Getting involved in the Forest of Reading is as easy as 1, 2, 3...4.

01. Visit and become familiar with our website accessola.com/forest to view the current nominated titles. If you have readers with print disabilities, please visit the Alternate Formats webpage from the Nominated Titles webpage.

02. Order your books! The nominated lists are released October 15. Books can be ordered from tinlids Inc., the official wholesaler of the Forest of Reading, at the time of registration, or throughout the year from tinlids.ca. By purchasing the books from tinlids, you help support the Forest of Reading.

03. Log onto the password website at forestofreading.com. This is the most important part of the program – only current registrants have exclusive access. This is where you can download all program resources, including manuals, book resources, voting materials, virtual author visit instructions, and much more!

04. Visit accessola.com/forest to access resources on how to host your own celebration.

A celebration of reading

Save the Date — May 12, 13, and 14, 2020

Our Forest of Reading Festival is a fun and exciting celebration of reading. With over 30,000 participants, this multi-day event is Canada’s largest literary event for young readers.

This year’s Festival will take place in Toronto. Other locations are the Harbourfront Centre, Satellite Festivals will also take place in London and the Waterloo Region.

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The Blue Spruce Award™
Start your young readers with our picture book award program – Blue Spruce! These books will enrich their learning experiences with beautiful illustrations blended with fun, interesting, and exciting stories. This is Canada’s only picture book choice award program.

ages 4-7, JK–Grade 2  |  English, picture books

The Silver Birch Fiction Award®
One of the Forest of Reading’s most popular award programs, this is the one that started it all! Geared towards those in Grades 5 and 6, from fantastical, fun titles to serious, life-learning tales, this program provides a variety of stories for readers to enjoy.

ages 8-12, Grades 3–6  |  English, fiction

The Red Maple Award™
This program is for students in Grades 7 and 8, and encourages Canadian writing and authors. Readers will get swept into these exciting fictional stories by Canadian authors while improving their reading skills.

ages 10–14, Grades 7–8  |  English, fiction

The Silver Birch Express Award®
The award is unique in providing a mix of fiction and non-fiction titles for readers at different reading levels, especially those in Grades 3 to 4. If you have an ESL student, reluctant reader, or reader with exceptionalities, or others, this is a program suited for them!

ages 8-10, Grades 3–4  |  English, fiction / non-fiction

The Yellow Cedar Award
The newest tree to grow in the Forest, Yellow Cedar is the consolidation of our two school-aged non-fiction programs (Silver Birch and Red Maple). Readers will learn about real life stories and facts – these books are exciting conversation starters!

ages 9–14, Grades 4–8  |  English, non-fiction

The White Pine Award™
This program offers high school readers the opportunity to read the best of Canada’s recent young adult fiction titles. With a mix of stories that are uplifting, difficult, and exciting, teens will devour this engaging book list.

High school, Grades 9–12  |  English, fiction