What is Telling Tales?

Telling Tales celebrates stories.

Our Mission is to deliver outstanding children’s literary programming that raises awareness of the importance of literacy.

Why do we do this? Stories connect us to our past, our future and each other. Through stories, we bond with our families, our friends and our heroes. We learn. We dream. We grow.

How do we do this? We bring Canada's leading authors, illustrators, musicians and storytellers together with their audience: our children.

We orchestrate inspiring connections through school and community events as well as at our signature children’s literature festival held every September.

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Telling Tales Programming

Telling Tales Festival

Widely recognized as Canada’s leading children’s literary festival, Telling Tales has been a Festivals & Events Ontario Top 100 event since 2012. The Telling Tales Festival showcases over 35 award-winning Canadian authors, illustrators, storytellers, and musicians who present their work across a number of stages nestled among the shady trees. Readers of all abilities, families, and literacy supporters are entertained by engaging presentations, hands-on workshops, a giant book swap and shop, presenter autographs, historical and literary characters, creative activities, and exhibitors.

The festival has now expanded to three days at three different locations in order to showcase a greater variety of children’s authors, illustrators and performers.

Telling Tales at Westfield Heritage Village
September 15th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Celebrating Graphic Novels at Hamilton Public Library
September 21st, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Nature Tales at Royal Botanical Gardens
Burlington, September 22nd, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Year Round Events

Community Events: Telling Tales brings communities together in the Hamilton/Halton Region to inspire children and share the joy of literacy with youth and families through engaging author presentations, workshops, presentations at local festivals and events offered by supporting partners.

School Engagement: Our school outreach programming includes inspirational author visits, a digital reading list sorted by age and topics, Kids’ Lit Quiz and engaging family literacy events funded by school councils. Bring a Telling Tales author to your school!

Digital Engagement: We interact directly with close to 10,000 fans through the Telling Tales website, social media channels, Dragonfly newsletter, contests, book giveaways and parent/child resources such as the annual Telling Tales Reading List. The Telling Tales Press Club encourages children and youth 6 to 16 to write and draw, and then showcases their creativity on our website.

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