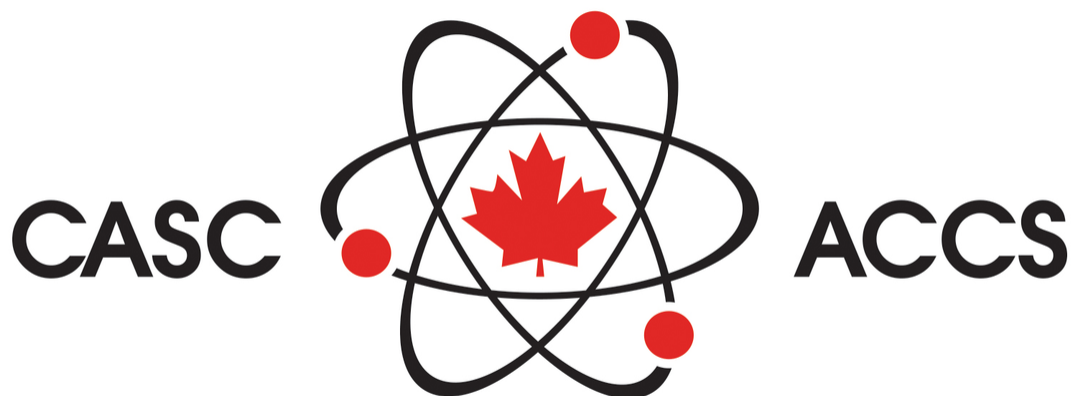


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Dear Siena,

As we head into the final stretch of summer, I'm feeling energized about all that's ahead for our CASC community this fall. There is so much to look forward to including opportunities to reconnect, learn together, spark new ideas, and celebrate the incredible work happening across our network.

We'll be welcoming back our **Educators and Programmers Community of Practice**, creating space for colleagues to share ideas, challenges and inspiration. We're also thrilled to launch new programs including **Tea with Elder Melissa** for CASC colleagues who identify as First Nations, Inuit and Metis; and **CASC's first-ever Futurist in Residence**, bringing a fresh perspective to help us imagine what's next for our sector and the communities we serve.

October will bring **Science Literacy Week**, a wonderful opportunity to shine a light on the vital role science engagement plays in building curious, informed and empowered communities. And, of course, we'll come together in Arizona for our **annual Canada Night Dinner at ASTC**.

There's a lot ahead, and I can't wait to experience it with you. Here's to an exciting season filled with connection, collaboration and new possibilities!

See you this fall,

Dr. Marianne Mader
CEO, CASC

CASC Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar! The Canadian Association of Science Centres (CASC) invites members to join us for our Annual General Meeting.

**Thursday, September 24, 2026****Time:** 1 pm ET/10 am PT/2 pm AT**Location:** Virtual

The AGM is an important opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the student centre community, review the association's activities and achievements, and participate in shaping CASC's future.

Additional information, including the agenda, bylaw amendments, and voting opportunities will be shared in the coming weeks.

We look forward to your participation!

Register today to save the date!



CASC is thrilled to be hosting our highly anticipated *Canada Night* at the 2026 ASTC conference in Phoenix, Arizona on Thursday, September 17. The event will take place at the award-winning **Little Rituals Bar**, located in the Residence Inn by Marriott hotel.

Join us, along with our Canadian and honorary Canadian colleagues, to celebrate this growing community of thought leaders and game changers.

Enjoy delicious cocktails and plenty of food while building meaningful connections with your CASC and ASTC colleagues.

Purchase your ticket now on our website.

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Impact Evaluation Exchange

Join us for the September session of the Impact Evaluation Exchange on September 21 at 2 PM EST.

This session will explore how evaluation can help organizations connect individual program results to broader organizational impact. The Canadian Museum of Nature (CMN) and Ingenium will share their approaches, beginning with CMN's work in program evaluation and then expanding to Ingenium's experience with outcome evaluation at an organizational level. Through discussion, participants will consider questions such as: what can we measure and share, and how do we communicate those results in meaningful ways? How do evaluation findings influence decisions and help 'close the loop' between evidence and action?

As two museum organizations with different mandates and responsibilities, CMN and Ingenium offer distinct perspectives on measuring impact, creating an opportunity for participants to reflect on how the unique context of their own organizations shapes what and how they evaluate.

[Learn more about these sessions and register here.](#)

CASC's Futurist in Residence + Futures Curious Program Supported by Ontario Science Centre

We are thrilled to announce the launch of CASC's first-if-it's kind Futurist in Residence with Maggie Greyson. Throughout her residency, Maggie will support CASC members as they

learn how to use tools, theories, and frameworks from areas like participatory action research, futures studies, and systems thinking.

Register now to join the kick off of Maggie's year-long residency. During this kick off event, CASC Members will:

- Look at case studies of futures-oriented museums from around the world, such as the Museum of the Future in Dubai, the Museum of Tomorrow in Rio de Janeiro, and MOD. museum of discovery in Australia.
- Help shape the programming for the monthly Futures Curious online sessions.
- Be invited to sign up to collaborate on developing scenarios for the Futures of Science Cultures.

The future is not set in stone. By learning how to imagine possible futures together, we can design and work toward a better world for humans and all of our relations.

Register Now!

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This year we are thrilled to be working closely with @SciencePourTous and @Actua to help spread the word about Science Literacy Week! Together, we will shine a brighter light on science culture across Canada.

Need some design inspiration? You can use our brand kit and/or posters to create your own resources for the week on [our website](#)! For the posters, all you need is a free Canva account. If you have any questions, reach out to info@casc-accs.com.

Visit our website to stay up to date on Science Literacy Week events across the country.

CASC Communities of Practice

CASC's Communities of Practice are a great way to connect with other CASC members to learn about topics that matter to our community.

Below is a brief description of the CoPs we offer. We invite you to join any of our communities of practice that are relevant to you and your work.

Please send us an email at info@casc-accs.com and let us know which group you'd like to join. If you're not sure which community of practice is best for you, let us know and we'd be happy to help.

> **NEW! Tea with Elder Melissa Community of Practice**

CASC is thrilled to introduce a new series of events for our colleagues who self-identify as First Nations, Inuit and Metis.

Tea with Elder Melissa builds on the foundation of CASC's Indigenous Community of Practice and represents the next stage in creating meaningful opportunities for Indigenous colleagues to connect, reflect, and support one another.

Email Merrill (merrill.m@casc-accs.com) if you are interested in participating.

I'd like to join

> Educators and Programmers CoP

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026.

Theme: Empowering Industry through STEM

Presented by Maddie Bemrose, Senior Manager - Science Experience at TELUS SPARK SCIENCE CENTRE

This session will explore how science centres can break down blue-collar stereotypes, create inclusive STEM spaces, and amplify the essential skills found within trades. Learn how these collaborations are shaping programming that connects education, industry, and communities - ensuring science centres remain relevant and welcoming to all.

Email us at info@casc-accs.com and we will add you to our meeting invites and our communications list.

Join the email list

> Science Connection CoP

Check back for more updates on our September CoP meeting

We're taking a break, stay tuned for our next community of practice meeting.

Join the CoP

From ScienceUp First, an initiative of CASC

> Participate in Together Against Misinformation Day!

On **October 8, 2026**, join experts, organizations, and everyday champions across Canada for one coordinated day of action as part of our Together Against Misinformation campaign.

As CASC members, you know your field, and you know the myths that need busting. That's exactly why we're asking you to participate in our video campaign: share a short

clip about a piece of misinformation that frustrates you. To learn more visit the [campaign page](#) to read the full brief or reach out to rachel.s@casc-accs.com for details.

Members spotlight

Opportunities

> Ex Libris Association Indigenous Student Bursary

The next application deadline for the \$2500 Ex Libris Association Indigenous Student Bursary is November 1. Applications can be made through Indspire, the charity that manages the bursary, [here](#). More information about the bursary and its recipients can be found on the ELA website [here](#).

> Fall Introductory Kanyen'keha (Mohawk) Language Course

Course Details: Tuesday evenings, 5:00pm - 6:30pm ET: September 15, 22, 29/October 6, 13, 20, 27/November 3

Virtual sessions + recordings for 3 months

Instructor: Tahnee Bennet, Mohawk, Turtle Clan from Six Nations

Pricing:

- Non-Indigenous: \$240 (until **August 31**)
 - \$120 (\$15/session) – if a reduced amount would support you
- Indigenous Learners: FREE
- Groups: 25% off for groups of more than 5 (code: N945QEAF)

Register today!

> Fall Introductory Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) Language Course

Course Details: Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm-8:00pm Eastern Time: October 6, 13, 20, 27/November 3, 10, 17, 24

Virtual sessions + recordings for 3 months

Instructor: Sarah Wood (Anishinaabemowin educator, member of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation)

Pricing:

- Non-Indigenous: \$280 (until September 30)
- Indigenous Learners: FREE

- Groups: 20% off for groups of more than 5 (code: XKJS3VJC)

Register today!

> 4 Season of Indigenous Learning

Starting this Fall and running through Spring, join an inspiring group of Indigenous **presenters** and partners in the **4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning**.

This self-paced online course begins in October, and runs until May. This includes:

- 10 Self-paced Learning Modules: 5 hours total
- 7 Indigenous Presentations: 1 hour/month, Nov-May
- Access to the Presentation Recordings
- A Certificate of Completion
- \$25 for accessing excellent **Indigenous Learning Resources**

If you already have a strong foundation of knowledge, **Season 2: Learning from the Land**, developed by Natural Curiosity, in partnership with the Outdoor Learning School and Store:

- Explores and builds our relationships with the Land;
- Examines ways of interacting with the Land, and learning more about the Land;
- Discusses teaching and learning from the Land;
- Shares best practices for bringing this knowledge and experience into the classroom or to share with others.

Register by September 30 to take advantage of early bird pricing.

> Unlock Hands-On Learning: Apply for School Trip Funding with Daytrippers!

Did you know that financial constraints keep thousands of students from experiencing impactful out-of-classroom learning each year? **Daytrippers Children's Charity** is on a mission to change that by funding educational school trips for Grade K–8 students in lower-income and underserved communities across Canada. Whether it's a visit to a local museum, art gallery, or nature conservation area, Daytrippers help cover the costs so every child can explore, discover, and grow.

Ready to bring experiential learning to your students? Here is how to get started:

1. **Check Eligibility:** Visit [Daytrippers.ca/criteria-and-timelines](https://daytrippers.ca/criteria-and-timelines) to review funding criteria and application windows.
2. **Submit an Inquiry:** Fill out the simple online **Trip Inquiry Form** with details about your planned educational excursion.
3. **Get Funded:** Once approved, Daytrippers will help cover your trip costs so your class can head out on an unforgettable learning adventure!

Have questions or want to partner? Reach out directly to the Daytrippers team at contact@daytrippers.ca.

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