

DARE TO DREAM:



PROMOTING INDIGENOUS CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS THROUGH BOOK COLLECTIONS

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Introduction – Our Setting



- Population of Canada: 36 million
- Indigenous people of Canada = 4.3% of population
- 31.6% of Indigenous people live in Ontario & Quebec
- Density = 14 people per square mile

Introduction: Indigenous Communities

- ❑ 62.6% of adults in Indigenous communities have at least one chronic health condition
- ❑ Rate of diabetes in adults over 25 years old is twice the non-Indigenous average
- ❑ Substance abuse, mental health problems including suicide, tuberculosis and STI are serious health issues
- ❑ Close to 40% of adults in Indigenous communities have less than a high school education
- ❑ Poor housing conditions including overcrowding
- ❑ Over 100 Indigenous communities in Canada do not have safe drinking water



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Mini-école de la santé



The Mini-Med School: at the end of the road, next destination by boat!
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Mini-Med School visit
Photo: Monique Clar

Mosaic – Community Service Project



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*“When I grow up I want
to be a doctor”*

Aboriginal Canadians
are 4.3% of the
Canadian population,
but less than 1% are
doctors



Seskitin Elementary School, Wemotaci Community, 2014
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Help us inspire Aboriginal children to dream of careers
in the health professions.

Donate today to help us bring
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Ontario's First Nation Communities.

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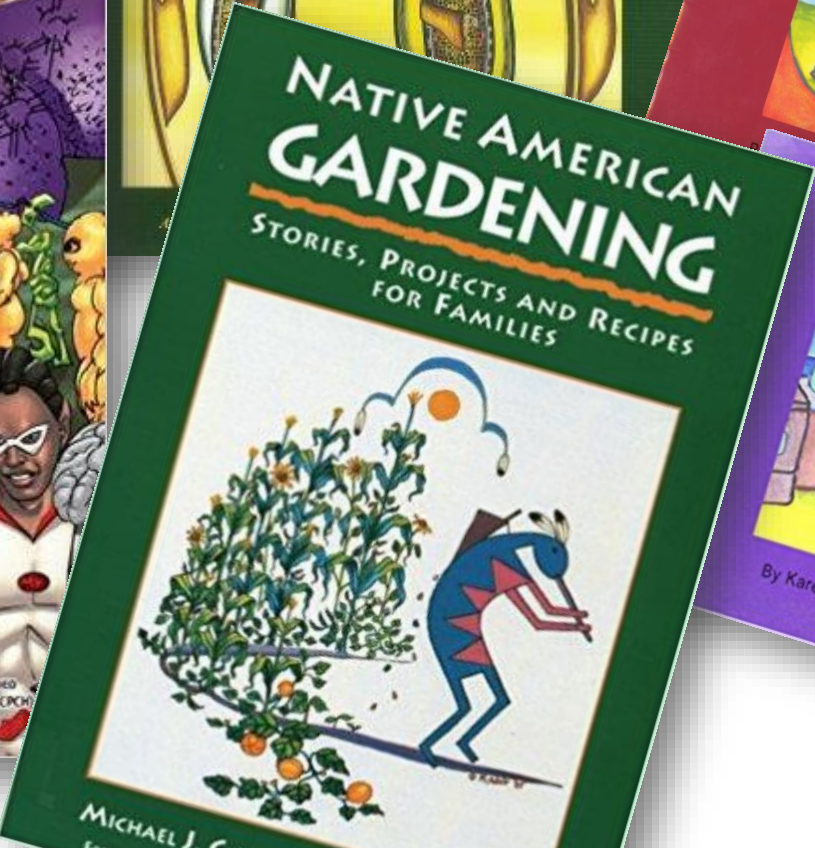
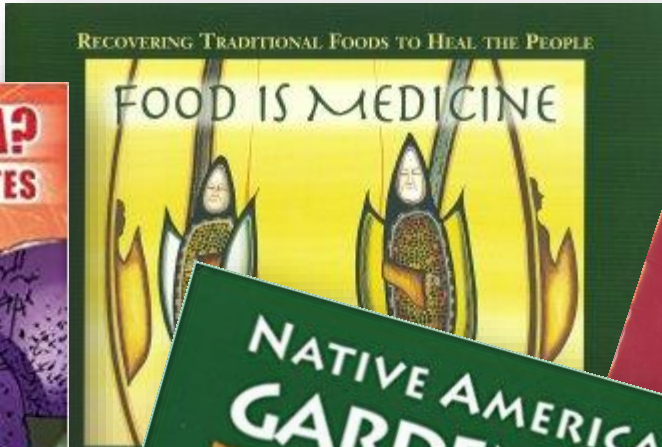
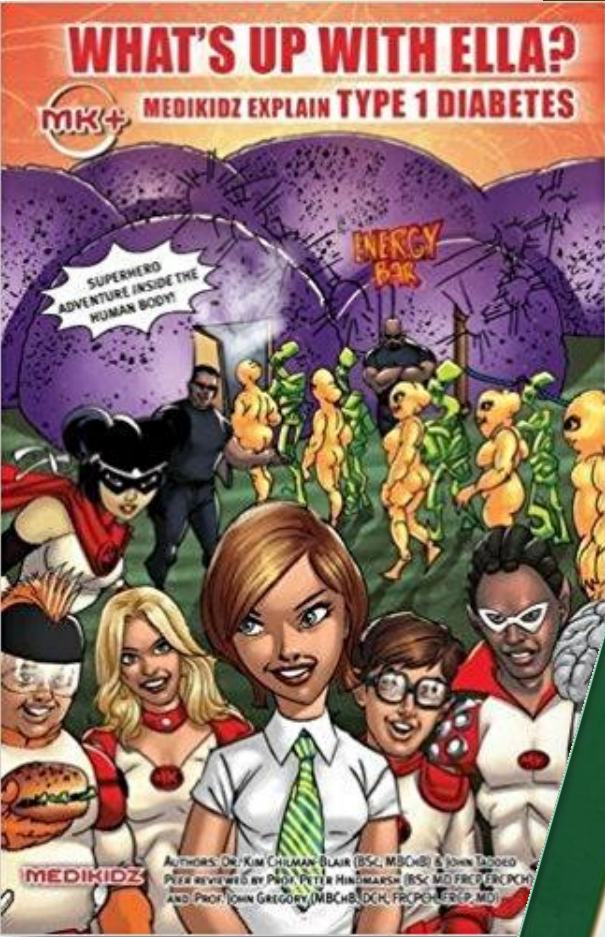


Book selection

- Indigenous content difficult to find
- French Canadian non-fiction for children rare
- Campbell & Tan: Juvenile Health Fiction Checklist and Bibliography - very helpful

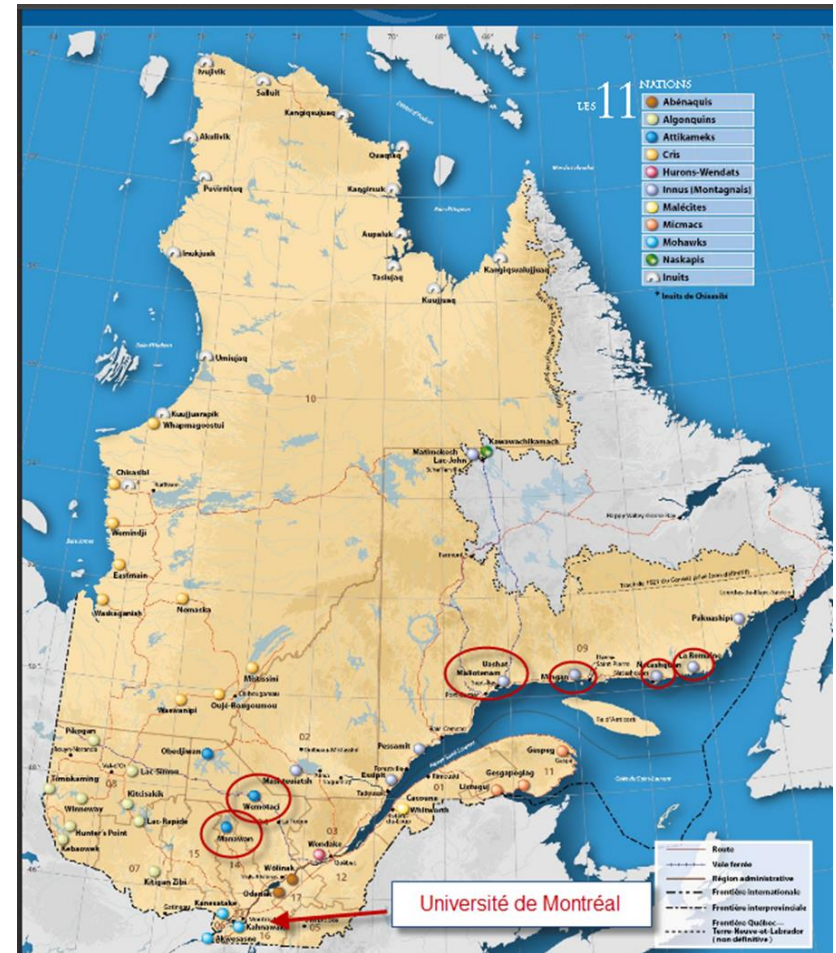


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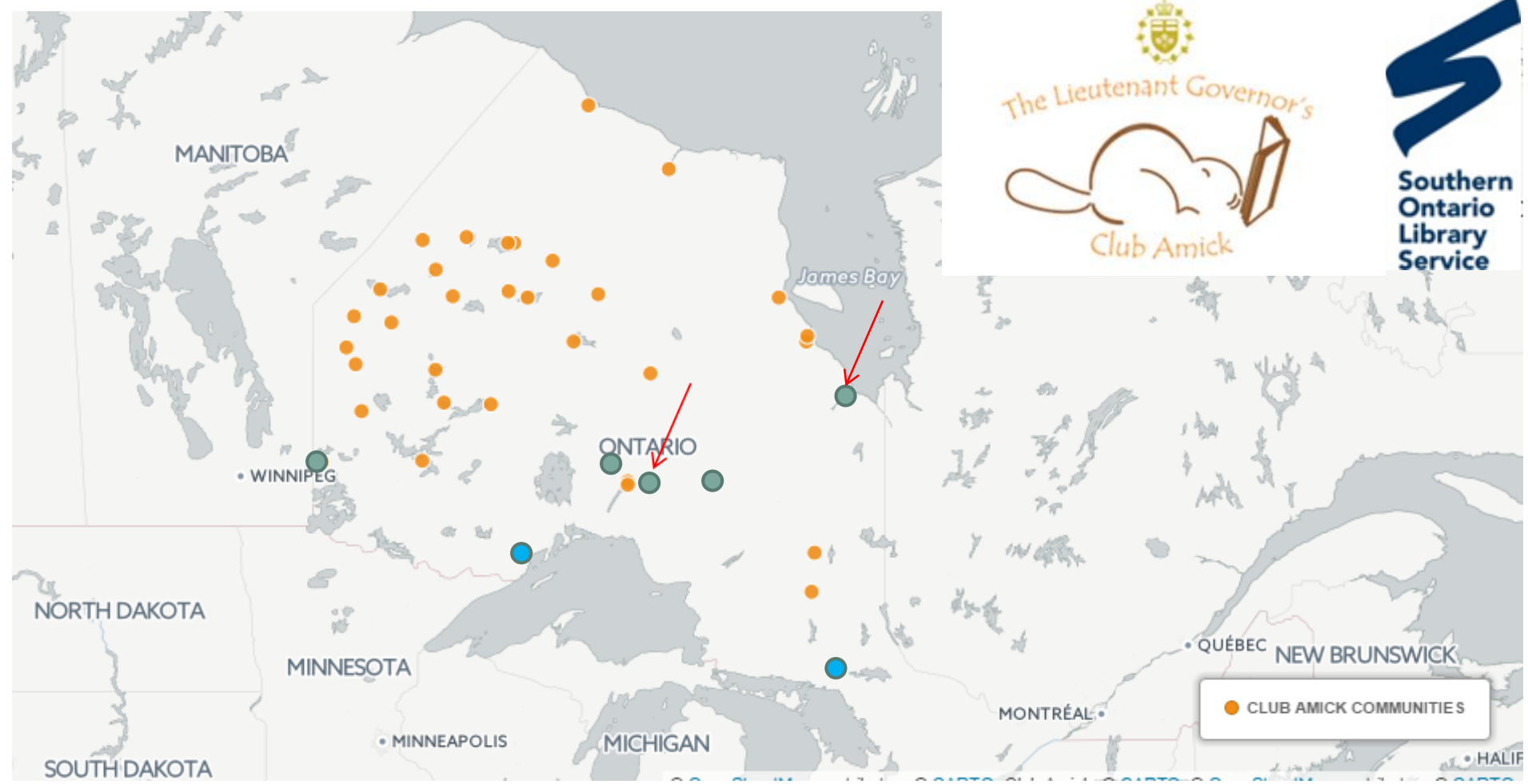


Quebec recipient communities

- MiniMed travels by chartered bus
- 10 schools in 7 communities
- 436 books delivered in 3 years
- 131 books to be delivered in June 2017
- No public libraries in any of the communities



Ontario recipient communities



Challenges

□ Transportation

- Distance
- Costs
- Road conditions – or no roads
- Weather

□ Communication

- Unresponsive
- Difficulty determining who to liaise with
- Infrastructure: Broadband internet not available in many remote communities



Feedback from the communities



Conclusion

Nancy Cooper on behalf of Club Amick and all the Ontario recipient schools:

“A great big MEEGWETCH for making this all happen!”



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