

**Title: Sharing Stories – the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Project**

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The Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling project is a province-wide event which celebrates the lives, histories, practices and cultures of Saskatchewan's First Nations, Métis, Inuit and non-Status peoples through storytelling. Since its launch in 2004, the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling project has grown from 21 events with an attendance of under 3,000 to 394 events with an attendance of over 18,000 in 2017.

A representative of the Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples committee which oversees SAS will present everything you need to know about how this unique province-wide initiative came to be, the work of the SAS coordinator, information on funding and evaluation, examples of SAS programming for all ages, and what it is like planning SAS events as a librarian. LSSAP hopes that spreading word about the project will inspire librarians to create similar programs.

**Three keywords** - Aboriginal, Cultural Awareness, Programming

**Learning Outcomes Understand:**

- What Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling is
- How SAS ties into the Truth and Reconciliation Recommendations
- Things to consider when hosting Aboriginal storytelling events
- Advice on where to look for funding for Aboriginal storytelling events
- How libraries and schools can partner together for successful programming
- How LSSAP measures the SAS project's success