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New Ktunaxa Language Apps Aim To Help Revitalize Ktunaxa Language

Cranbrook/ʔa·kiskaq#iʔit – The Ktunaxa Nation is celebrating the release of a number of Ktunaxa language mobile apps aimed at building Ktunaxa language usage and proficiency in children and adults.

“The Ktunaxa Nation is one of the Indigenous speech communities leading the way in developing new resources for language learning in today’s world,” said app developer Dr. Christopher Horsethief. “The Ktunaxa language is critically endangered with less than 30 fluent speakers left in Canada. Research has shown that young children are able to develop language acquisition skills at an astonishing rate so it is vital that much of our revitalization efforts are aimed at young Ktunaxa children. We also want to ensure that Ktunaxa adults have resources to learn and build language proficiency as well.”

“These apps have been developed with the support of the Ktunaxa Nation Council Traditional Knowledge and Language Sector and are available free of charge,” continued Horsethief.

The Ktunaxa language apps released include interactive story and coloring books, puzzles and keyboards for Apple devices and a keyboard for Android devices.

You can find more information, including links to download the apps at www.ktunaxa.org

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