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Public libraries across Canada to hold second national, bilingual, eBook club

Niagara Falls Public Library to take part in April event

Niagara Falls, Ont. - English and French readers across the country will be reading together throughout the month of April as part of a national book club.

This April, over one hundred participating Canadian public libraries, including Niagara Falls Public Library, will offer free, unlimited access to *The Break* by Katherena Vermette in eBook and eAudiobook formats as part of One eRead Canada. The month-long digital book club is presented by Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC). *The Break* will be available in English and French without holds or waitlists on cloudLibrary and hoopla for cardholders of participating libraries throughout April 2022.

Collaborative library initiatives like One eRead Canada introduce readers and listeners to new books and authors through digital formats, positively impacting publishers, authors, and readers. One eRead Canada encourages Canadian literature and facilitates Indigenous voices. The initiative promotes Canadian stories that can help Canadians grow in their understanding and appreciation of the unique aspects of their country and the lives of Canadians from coast to coast to coast.

Niagara Falls Public Library cardholders will be able to access eBook copies of *The Break* in both French and English on cloudLibrary and hoopla. English editions of the audiobook are also available on both platforms. Customers will need their library card barcode number and their PIN to access the platforms for the first time.

“People discovered they could borrow eBooks and audiobooks when the library doors were closed and while they waited to feel more comfortable going out in public. Even now, when we’re open as we were before the pandemic hit, customers are still borrowing books from cloudLibrary and hoopla,” says Library CEO Alicia Subnaik Kilgour. “Taking part in One eRead Canada is another way we can encourage readers to explore eBooks and audiobooks and introduce them to new titles. We’re so excited to be a part of the event and hope our customers enjoy the unlimited access to Vermette’s *The Break* over the course of the month.”

In Katherena Vermette’s book, *The Break*, Stella, a young Métis mother, looks out her window and notices someone in trouble on the Break — a barren field on an isolated strip of land outside her house — and alerts the police of the possible crime. Through the perspectives of various characters and shifting narratives, a story about the lives of people living in Winnipeg’s North End unfolds. A powerful intergenerational family saga, *The Break* showcases Vermette’s rich writing

talent as an exciting voice in Canadian literature.

Readers are invited to attend special live virtual conversations with Katherena Vermette and CBC's Shelagh Rogers on April 20th (in English) and with translator Mélissa Verreault and Marie-Louise Arseneault, Radio-Canada, on April 21st (in French). More details will follow on these events.

Follow along with One eRead/Un livre! Canada on the Niagara Falls Public Library blog and social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)), on the [One eRead Canada Book Club Facebook group](#), or on Twitter using the hashtag [#1eReadLivrelCanada](#).

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About the Niagara Falls Public Library:

The Niagara Falls Public Library is a free, inclusive community space open to all. Residents of the City of Niagara Falls are invited to register for a free library card to access all of our resources, both physical and digital. The Niagara Falls Public Library dates back to 1878, and today has four library locations serving the City of Niagara Falls - Victoria Avenue Library, Community Centre Library, Chippawa Library, NovelBranch library kiosk at the Gale Centre as well as the Stamford Centre Library which is currently closed for construction. Please visit our website at my.nflibrary.ca for more information.

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