2019 Forest of Reading® Nominated Titles Announced
Canadian authors and illustrators selected for largest recreational reading program

NEWS RELEASE

TORONTO, ON (October 11, 2018) – Ontario Library Association (OLA) is pleased to announce the English and French nominees for the 2019 Forest of Reading program, the largest recreational reading award program in Canada.

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The program consists of seven award programs distinguished by age group and reading level. The English school-aged programs are: Blue Spruce, Silver Birch, Red Maple and White Pine. French literature is celebrated through the Peuplier, Tamarac Express, and Tamarac programs. Over 270,000 readers participate in the program through schools, public libraries, literacy centres, and at home.

There are 110 nominated titles for the 2019 Forest of Reading awards: ten titles for each school-aged program, plus another 10 for the adult book club program, Evergreen. Committees of library practitioners select the nominated titles and those who read a certain number of titles in each program will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite books in April. The winners of the 2019 program will be announced and awarded live at the Festival of Trees on May 14-16, 2019, where the readers and participants of the Forest of Reading are invited to celebrate with the nominees.

The OLA is pleased to announce that the all school-aged Forest nominated titles will be available in alternate formats this year through either Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) or Alternative Education Resources of Ontario (AERO).

“This program is designed to inspire a love of reading for young people,” says Shelagh Paterson, Executive Director, Ontario Library Association. “Kids can’t wait to get the list of titles so they can start thinking about what book they will be voting for.”

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Tinlids Inc. is the official wholesaler for the 2019 Forest of Reading program.

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