SELECTION COMMITTEE READING REQUIREMENTS/TIMELINE

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Program	Schedule	Approximate Number of Books read by committee	Committee is finalized	Reading Timeframe	Commitment	Number of Video Conferences/meeti ngs	Final List to OLA/Publishers	List is announced
Blue Spruce Award™	Every year	110-130 picture books	March	April-June	Books are shipped to members and they have a partner member they share with. Requires completing a rating rubric for each book.	2	15-Jul	15-Oct
Silver Birch Fiction & Express Fiction®	Every year	100-130 Fiction books	December	January- August	Approx. 3 books a week. Requires documenting thoughts for each book on a secure forum.	4-5	30-Aug	15-Oct
Silver Birch Express Non- Fiction Award® & Yellow Cedar Award	Every year	60-100 Non- Fiction books	November	December- July	Approx. 2 books a week. Requires documenting thoughts for each book on a secure forum.	4-5	15-Jul	15-Oct
Red Maple Award™	Every year	50-70 Fiction Books	October	October- August	Approx. 2 books a week. Requires documenting thoughts for each book on a secure forum.	4-5	30-Aug	15-Oct
White Pine Award™	Every year	Fiction books, but as a committee 80-	October	October- August	1-2 books per week. Requires documenting thoughts for each book on a secure forum.	4-5	30-Aug	15-Oct
Le prix Peuplier	Every year	40-60 picture books	January	July	wholesaler or a few afternoons. Also available as PDF's. Books can be shipped to those out of town	3-4	15-Aug	15-Oct
Le prix Mélèze	Every year	40-50 Fiction and Non-Fiction (some are very short)	January	February- August	Approx. 2-3 books a week. Requires documenting thoughts for each book on a secure forum.	3-4	15-Aug	15-Oct
Le prix Tamarac	Every year	40-50 Fiction and Non-Fiction	January	February- August	Approx. 2-3 books a week. Requires documenting thoughts for each book on a secure forum.	3-4	15-Aug	15-Oct
Evergreen	Every year	suggested on- line and also put forward by committees	October	October- September	Approx. 1 book a week. Requires documenting thoughts for each book on a secure forum.	5-6	1-Oct	Ontario Public Library Week in October

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