

IONA'S HORIZONS BOOK CLUB 2022-2023

Welcome to this year's book club! For the next several months, we will be expanding our *horizons* by reading a variety of books with a focus on *woke books* and, as much as possible, *woke books* written by Canadian authors.

WHAT IS A WOKE BOOK?

A *woke book* should be **by** and **about** marginalized persons, and must:

- ✓ Challenge social norms
- ✓ Give a voice to the voiceless
- ✓ Share or provide information about a group that has been discriminated against
- ✓ Seek to challenge the status quo
- ✓ Have a protagonist from an underrepresented or oppressed group

THIS YEAR'S BOOK CLUB FORMAT:

The rest of the school year will be divided into 8-week blocks:

- during each 8-week block, members should try to read TWO-THREE of the books in the group
- at the end of each block, we will meet with others who have read the same books to chat about the books
- at the end of the year, we will vote on our favourite reads and award prizes to top picks

THE WOKE BOOK GROUPS:

1. **Canadian Voices (Indigenous + other woke voices)**
2. **Black Voices**
3. **Indigenous Voices**
4. **Newcomer/Asian/Southeast Asian Voices**

ALL MEMBERS WILL BEGIN WITH THE CANADIAN VOICES GROUP.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- The first day of each block will be **book pick-up**; the last day will be **book return and meeting**.
- Try to exchange your books **every three weeks** so that others in your group will have a chance to read them, too.

BLOCK 1: Wednesday, October 12 – Monday, December 5

BLOCK 2: Monday, December 5 – Monday, February 6

BLOCK 3: Monday, February 6 – Monday, April 3

BLOCK 4: Monday, April 3 – Monday, May 29 -> VOTING DAY!!

HORIZONS 2022-2023 SUGGESTED READING SCHEDULE

BLOCK 1: Wednesday, October 12 – Monday, December 5

FIRST BOOK – Wednesday, October 12 – Friday, October 28 – SWAP!

SECOND BOOK - Friday, October 28 – Friday, November 18 – SWAP!

THIRD BOOK - Friday, November 18 – Monday, December 5 – MEETING!!

BLOCK 2: Monday, December 5 - Monday, February 6

FIRST BOOK – Monday, December 5 – Friday, December 23 – SWAP!

SECOND BOOK - Friday, December 23 – Monday, January 9 – SWAP!

THIRD BOOK - Monday, January 9 – Monday, February 6 – MEETING!!

BLOCK 3: Monday, February 6 – Monday, April 3

FIRST BOOK – Monday, February 6 – Friday, February 24 – SWAP!

SECOND BOOK - Friday, February 24 – Monday, March 20 – SWAP!

THIRD BOOK - Monday, March 20 – Monday, April 3 – MEETING!!

BLOCK 4: Monday, April 3 - Monday, May 29

FIRST BOOK – Monday, April 3 – Friday, April 21 – SWAP!

SECOND BOOK - Friday, April 21 – Monday, May 9 – SWAP!

THIRD BOOK - Monday, May 9 – Monday, May 29 – FINAL MEETING!!

THIS IS A SUGGESTED READING SCHEDULE. SOME MAY READ MORE QUICKLY OR SLOWLY THAN THE SUGGESTED DATES. IF YOU FINISH ALL THE BOOKS IN YOUR GROUP BEFORE THE END OF THE BLOCK, YOU CAN ALWAYS READ ANY AVAILABLE BOOKS FROM THE CANADIAN GROUP.