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Collège nordique francophone launches *Rendez-vous nordiques* – a made-in-the-NWT teaching tool

Yellowknife, December 11, 2020 – Collège nordique francophone is pleased to launch *Rendez-vous nordiques : langue et culture*, a unique new workbook for teaching French as a second language.

The workbook is published by Chenelière Éducation (<https://www.cheneliere.ca/>). It was written by respected author Flavia Garcia, who travelled to Yellowknife to learn about the territory, conduct research and meet with local advisors and contributors.

« Rendez-vous nordiques is a high-quality second-language teaching tool that authentically represents life in the Northwest Territories. We are particularly proud of this workbook because it was developed in collaboration with our own language instructors and members of our community, including numerous Indigenous contributors, » says Josée Clermont, the executive director of the college.

The workbook is full of examples, images and scenarios drawn from daily life in the Northwest Territories (NWT), with an emphasis on the history, perspectives and cultures of the territory's Indigenous peoples. This is a novel approach for this type of language teaching tool.

« Normally, these workbooks are written to reflect the culture of the native speakers of the language being taught, but here, we instead thought about the students. They want to learn about the culture and realities of the region where they are living, » says author Flavia Garcia.

Collège nordique francophone's values are at the heart of *Rendez-vous nordiques*, in particular: using creative approaches, promoting diversity, engaging with the community, and showing pride in the languages and cultures of the NWT. The college approached the development of this teaching tool with a desire to be as open, inclusive and respectful of all northern cultures as possible.

Rendez-vous nordiques is currently available as a printed resource and will be digitized as a next step. The college plans to share the workbook with its partners and other colleges across Canada.

This project would not have been possible without the financial support of Canadian Heritage and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

A short video has been produced to tell the story of how this unique workbook was created, featuring interviews with some of the contributors. We invite you to watch it at <https://youtu.be/0HmMjI2hWKs>

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