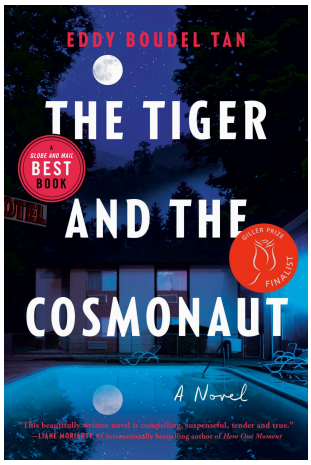
2026 Forest of Reading® Evergreen Award™ Winner Announced Alongside the 2027 Nominated Titles

Canadian authors selected for adult recreational reading program award

NEWS RELEASE

TORONTO, ON (October 29, 2026) – The Ontario Library Association's (OLA) Forest of Reading is excited to announce the 2026 Evergreen Award Winner alongside this year's nominees for its adult program, the Evergreen Award.

THE 2026 FOREST OF READING® EVERGREEN AWARD™ WINNER IS:



The Tiger and the Cosmonaut
by Eddy Boudel Tan (Viking Canada)

"Whenever I travel somewhere new, I make it a point to visit the local library," said Eddy Boudel Tan. "These places hold such magic in the knowledge they contain, the communal space they provide, the imagination they ignite, and the sense of possibility they nurture. Libraries are essential, as are the people who bring life to them as administrators and patrons. The Tiger and the Cosmonaut is a story about finding one's power in the face of injustice, so it's an indescribable honour to be recognized by the people who help libraries fulfill their role in maintaining a vibrant and just society."

The 2027 nominees for the Evergreen Award are:

At Sea in a Sieve by Cordelia Strube (ECW)
The Brink of Something Beautiful by Bobbi French (HarperCollins)
Cleo Dang Would Rather Be Dead by Mai Nguyen (Simon & Schuster)
Colin Gets Promoted and Dooms the World by Mark Waddell (PRHC - Penguin)

Days of Feasting and Rejoicing by David Bergen (Goose Lane Editions)
Five Seasons of Charlie Frances by Danica Roache (Nimbus)
Good People by Patmeena Sabit (Crown)
Layaway Child by Chanel Sutherland (House of Anansi)
Rufous and Calliope by Sarah Louise Butler (Douglas & McIntyre)
Wild People Quiet by Tara Gereaux (Scribner Canada)



"Evergreen 2027 showcases both fresh new voices as well as new offerings from critically acclaimed literary masters," said Enid Wray and Julie Wendland, Co-Chairs of the Evergreen Award Selection Committee. "Ranging from sharp comedic satirical wit to profoundly moving drama, with settings across Canada and around the world, these 10 titles represent the best in contemporary Canadian storytelling."

The Evergreen Award program is a perfect way for public libraries and book clubs to engage with best titles in Canadian fiction and non-fiction. It is one of ten programs that form the OLA's Forest of Reading, Canada's largest recreational reading program of its kind with over 270,000 Canadians participating each year.

A committee of library professionals chooses the nominated titles for the Evergreen Award. Readers can submit their votes for the award during September and the winner is announced during Ontario Public Library Week in October.

Participate in the Evergreen Award program and register for the Forest of Reading today. Following a new timeline, the Evergreen Award program is the perfect program to run during a bookclub from

October through until the end of the summer. Follow the Forest of Reading on Instagram @forestofreadingprogram and check out the Facebook page.

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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.

About the Ontario Library Association: The **Ontario Library Association (OLA)** is a centre of excellence for the library and information sector, with 4,000 members who work in public, school, academic and special libraries. OLA enables members to advocate for the right of individuals to have free and equitable access to information. Our members research, develop and participate in educational programs designed to provide exemplary library services. Signature OLA events include the annual Super Conference and the Forest of Reading® program.

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