



Forest Of Reading



# The impact

The Forest of Reading® is Canada's largest recreational reading program where readers select the winners! This initiative by the Ontario Library Association (OLA) offers ten reading programs to encourage a love of reading in people of all ages.

See what our past nominated and winning authors had to say about the Forest of Reading program and the Festival.

Register at [accessola.com/forest](https://accessola.com/forest).

---

**Caroline Pignat,  
Multiple Nominee  
& Winner —**

The program empowers young readers as they discuss and vote for their favourite titles. It connects them with authors through school visits and letters, through workshops, and at the fabulous Festivals. What a powerful affirmation of voice — for both the author who writes and the readers who vote. As a teacher, I can think of no better way to empower and inspire young readers. As an author, I can think of no better affirmation than to celebrate the book with such enthusiastic fans.

---

**Kenneth Oppel,  
Multiple Nominee  
& Winner —**

For young readers, these awards kindle and nurture a love of reading, teach the kids analytical skills as they weigh and debate the merits of each shortlisted title, and ultimately empower them as vote for the winning books each year. As a writer I've never seen so many kids so excited about books, as I have when I attend the yearly awards ceremonies. These are invaluable programs for creating new generations of readers.

---

**Ruth Ohi,  
Multiple Nominee —**

It's encouraging and motivating as a writer to be recognized on a list such as the Forest. Being listed as a Forest nominee means your chances of being published again increases since book sales increase and publishers take note.