



Forest Of Reading



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Where children and young adults pick the winner.

Get your young readers involved in the largest recreational reading program in the country. Each library system in Waterloo region has online voting, activities based on all the books, and more!

Registration starts Wednesday February 17, for **I Read Canadian Day** and continues into April, join at one of these sites:

rwlibrary.readsquared.com

kplreads.readsquared.com

ideaexchange.readsquared.com

waterloo.readsquared.com

Read one or all of the books. Forest of Reading aims to encourage a genuine and life-long love of reading among readers of all ages. This year's program includes special online author events throughout April.

Christina Kilbourne (Grades 6+)

Wednesday, April 7 at 12:00 p.m.

Register at wpl.ca

Safe Harbour, Red Maple title: fourteen-year-old Harbour is living in a tent in a Toronto ravine with her dog, a two-month supply of canned tuna, and an eccentric reading list. She's not homeless, she tells herself. She's merely waiting for her home - a thirty-six-foot sailboat - to arrive with her father at the helm... But when summer turns into fall, Harbour needs to accept help to survive on the streets.

An Afternoon with Kim Smith (Grade JK+)

Tuesday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Register at ideaexchange.org

Celebrate with Blue Spruce nominee and bestselling illustrator Kim Smith. We will be talking about her newest book **Boxitects** which is about Meg a brilliant and creative boxitect who creates extraordinary things out of cardboard boxes.

Kim Smith is the New York Times best-selling illustrator of several picture books, including **Builder Brothers: Big Plans** and the Ice Chips chapter-book series. She lives in Calgary. kimillustration.com

Terry Lynn Johnson (Grades 3+)

Thursday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m.

Register at wpl.ca

Dog Driven, Silver Birch title: a riveting adventure about a musher (dog sled driver) who sets out to prove her impaired vision won't hold her back from competing in a rigorous sled race through the Canadian wilderness.



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Interview with Danny Ramadan

This program is recorded and can be viewed anytime at www.youtube.com/watch?v=slWq7-rbxAo

Celebrate Forest of Reading with an interview with Danny Ramadan, the author of **Salma the Syrian Chef**. Salma and her mother have recently immigrated to Vancouver from Syria. Salma's Mama is sad because she misses Salma's Papa, who has not joined them yet. Salma decides to cheer her Mama up by making her favourite Syrian food, but she doesn't know how! Salma's new friends at the Welcome Centre all join Salma to help her make this special dish for her Mama. Together they show how working together to do something special can bring a smile to a loved one's face and that home is where family is.

Danny Ramadan is an award-winning Syrian-Canadian author and LGBTQ-refugee advocate. He is the current Writer-in-Residence at Saskatchewan Public Library and lives in Vancouver.

www.dannyramadan.com/bio/

School Liaisons Available

School liaisons from your local library can provide extra support for your classroom. Contact them to arrange a virtual class visits, specialized collections tailored to your classroom, and more:

Idea Exchange (Cambridge)

Laureen Yacynuk, School Liaison
lyacynuk@ideaexchange.org
519-621-0460 ext. 143

Kitchener Public Library

Sarah Frisse, Librarian, Children's Services
Sarah.frisse@kpl.org
519-743-0271 ext. 285

Region of Waterloo Libraries

Katie Jackman, Family Literacy Coordinator
kajackman@regionofwaterloo.ca
519-575-4590 ext. 3222

Waterloo Public Library

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