**Forest of Reading Program at [ENTER SCHOOL/LIBRARY HERE]**

The [ENTER SCHOOL/LIBRARY HERE] will be running a voluntary recreational reading program called the [Forest of Reading](https://forestofreading.com/), a project by the Ontario Library Association. Your child has indicated an interest in participating in this program.

The Forest of Reading program is a voluntary reading program where students are encouraged to read a selection of texts that cover a wide range of topics and include diverse perspectives and characters*.* ***None of these texts are required reading*.** Texts are chosen by public librarians, technicians and educators from across the province in accordance with the [linked Selection Criteria](https://forestofreading.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Policy-Forest-of-Reading-Selection-July2020.pdf).

[ENTER SCHOOL/LIBRARY HERE] will have texts from the following categories for students to explore:

* **Enter all programs you wish to participate in here**

To participate in this program students are encouraged to read at least 5 texts (out of 24) which can be chosen from any of the categories listed above. Students will have until April to read these texts; at which time they will vote on their favorite. This is one of the only programs in the whole country where the readers make the choice and crown the winners. The power is with the readers.

At [ENTER SCHOOL/LIBRARY HERE], we believe in student intellectual freedoms.

1. Students have the right to access a wide variety of texts that explore diverse themes, perspectives and characters.
2. Students have the right to choose texts that are right for them. We respect that not all perspectives in texts will align with personal, family or cultural beliefs. We wish to empower self-advocacy and autonomy in all readers to put aside books that do not resonate with them.

The Forest of Reading Program will run during [ENTER YOUR PLANNED PROGRAM TIME]. Students will have access to these texts during this time. Texts can also be available through the Public Library and be checked out to take home.

We encourage you to visit the [Forest of Reading website](https://forestofreading.com/) for more information, and review texts that are available for readers to explore. Here are some links you may find helpful to see all about this exciting program.

* [What is the Forest of Reading? VIDEO](https://youtu.be/cKyk3WzzUeg)
* [The role of the school library and school library professionals](https://forestofreading.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/SCHOOL-LIBRARIESSTUDENT-SUCCESS.pdf)
* [Book Challenges & A Child’s Right to Read](https://forestofreading.com/book-challenges-2023/)

We look forward to reading and learning together!

[ENTER YOUR NAME OR PERSON RUNNING PROGRAM]

[ENTER YOUR POSITION IN THE SCHOOL/LIBRARAY]

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* I give my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in the Forest of Reading program.
* We have decided not to participate at this time.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_