



QUARTERLY

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NEWSLETTER

CULTURE CENTRE STORE

As the seasons change, so do we!

The Culture Centre is officially stepping into spring and summer with a fresh new lineup of seasonal gear. From lightweight layers to warm-weather favorites, we're bringing in styles that celebrate both the season and our community spirit.

New arrivals are popping up all the time—so keep an eye out; your next favorite piece could be just around the corner!

Stop by, say hi, and get spring-ready with us!

Store Hours:

Monday–Friday: 9 AM – 5 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Stat Holidays: Closed



PUMPKINS, SQUASH, AND ZUC'S OH MY

We're excited to share that our team has officially kicked off our spring planting season in support of our Cultural Chef initiative! This year, we're digging into the soil with purpose, planting seeds that will not only nourish our bodies but also celebrate the cultural flavors and stories that bring us together.

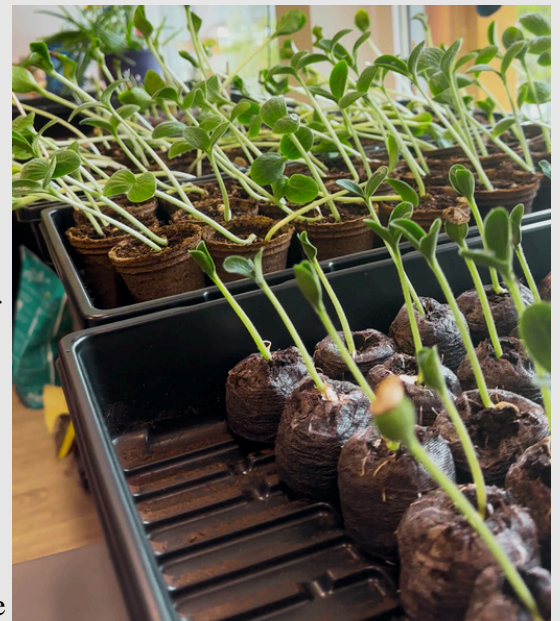
What's growing in our garden so far?

We've planted:

- Pumpkins – perfect for both sweet and savory dishes from many cultural traditions.
- Spaghetti Squash – a fun, nutritious alternative to pasta that lends itself to all kinds of global flavor twists.
- Acorn Squash – hearty, sweet, and a cold-weather favorite in many comfort foods.
- Zucchini – incredibly versatile and a staple in cuisines around the world!

These plants are just the beginning of what we hope will be a vibrant, productive garden full of ingredients that our Cultural Chef can use to share meaningful, delicious dishes with all of us.

Stay tuned for garden updates



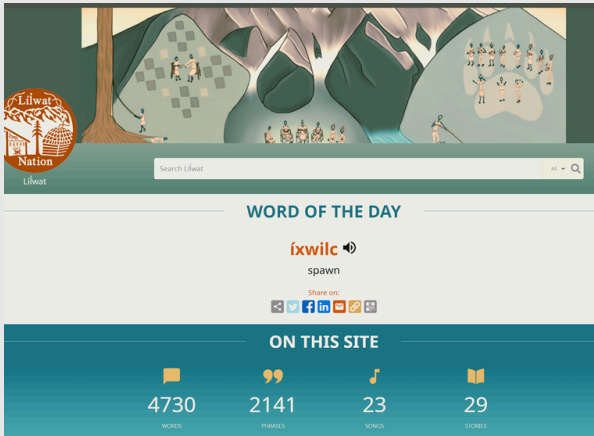
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Language Survey Assessment Complete – Thank You!

We're excited to share that our Language Survey is now complete, with a total of 149 surveys submitted—thank you to everyone who took the time to share your thoughts and support our language work!

Your feedback is incredibly valuable and will help guide future language programs and resources. Based on the survey results, the community recognizes 60 fluent speakers and 38 semi-fluent speakers, highlighting both the strength we have and the need to continue supporting revitalization efforts.

Once again, thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this survey a success!



FirstVoices App



FirstVoices

Our language website is growing! We've been busy adding new words and audio recordings to help you on your language journey. Whether you're just starting out or looking to expand your vocabulary, there's something new for everyone to explore.

You'll also find printable language resources right on the site—perfect for learning at home, in the classroom, or on the go.

Need a hand or have questions? Feel free to reach out to our Language Supervisor—we're here to support you every step of the way!

Word of the day

We post a Word of the Day every day on our Facebook page, and each one goes hand-in-hand with our entries on the FirstVoices website. It's a great way to build your vocabulary a little each day—and you can listen to the pronunciation online to help with your learning!

📍 Check it out here: **Lilwat Nation Culture Centre & Events**

📘 Follow us on Facebook to stay connected!

Happy learning



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A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Nisga'a Family

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to our Nisga'a brothers and sisters for inviting us to be part of your New Year's celebration. It was an honor to join in the festivities, share in the traditions, and celebrate the start of a new year together.

We were thrilled to hand out **145 wristbands**, and even more excited community members joined us on the floor to dance and celebrate—it was a beautiful reminder of the strength and joy that comes from coming together.

Gilakas'la for including us in such a meaningful celebration!

Meet the Culture team

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Craft nights

Thursday Craft Nights – BYOP!

Looking for a chill space to get creative? Join us every Thursday for Craft Night! It's BYOP – Bring Your Own Projects – whether you're knitting, beading, sketching, or just want to try something new, you're welcome here.

This isn't a class—it's a laid-back, fun way to create alongside peers, share ideas, and get inspired by what others are working on. Bring your supplies, bring a friend, and let's make something together! No fee to attend

🕒 See you Thursday! 6:00-9:00pm

Room 103



Upcoming Events

Monthly Harvest Calendars 🌿

We're excited to announce that we'll soon be releasing a monthly calendar to go along with our Companion Book! Each month, the calendar will share helpful info on when plants are ready for harvesting, along with seasonal tips on what to look for out on the land.

It's a great way to stay connected to the rhythms of the land and deepen your knowledge of traditional harvesting practices—month by month.

Stay tuned and happy harvesting!



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