2027 Forest of Reading® Nominated Titles Announced

Canadian authors and illustrators selected for largest recreational reading program

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TORONTO, ON (October 15, 2026) – The Forest of Reading, Canada's largest recreational reading program, is excited to announce the English and French-language nominees for the 2027 Awards. The Forest of Reading's mission is to instill the love of reading in people of all ages, while supporting programming in schools and libraries and celebrating Canadian authors, illustrators, and literature.

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"The Forest of Reading is about so much more than choosing a favourite book," says Michelle Arbuckle, Executive Director of the Ontario Library Association. "It's about helping young people discover themselves as readers. Reading builds curiosity, empathy and imagination, and gives young people a way to better understand themselves and the world around them. Every year, the Forest creates a shared reading experience that gets kids talking about books, recommending them to each other and discovering the joy that comes from finding a story they simply can't put down. That kind of excitement about reading can stay with someone for a lifetime."

The Forest of Reading consists of ten programs distinguished by age group and reading level, each with ten nominated titles, selected by committees of library practitioners. The English school-aged programs are Blue Spruce, Silver Birch (Express and Fiction), Yellow Cedar, Red Maple, and White Pine. French school-aged literature is celebrated through the Peuplier, Mélèze, and Tamarac programs. The Forest of Reading has an adult program, Evergreen, which celebrates excellence in Canadian literature as a book club (nominees for Evergreen are now announced in October).

Throughout the program year, the Forest of Reading provides quality online literacy and reading engagement resources that can be used in school and library programming or at home. In April, those who participate in the Forest have the opportunity to vote for their favourite books and select the award winners (Evergreen voting is in September).

Developing a love of reading is crucial, especially after unprecedented disruptions and closures to schools and libraries and declining reading levels over the past six years. The Forest of Reading is excited to share this year's 100 nominated titles, written and illustrated by 155 nominees, and to celebrate with our 270,000 participants.

All school-aged nominated titles will be available in alternate formats through Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) and Alternative Education Resources of Ontario (AERO).

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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.

About Tinlids: Tinlids Inc. is the official wholesaler for the 2027 Forest of Reading program.

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