A book that is available in quantity at reasonable cost, in various media formats



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Purchasing and Circulation

Copies purchased or accessible

115 books
6 book kits
14 eBooks
10 eAudiobooks

Circulation

710 individual book circulations
23 book kits circulations
126 eBook circulations
113 eAudiobook circulations



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Staff Training

The OBOC Committee screened a shortlist of potential training resources for staff. The training selected continues to receive overwhelmingly positive feedback.



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Staff Training

Training Selected

- [BC Libraries Federation - Indigenous Awareness](#) training from the Indigenous Relations Academy, Indigenous Corporate Training Inc.
- Understanding history as a key piece of intercultural communications with Indigenous Peoples to help avoid misunderstandings in today's workplace.
- 3 hours of online training with quizzes throughout
- Downloadable content provided during and after
- Interviews with Survivors



Staff Training

Addition training considered

- 4 Seasons of Reconciliation “[Reconciliation Education](#)” by First Nations University of Canada
- [KAIROS Blanket Exercise](#) by KAIROS Canada

Sample general resources shared with staff

- “[Indigenous Peoples: Language Guidelines](#)” created by UBC Brand and the First Nations House of Learning
- [150 Acts of Reconciliation](#) for the Last 150 Days of Canada’s 150
- Printable [document](#) of the “Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action”



Marketing & Programming

In addition to reading the title in all of our library-run book clubs, we hosted a series of events to further explore Truth and Reconciliation in our region.



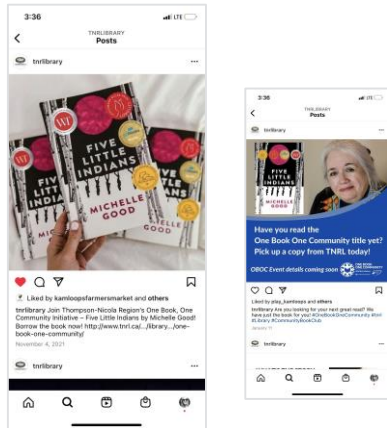
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Marketing

Branding



Social Media



Posters



Bookmarks






Press Release



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Programming

- BC: An Untold History Screening - digital viewing of British Columbia: An Untold History, episode 1: Change and Resistance (presented by the Knowledge Network)
- Author Talk with Doreen Manuel - Film Director and Author Doreen Manuel talked about her updated edition Brotherhood to Nationhood: George Manuel and the Making of the Modern Indian Movement and the American Indian Movement
- Spotlight on the Kamloops Residential School - Secwepemc Museum and Heritage Park offered a virtual presentation on the history of Kamloops Residential School

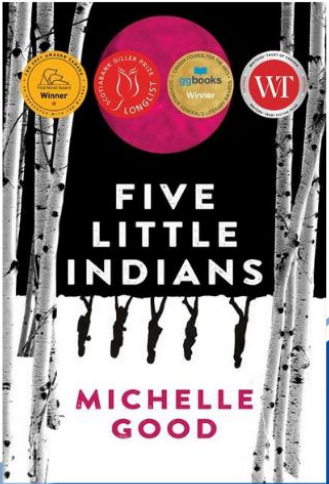
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Screening BC: An Untold History
May 11 | 6:30-7:30 PM

Author Talk: Doreen Manuel
May 18 | 6:30-7:30 PM

A Spotlight on Kamloops Residential School History
May 25 | 1:30-2:30 PM

Events held via Zoom



questions@tnrd.ca | 250-554-1124 | tnrl.ca/calendar



Book Clubs

Rotation schedule

- Designed to cycle through all library book clubs while still leaving kits available for patron-led clubs
- Encourage reading and discussion as much as possible before spring programming

Variations

- In-person, hybrid, zoom, teleconference, and “Take Out” variation for library and community clubs

Book club leader feedback

- All book club leaders gave positive feedback on the training
- Positive feedback on the book-specific list of questions, particularly the mix of content-related questions with writing-focused questions. This helped move discussion through difficult discussions.
- A lot of patron requests for related reading, specifically “lighter” reads. Library displays helped support this, contemporary titles and childrens’ were the most popular.



Book Club Kits

Complete Book Club Kit booklet available through Library ToolShed

- Book specific discussion questions are all spoiler free, though some will likely prompt discussion about later events in the novel
- “Mental Health Resources” document and bookmark
- A list of “Other Titles by Indigenous Authors”
- Author biography for Michelle Good
- “Tips for Book Club Leaders” adjusted for this title
- Also include materials in all book club kits including welcome to book club kits, discussion questions for any book, and sign-out sheet



Tips for Success

Dedicated committee members are essential.

Staff training was key and highly valued.

Sometimes you pick the right book at the right time!

Prepare a lot of read-a-likes.

As always in library-land, expected the unexpected.



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Resources in Library ToolShed

Book Club Kit complete booklet

- Welcome to Book Club Kits
- Tips for Leaders
- Mental Health Resources
- Author Biography: Michelle Good
- Discussion Questions for *Five Little Indians*
- Discussion Questions for Any Book
- Additional Titles by Indigenous Authors
- Book Club Sign-out Sheet
- Mental Health Resources bookmark

Marketing materials

- Sample posters
- Bookmarks

Training Resources

- Comprehensive list of training resources screened and selected, and shared with staff





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