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## Girl Rising Film Screening



In recognition of International Women's Day this past March 10, 2015, MJMC partnered with World Vision Canada and the Moose Jaw Cultural Centre to host a free screening of the affecting documentary ***Girl Rising*** at the Mae Wilson Theatre.

Directed by Richard Robins, *Girl Rising* fol-

lows the stories of nine girls from around the world who face arranged marriages, child slavery, and other heartbreaking injustices. By getting an education, they're able to break barriers, as well as offer hope and inspiration to others around the world.

The screening was a

tremendous success, bringing a full house to the Mae Wilson Theatre.

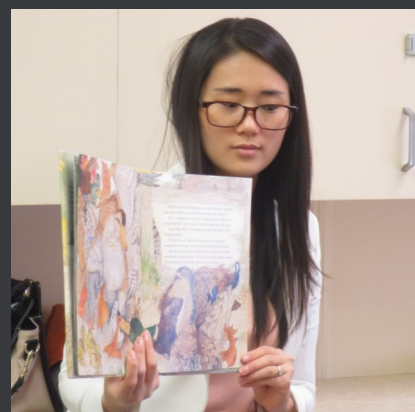
Following the movie, attendees gathered within the main lobby are of the cultural centre for complimentary snacks and refreshments provided by Sask Energy.



## MJMC Family Literacy Day 2015

### Reading Activities

This past January 27, 2015, LINC instructors organized a series of events for current students, as well as their children, at MJMC. Those who participated rotated through four reading stations, in separate rooms. Some of the books read at the stations included "Rosie's Walk" by Pat Hutchins, "Fishing" by Jaap Tuinman, as well as "Far Away" and "Fifty Below" by Robert Munsch. Once everyone had visited each station, the groups met in the gymnasium to listen to a recording of Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic "I Had A Dream" speech while looking at a picture book.



### A Donation of Books

After the day's activities were completed, all of the students and clients were able to choose one book from a table of literary donations provided by various community groups, organizations, and individuals around the city of Moose Jaw.

If you would like to contribute to 2016's Family Literacy Day next January, be it a donation of books or arts and craft supplies, or to volunteer during the event, please contact us via email at [reception@mjmcinc.ca](mailto:reception@mjmcinc.ca) or by calling 306-693-4677.





## Pick It Up Month

On May 7, 2015, students, staff, volunteers, and clients of MJMC did their part in keeping the streets surrounding our offices, as well as Crescent Park, clean by picking up garbage for Moose Jaw's annual "Pick It Up!" campaign. The city wide initiative was created in 2012 to regularly advocate for Moose Javians to be more mindful of their littering habits and to take pride in the community by working together to keep it clean. Also joining us for this year's efforts was Sgt. Cliff Froehlich from Moose Jaw Police Services.



## Day of Pink 2015



Staff, clients, and daycare kids wore pink to promote awareness and discussion of bullying this past April 1 for Saskatchewan's Day of Pink. Violence, bullying and abuse affect all people. At MJMC we acknowledge that these behaviors are especially prevalent toward members of minority groups; as individuals and groups are often targeted on the basis of race, sex, gender identity/orientation, sexual orientation, sexuality, disability, and more. MJMC hopes to aid in improving the quality of life for all Moose Javians by raising awareness of how major issues such as racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, and transphobia, shape bullying behaviors and acts of violence or abuse.



## Trans Awareness Week 2015

### Flag Raising

On March 31, 2015, Moose Jaw Multicultural Council's Executive Director, Stefanie Palmer, was invited to bring greetings to the friendly city's LGBT community at Moose Jaw Pride's Trans Awareness Week Flag Raising Ceremony in the Moose Jaw Cultural Centre. Other dignitaries and speakers at the event included Mayor Deb Higgins, MLA Greg Lawrence, Police Chief Rick Bourassa, Cara McDavid on behalf of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the Five Hills Health Region, and Julian Wotherspoon on behalf of Quidditch Canada.



### SHRC Presentation

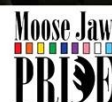
The following day, on April 1, 2015, MJMC partnered with Moose Jaw Pride to host an informational presentation on the process of filing complaints with the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission (SHRC). The event was hosted in the Newcomer Welcome Centre for approximately 10 attendees. Lewanna Dubray, a facilitator and investigator for SHRC, traveled to Moose Jaw where she explained what the prohibited grounds of discrimination were in the province, which sectors these grounds applied to, and how the addition of "gender identity" as prohibited grounds for discrimination now protects the rights of transgender, gender nonconforming, and gender non-binary people.



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## “Only Laundry” Campaign



On March 21, 2015, Moose Jaw Multicultural Council joined the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan in their “Only Laundry Should Be Separated by Colour” campaign for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; a day observed around the world that is focused on promoting racial harmony and recognizing the problems and forms of racism. Outside of the Newcomer Welcome Centre, staff hung a laundry line containing colored clothing above the office’s main windows, which turned a lot of heads from passerby’s throughout the day. Year round, MJMC offers cultural awareness and sensitivity training to local businesses and organizations as part of our ongoing efforts to combat racism and contribute to the development of a harmonious community for all.

## Save the Date: Motif 2015



Don't forget to make sure you are free to join us in Happy Valley Park this upcoming July 10th through 12th, 2015, for this Motif!

Keep up to date on news and announcements concerning the festival by checking the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council's website at [www.mjmcinc.ca/motif.php](http://www.mjmcinc.ca/motif.php).

Alternatively, you can visit the new Motif info site at [www.motif8.wix.com/motifmoosejaw](http://www.motif8.wix.com/motifmoosejaw) or follow the festival on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/motif.festival](http://www.facebook.com/motif.festival).

If you would like to participate at Motif as a performer or vendor, please feel free to contact us via email at [motif@mjmcinc.ca](mailto:motif@mjmcinc.ca).