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St. Albert Public Library takes part in national bilingual ebook club with One eRead Canada

ST. ALBERT — This April, St. Albert Public Library joins hundreds of participating Canadian public libraries in offering free, unlimited access to *The Break* by Katherena Vermette in eBook and eAudiobook formats through [Libby by Overdrive](#). One eRead Canada is a month-long digital book club presented by Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC) from April 1 to 30 and supported by CBC/Radio-Canada. *The Break* will be available in English and French without holds or waitlists for St. Albert Public Library cardholders throughout April.

“Many St. Albertans will already be familiar with Katherena Vermette’s *The Break* thanks to her compelling appearance at STARFest, St. Albert Readers Festival in 2019,” says STARFest director and adult programming librarian Michelle Steinhusen. “Katherena Vermette is an exciting literary voice, and *The Break* is a powerful intergenerational family story.”

In this bestselling novel, Stella, a young Métis mother, looks out her window and notices someone in trouble on the Break — a barren field on an isolated strip of land outside her house — and alerts the police of the possible crime. Through the perspectives of various characters and shifting narratives, a story about the lives of people living in Winnipeg’s North End unfolds.

Readers will also be invited to attend live-streamed author events later in April, in English and French, once they have had a couple of weeks to enjoy reading and discussing *The Break* along with thousands of other Canadians. The Library will share details about these events on its social media platforms.

Readers are invited to follow One eRead/Un livrel Canada online through the One eRead Canada Book Club Facebook group or on Twitter using the hashtag #1eReadLivrelCanada.

In addition to being a national, bilingual digital book club, One eRead Canada aligns with CULC’s ongoing campaign, [eContent for Libraries](#). CULC aims to increase public awareness and advocacy of the eBook and eAudiobook issues that public libraries in Canada currently face, such as content, pricing, and access.

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