On September 30, Elgin County will recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour First Nations, Inuit and Métis survivors and their families and communities, and to ensure that public commemoration of their history and the legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Keep an eye out! On September 30th the Elgin County Archives will be showcasing images from their collection relating to the Oneida Nation of the Thames on their social media channels. Libraries are also highlighting indigenous content for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation check it out at: Collection Resources Page.

Wear Orange! Since 2013, September 30 has been known as Orange Shirt Day, Elgin County encourages all to wear orange to raise awareness of the tragic legacy of residential schools, and to honour survivors. To learn more about the "Every Child Matters" and the woman who inspired it, visit https://www.orangeshirtday.org/. If you are looking to purchase an Orange Shirt, Orange Shirt Day provides links to a number of retailers that sell their shirt or another option is Orange Shirt Day Apparel. Purchasing from the sites above ensure that any funds raised are put back into the Indigenous communities.