

2025 Forest of Reading® Winners Announced at Annual Forest of Reading Festival

Readers across the country voted for favourite Canadian titles in readers' choice award program

NEWS RELEASE

TORONTO, ON (May 15, 2025) – The Ontario Library Association (OLA) and the Forest of Reading are excited to announce the winners of the 2025 Forest of Reading Awards, presented at the Forest of Reading Award ceremonies, a two-day, combined in-person and digital event, hosted by Ainara Alleyne.

Today's Forest of Reading Award Winners are:

- Blue Spruce Award™ Winner: **Lost Stick** by Anoosha Syed (Viking Books for Young Readers)
- Silver Birch Express Award® Winner: **Lost & Found: Based on a True Story** by Mei Yu (Union Square Kids)
- Silver Birch Fiction Award® Winner: **The Legendary Mo Seto 01** by A. Y. Chan (Aladdin / Simon & Schuster)
- Yellow Cedar Award Winner: **Haunted Canada Graphic Novel 01: Four Terrifying Tales** by Joel A. Sutherland (Scholastic Canada Ltd.)
- Red Maple Award™ Winner: **40 Days in Hicksville** by Christina Kilbourne (DCB Young Readers)
- White Pine Award™ Winner: **The Space Between Here & Now** by Sarah Suk (Quill Tree Books / HarperCollins Canada)

On May 15, we will announce the winners of the French-language Forest of Reading programs (Le prix Peuplier, Le prix Mélèze, and Le prix Tamarac) at Fête de la Forêt de la lecture.

Since October, almost 145,000 children have read nominated books, which include Canadian fiction and non-fiction books by English and French-language authors. Over 118,000 kids voted this year across 9 programs.

The Forest of Reading consists of ten programs distinguished by age group and reading level, each with ten nominated titles. The English school-aged programs are Blue Spruce, Silver Birch Express, Silver Birch Fiction, Yellow Cedar, Red Maple, and White Pine. French literature is celebrated through the Peuplier, Mélèze, and Tamarac programs. The adult program, Evergreen, celebrates excellence in Canadian literature. There are 100 nominated titles with ten books in each program.

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