SILAB 2026 · CALGARY · 2ND EDITION

Programme

Salon interculturel du livre de l'Alberta · "Writing, the Imprint of Our Stories"

Calgary · **November5–7,2026** · Alongside National Francophone Immigration Week · **Free admission**

Most panels are held in French. Francophiles are warmly welcome.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Morning	**Youth Mornings in Schools** · Partner schools Reading and writing workshops led by the SILAB team and featured artist Wanda Jemly, offered to registered school groups.
5:00–6:30 p.m.	**Women's Voices: An Intergenerational Dialogue** · PIA, 600 6 Avenue SW, Suite 500 Women, youth and elders share memories, questions and hopes about language, culture and belonging.
After the panel	**Book Signing** · PIA, 600 6 Avenue SW, Suite 500 Meet the authors and have your books signed.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Morning	**Youth Mornings in Schools** · Partner schools Reading and writing workshops continue with featured artist Wanda Jemly, for registered school groups.
2:30–3:45 p.m.	**Guided Walk through Rouleauville** · Rouleau House, 1880 1st Street SW A walk through Calgary's historic francophone district with guest authors, followed by an exchange.
5:00–6:30 p.m.	**From Historical to Plural Francophonie: A Heritage in Motion** · Rouleau House, 1880 1st Street SW Alberta's francophone heritage, enriched by communities from Africa, the Caribbean and beyond.
After the panel	**Book Signing** · Rouleau House, 1880 1st Street SW Meet the authors and have your books signed.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 · PARKLAND COMMUNITY HALL, 505 PARKVALLEY ROAD SE

10:00 a.m.	**Book Fair Opens: Exhibitors, Kiosks and Book Signings**
10:00–10:55 a.m.	**Inhabiting the Land, Weaving Connections** A conversation with an Indigenous knowledge keeper on territory, memory and the relationships that bind communities to the land.
11:00–11:15 a.m.	**Open Forum with Authors and Exhibitors**
11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	**Migration Journeys: From Exile to Welcome** Stories of departure and arrival, and how francophone communities welcome newcomers.
12:30–1:30 p.m.	**Lunch break**
1:30–2:15 p.m.	**Rouleauville, Cradle of the Francophone Presence in Calgary (concurrent)** An illustrated presentation on the history of the district, led by ACFA régionale de Calgary.
1:30–2:15 p.m.	**Meeting the Author: Wanda Jemly (concurrent)** An encounter with SILAB 2026's featured artist.
2:15–2:30 p.m.	**Open Forum with Exhibitors**
2:30–3:45 p.m.	**Writing as a Legacy of Francophone Culture (concurrent)** Alberta authors reflecton writing as a way to preserve and passon francophone culture. With FAFA, FJA and RAFA.
2:30–3:45 p.m.	**Identity in the African and Caribbean Diaspora (concurrent)** Identity, culture and transmission among Alberta's African and Caribbean communities.
3:45–5:00 p.m.	**Book Signings and Kiosk Visits**
5:00–7:00 p.m.	**Closing Ceremony and Community Banquet** Remarks by elected officials, dignitaries and partners ;slam; readings by young people; and the announcement of SILAB 2027.

ALL PANELS ARE HYBRID · In person or online (connection link to come). Register via the QR code or at silab@kayanou.ca by Wednesday, November 4, specifying the activities you plan to attend.

FREE KIOSKS FORPARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

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