

SAWCI Presents

ANSKOHK INDIGENOUS LITERATURE FESTIVAL

November 6 – 8, 2025—Saskatoon, SK

FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE*

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

2-4 PM – “Bringing our Matriarchs Stories Back” ft. Cheryl Troupe, Jade McDougall, and Allyson Stevenson, moderated by Karon Shmon.

(In-Person Event)—University of Saskatchewan Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre

During the first half of this event, the featured panelists will be invited by moderator, Karon Shmon, to share their knowledge on the top of matriarchs and their importance to Metis culture. The panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A period with the audience.

4-6 PM – BREAK

6-9 PM – Celebrating our Story-iors (In-Person Event)—Alt Hotel

Join us for supper followed by dessert and discussions with SK Indigenous authors with new books! The program will begin with an Honour Song, and live music!

Featuring:

Cheryl Troupe—*Métis Matriarchs: Agents of Transition* and *Putting Down Roots*

Jade McDougall—*Métis Matriarchs: Agents of Transition*

Allyson Stevenson—*Métis Matriarchs: Agents of Transition*

Arnolda Dufour Bowes—*Maggie Lou Meets Her Match*

Leah Marie Dorion—*Five Senses for Métis Babies* and *My Little Métis Sleepy Horse*

Cort Dogniez—*Growing up Métis: Stories of Resilience*

Kevin Wesaquate—*Mihko Kiskisiwin – Blood Memory*

Colleen Charlette—*Mihko Kiskisiwin – Blood Memory*

Tonia Laird—*Seventhblade*

Thursday evening Featured Author:

Wilfred Burton author of *Road Allowance Kitten: Full Circle* and *Kohkum's Royal Bannock*

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Author Talk School Visits—Closed Event

Each of the authors visit schools for readings/Q&A

9:30-10:30 AM – Children's Book Writing, Featuring Leah Marie Dorion, Cort Dogniez, and Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley, moderated by Elena Bentley—at Broadway Theatre

A discussion with Leah, Cort, and Mangeshig on the process of children's book writing, moderated by Elena Bentley, followed by a Q&A.

10:30-11:00 AM – BREAK

11:00 AM-12:00 PM – Multiple Title Book Launch with Conor Kerr, Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley, Cody Cataeno, and Tonia Laird—at Broadway Theatre

12:00-1:00 PM – LUNCH BREAK (Alt Hotel)

1:00-2:45 PM – Film Screening—In-Person at Broadway Theatre

3:00-4:00 PM – *From Page to Screen* Film and Media Discussion—In-Person at the Remai Modern

TBA.

5-6 PM – SAWCI Annual General Meeting – All welcome!—Alt Hotel

7 PM – Keynote Address Featuring Conor Kerr— Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

8-9 PM – Open Mic (Sign up to share your writing!)—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

Note: If you'd like to share your writing, you have to be in-person at the Alt Hotel.



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

9-9:45 AM – Morning Chat on Storytelling with Jesse Rae Archibald-Barber, Warren Cariou, and Kevin Lewis, moderated by Norma Dunning—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

Join us for tea and bannock and listen in while our storytellers discuss the craft.

10-11 AM – Indigenous Editing Panel featuring Kaitlin Littlechild, Warren Cariou, and Nadine Ryan, moderated by Rita Bouvier—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

Kaitlin, Warren, and Nadine, with moderator Rita Bouvier will discuss Indigenous editing, followed by a Q&A.

11-11:15 AM – BREAK

11:15-12:15 PM – Indigenous Futurisms Panel featuring Conor Kerr, Marilyn Dumont, and Cody Caetano, hosted by Matthew Tetreault—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

Conor, Marilyn, and Cody will discuss their ideas on Indigenous Futurisms, followed by a Q and A.

12:15-1:15 PM – LUNCH

1:15-2:15 PM – Lunch Keynote Address featuring David Garneau—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

2:15 PM – SAFE TRAVELS!



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