



SWSW Library Offerings

Siwal Si'wel "Our Forefathers' Teachings"

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Hot Topics



[Wade Davis - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

"Wade Davis is a Canadian anthropologist, ethnobotanist, author and photographer whose work has focused on worldwide indigenous cultures." (Wikipedia, 2015) "He is an explorer-in-residence at the National Geographic Society, and the author of 15 books" (Davis, 2011), the most recent being *The Sacred Headwaters: The Fight to Save the Stikine, Skeena, and Nass* (2011). "He has lived seasonally in the Stikine since 1978, working as a park ranger, white water guide, and writer" (Davis, 2011). He can speak authoritatively about aboriginal cultures from academic and experiential points of view. If you would like to know more about Wade Davis, check out his biography and internet links through Wikipedia.

[Wade Davis: Gorgeous photos of a backyard wilderness worth saving](#)

This TEd Talk is about the Sacred Headwaters in the Stikine Valley. Mr. Davis, with the help of spectacular photographs, tells of this beautiful area in Northern BC, and of the threats to its current natural state. He also tells of an idea to save this area that is being spear headed by the Talhtan Nation of northern BC. We have not included this video for it's obvious message and solicitation for support, but rather as an example of how land is intertwined with aboriginal culture, and as an introduction to this extraordinary place in British Columbia.

In this interview at an Australian Radio station, Mr. Davis highlights the importance of all linguistic cultures within our world, and the truth of our common human ancestry.

[Wade Davis: Loss of language and cultural diversity \[HD\] - ABC Radio National Breakfast](#)

If you are interested in learning something about the Halq'emeylem language of the Stó:lo, check out the following website. It includes audio illustrations of word and phrase pronunciations. Additionally, Halq'emeylem lessons will be offered on Tuesdays throughout April. .

[FirstVoices: Halq'emeylem Phrases](#)

Where: Mission Central Elementary
7466 Welton Street
When: Tuesday, April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.
Time: 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 pm

Come out to learn Halq'emeylem!

Siwal Si'wes in partnership with Mission School District invites you to come out to learn basic Halq'emeylem. Everyone is welcome to register and participate however children must be accompanied by an adult. Join us in an informal setting to learn:

Greetings
Weather
Songs and Games
Other

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY
To register contact Marcy Buell
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Educational Unit Plan Resource

Students enjoy graphic novels. In the series “Tales From Big Spirit”, each story tells of an historic Canadian aboriginal icon. Each novel begins in the present, showing a young person with a challenge before them. Through a dream, a chance meeting of an adult, or some other literary device, the story of an historical figure is recounted, motivating the youth to find a way to face their own challenge in the end. The genre of historical fiction is a great way for students to tune into history and become curious about how we got to “here” in our society. These graphic novels are suitable for grades 7-9, though they may be of interest to high school students as well. We have two class sets of each title that can be used for class study or with Literature Circles.

