



Presented by the Association of  
Teachers of English of Quebec

2024

SPRINGBOARDS

**APRIL 22, 2024**

**9:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

**WEST ISLAND COLLEGE**

851 TECUMSEH ST  
DOLLARD-DES ORMEAUX



# About Us

ATEQ is a volunteer-run association that represents teachers, consultants, librarians, university professors, and pre-service teachers, from all across Québec. Our mission is to provide support and opportunities for professional growth for English Language Arts educators in Québec.

Specifically, ATEQ

- Provides leadership in the development and sharing of pedagogical resources in order to increase teaching expertise and excellence;
- Creates and maintains a bank of professional resources and information through our website [www.ateq.org](http://www.ateq.org);
- Organizes an annual conference, *Springboards: Teachers Teaching Teachers*;
- Publishes an online journal, *ELA Today*, with articles written by teachers and other members of the ELA community in Québec;
- Shares a variety *Book Trunks*, a travelling resource containing curated collections of literary and professional books to inspire ELA teachers;
- Provides subsidies to support members who wish to attend conferences and workshops, or to invite authors and performers to their classrooms;
- Provides *Grants for Excellence in Teaching (GET)* to encourage ELA teachers to develop in innovative classroom projects;
- Offers *three yearly awards* in recognition of excellence in pre- and in-service teaching, and for teacher mentorship and leadership.



Springboards is our annual, flagship conference held in the Spring and so-named because the ideas shared can serve as a springboard for new teaching ideas for the end of the year or the following school year. This grass-roots conference is organized by teachers for teachers, and has been a tradition in Québec for over 40 years.

**Registration comes with a one-year membership to ATEQ!**  
**Find out more at [ATEQ.ORG](http://ATEQ.ORG)**

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# Program Overview

**Monday, April 22nd**

8:30: REGISTRATION

**9:00 - 10:15: VIRTUAL KEYNOTE**

10:30 - 11:15: SESSION 1

11:15 - 12:00: SESSION 2

**12:00 - 12:45: LUNCH**

12:45 - 1:30: SESSION 3

1:30 - 2:15: SESSION 4

2:15 - 2:30: CLOSE



# Virtual Keynote: David A. Robertson

**9:00 - 10:15: Keynote address**

## ***Virtual Keynote with David A. Robertson***

David A. Robertson is award-winning author of over 25 books and a member of Norway House Cree Nation. He has won the Governor General's Literary Award, the McNally Robinson Best Book for Young People Award, the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award, the Writers' Union of Canada Freedom to Read Award, and has been named the Globe and Mail Children's Storyteller of the Year. His books include *When We Were Alone*, *The Barren Grounds*, *Black Water: Family, Legacy, and Blood Memory*, *On The Trapline*, *The Theory of Crows*, and more. He is the writer and host of the podcast *Kíwew* (Key-Way-Oh), which won the 2021 RTDNA Praire Region Award for Best Podcast.



# Educator sessions

## ***The best PD is educator-led***

Springboards has always been a conference by and for educators. In addition to our virtual keynote address from David A. Robertson, Springboards will offer several educator-led sessions throughout the day.

These sessions will include:

- Addressing mental health in the ELA classroom
- How trauma affects literacy and reading
- Curating a diverse library that works for ELA
- Incorporating the digital (without fear!)

For more information about these sessions, please visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#) page, or [Instagram](#) regularly as we release session and facilitator information in the lead up to the event.



# ATEQ RESOURCES

Book Trunks • Unit Plans • GET Grants • ELA Today



## Book Trunks

ATEQ Book Trunks are themed book collections that can be borrowed by members for a period of 4 weeks. Some of the Trunks available:

- Poetry Picks
- The Write Trunk
- All YAL
- Residential Schools
- Reluctant Readers
- Early Literacy
- Discussing Anti-Racism
- LGBTQ+ Content

Create a new Trunk with a GET Grant!



## ELA Today

Articles with project ideas, book reviews, and classroom practices from ELA teachers, consultants, and librarians.

Submit an article idea on our website!

Get inspired with....



## ELA Unit Plans

ELA Unit plans created and curated by Elementary and Secondary teachers throughout the province! Search by level, topic, competency, and more.



Fund a classroom project!

## GET Grants

Apply for an ATEQ GET Grant to help fund an innovative project! Applications are submitted the first Friday in December.

Have a reSource to share? We'd love to hear from you!