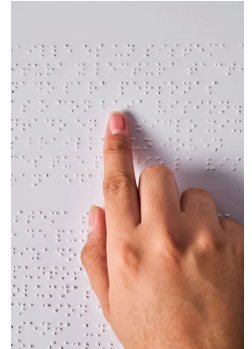




Diversity Calendar Resources for January 2025

World Braille Day - January 4, 2025

As we advance our accessibility plan, we remain committed to enhancing resources that ensure equal access to education and opportunities for all members of our community. World Braille Day is an important reminder of the need to improve accessibility for those who rely on touch to communicate and access information. Inaccessible formats can severely impact the independence and participation of individuals with visual impairments, preventing them from fully engaging with essential resources. This day highlights the critical need for accessible formats - such as Braille and audio - and emphasizes the urgency of advancing digital accessibility, ensuring that people with disabilities can fully participate in the digital world.



Learn more about World Braille Day: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/braille-day>.

National Ribbon Skirt Day - January 4, 2025

National Ribbon Skirt Day celebrates the ribbon skirt as a powerful symbol of strength, resilience, and cultural pride within Indigenous communities. It is a day to honor and respect Indigenous cultures, a priority as the University works on its accessibility plan. This day was officially recognized through a bill introduced by Senator Mary Jane McCallum, following an incident where a young Saskatchewan girl, Isabella Kulak, was shamed for wearing her ribbon skirt to a formal school event. Ribbon skirts are traditionally worn by First Nations women during ceremonies and special events, representing personal identity, diversity, and strength.



Learn more about National Ribbon Skirt Day:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/national-ribbon-skirt-day-bill-passed-1.6694428>

International Day of Education - January 24, 2025

Education plays a crucial role in promoting equity, understanding, and social change. The theme for the 2025 International Day of Education - "AI and Education: Preserving Human Agency in a World of Automation" - encourages us to consider how education can empower individuals and communities to navigate the rapidly advancing technological landscape. As technology evolves, it is vital to ensure that human agency remains at the forefront. This day serves as a reminder that quality, inclusive education is essential to building a community that values diversity and ensures equal opportunities for all.

Learn more about International Day of Education: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/education-day>.