

## RELATED SPECIAL EVENTS (All Events Free!)

Check the library's website for specific links to online programs –  
[www.ptpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ptpubliclibrary.org)

### Northwind Art Presents:

#### *Seeds Are Postcards from the Land* – a Community Art Project

March 1–31 Port Townsend Public Library In Person

Write gratitude postcards to the land, which will be on display at the library and will then be planted to grow flowers. Details online and at the library.

#### Native Peoples of the Olympic Peninsula Education Trunk from JCHS

March 1–31 Port Townsend Public Library In Person

On loan from the Jefferson County Historical Society, this trunk was developed in consultation with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and contains a variety of commissioned objects, books, games, and digital materials.

#### StoryWalk – *When We Are Kind* – for Kids and Their Families

March 1–31 Kah Tai Lagoon In Person

A fun outdoor adventure for the whole family. Walk and read Monique Gray Smith's book. Explore anytime during daylight in March.

#### Book Lovers' Café

March 6 (Monday) via Zoom 2:00 pm Online

Join the library's book club for a group discussion with library director Melody Sky Weaver.

#### Artist Talk with Nicole Neidhardt

March 9 (Thursday) via Zoom 6:30 pm Online

Join Navajo/Diné artist Nicole Neidhardt, as she discusses her process and shares her beautiful illustrations from *Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults*.

#### Community Book Discussion at The Castle

March 16 (Thursday) Manresa Castle Hotel 8:00 pm In Person

Enjoy themed drinks and discuss the book with library director Melody Sky Weaver.

#### čičmāhán Trail Walk

March 18 (Saturday) Chetzemoka Park 1:00 pm In Person

Enjoy a guided 3-mile loop walking trail starting at the trail sign at Chetzemoka Park.

#### PTFF Indigenous Animation Screening at the Rose Theatre

March 25 (Saturday) Rose Theatre 11:00 am In Person

In collaboration with the Port Townsend Film Festival, enjoy short animation in many styles by indigenous artists. Go to [www.ptfilmfest.com](http://www.ptfilmfest.com) or the library for free tickets.

#### Meet the Author, Monique Gray Smith

March 28 (Tuesday) Northwest Maritime Center 6:30 pm In Person

Join Monique Gray Smith for a presentation and reading. Get copies of her books before the event at Imprint Books; a signing will follow the talk.



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## COMMUNITY READ 2023

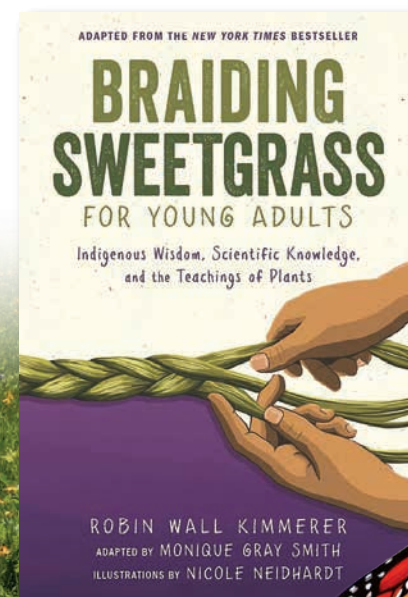


ROBIN WALL  
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### *Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults*



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# Port Townsend Reads ... a community coming together through reading



## Authors & Artist Profiles

**ROBIN WALL KIMMERER** is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Her first book, *Gathering Moss*, was awarded the John Burroughs Medal for outstanding nature writing. Her writings have appeared in *Orion*, *Whole Terrain*, and numerous scientific journals. She lives in Syracuse, New York, where she is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology and the founder and director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment.

**MONIQUE GRAY SMITH** is an award-winning, best-selling author, and professional consultant. She has written eight books, including *Speaking our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation*, *My Heart Fills with Happiness*, *You Hold Me Up*, *Lucy and Lola*, *Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience*, and *When We Are Kind*. Monique's most recent novel, *Tilly and the Crazy Eights*, was long listed for Canada Reads 2021. Monique is Cree, Lakota, and Scottish. She lives in British Columbia, Canada, with her teenage twins.

**NICOLE NEIDHARDT** is a Diné (Navajo) artist of Kiiyaa'áanii clan. She received her MFA from OCAD University in Toronto, Ontario, and a bachelor of fine arts with a business minor from the University of Victoria. She is the cofounder of the Innovative Young Indigenous Leaders Symposium, alongside Gina Mowatt, and is the cofounder of Groundswell Climate Collective, a group that is fighting the climate crisis through resiliency and artwork. She currently resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

## Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults

"From the very beginning of the world, the other species were a lifeboat for the people. Now, we must be theirs."

– Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*

Drawing from her experiences as an Indigenous scientist, botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer demonstrated how all living things – from strawberries and witch hazel to water lilies and lichen – provide us with gifts and lessons every day in her best-selling book *Braiding Sweetgrass*. Adapted for young adults by Monique Gray Smith, this new edition reinforces how wider ecological understanding stems from listening to the earth's oldest teachers: the plants around us. With informative sidebars, reflection questions, and art from illustrator Nicole Neidhardt, *Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults* brings Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the lessons of plant life to a new generation.

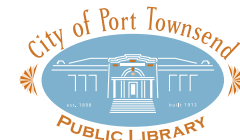
## THE COMMUNITY READ PROGRAM & HOW IT WORKS

The City of Port Townsend has proclaimed March as the official "Reading Month." Community Read is designed to promote closer ties among community members through the shared experience of reading, sharing, and discussing the same book and ideas related to topics raised by the book.

- A limited number of free copies of the book will be available at the Port Townsend Public Library on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional copies will be available at the library on two-week loans, or you may purchase a copy at Imprint Bookstore.
- Read the book, then pass it on to others.
- Prepare for a discussion about the book with your own book group or join in with other book clubs. A brochure with discussion issues and questions is available at the library.
- Attend the many related in-person and online events during the month of March.

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!!!**

For more information:  
(360) 385-3181  
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This year's Community Read is in person and online. Learn more about how to access all the programs on the library's website.

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