

## Mi'kmaq Artists and the Corner Brook Public Library Connect Through Art

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The Corner Brook Public Library, residing on Elmastukwek – Bay of Islands, is honoured to add works of Indigenous art to the library's space. Mi'kmaq Artists [Marcus Gosse](#), [Jenny Brake](#), and [Jordan Bennett](#), all hailing from the west coast of Newfoundland, have generously loaned their works of art to the library.

As the public enters the library's space, they are greeted by three large canvas paintings by Marcus Gosse. Each painting incorporates ancient Mi'kmaq stars, petroglyphs, hieroglyphs, and double curve designs into the landscapes, and each one portrays the culture and history of the Mi'kmaq people. Soon to be featured alongside Gosse's art will be prints by Jenny Brake and Jordan Bennett, shown below. Each print provides an opportunity for reflection on the histories of the Mi'kmaq Nation and other Indigenous communities.

The addition of Indigenous art, along with Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries [Indigenous Collection](#), shows NLPL's commitment to "strive to reflect diverse Indigenous values, ways of learning and worldviews." It also serves as Corner Brook Public Library's commitment to continually connect with and support the Mi'kmaq community. The hope is to also expand on this initiative by supporting all local artists through the inclusion of additional works of art throughout the library's space.

To learn more about NLPL's Indigenous Collection, visit [here](#).



*Mukk-aqanta'sualiq* by Jenny Brake



*L'nu Muin* by Jordan Bennett



From right to left: *Gi'nujing*, *Ala'lugwet*, and *Msit No'Kmaq* by Marcus Gosse.