



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

May 8, 2016

HUMAN LIBRARY EVENT TOMORROW

Kelowna, B.C. –

Students at École KLO Middle School will set aside their textbooks and sign out some humans at their sixth annual Human Library event tomorrow. Human Library volunteers become living books that KLO readers borrow for a set period of time (15-20 minutes) to engage in conversations. Students get the opportunity to hear diverse stories and converse with a wide variety of community members.

"Hearing a person's journey in their own words gives students a new perspective and deepens learning," said Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools and CEO. "It teaches them to understand the diversity that enriches our communities and opens their minds to a world of experiences. We are grateful to the community members and volunteers who make these events successful."

Human Library events were first developed in Europe to allow readers to meet with people from diverse backgrounds in an effort to break down stereotypes and prejudices. These events bring community members together, foster diversity and change attitudes. In a 21st Century Learning environment, Human Library events also reinforce the role of a library as a Learning Commons, an important place to bring diverse people together, to provide meaningful social action among students and community members.

The media and public are invited to attend.

Location: École KLO Middle School
3130 Gordon Drive
Kelowna, B.C.
250-870-5106

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2016

Times: 9:30 am to 11:45 am
12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

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