Celebrating Graphic Novels
Saturday, September 21, 1-3 pm
Hamilton Public Library, Central Library

Nature Tales
Sunday, September 22, 11 am - 4 pm
Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington

Telling Tales
MAIN EVENT
Sunday, September 15, 10 am - 4 pm
Westfield Heritage Village, Rockton
Parking at Rockton Fair Grounds

11th Annual Telling Tales® Festival

11th Anniversary Souvenir Program · 2019

STORIES CHANGE THE WORLD
We are so very tickled to be bringing you the 11th season of Telling Tales.

Prepare for a journey with the dragonfly power to transform and delight. Discover stories that open our eyes to the powers of friendship, imagination and curiosity. Embrace the tales of courage, hope and determination that speak directly to this year’s theme, “Stories Change the World.” Share in the pure joy and fun of reading.

Telling Tales is firm in its commitment to showcasing Canada’s leading children’s authors, illustrators, musicians and storytellers. We encourage you to explore our 2019 Reading List ahead of time—it will mean so much more to you and your young readers when they get the chance to connect with their favourite authors at the Festival.

Follow our Dragonfly Newsletter to learn more about our activities in schools and communities and our many contests. Read more about our new Nature Tales and Celebrating Graphic Novels events on pages 18 and 19 of this program.

Together we are building an extraordinary community dedicated to inspiring a love of reading in children and youth. The ripple effect will be far reaching. By raising readers, we truly believe we are taking important steps toward building a more caring, compassionate and peaceful world.

On behalf of the board and Telling Tales team, thank you for helping us tell our tale. We hope you will join us in thanking our devoted volunteers and many fabulous supporters. Without them we would never be able to offer Telling Tales for free. Let’s keep raising readers together. Enjoy!

Yours truly,

Susan Jasper
Executive Director
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Need a fun-filled activity for your community program?

Governor General’s Award winner Aviaq Johnston

Hamilton Public Library and Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg EarlyON Centre

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Inuk author Aviaq Johnston will pay a special visit to Hamilton, to share her most recent stories, What’s My Superpower and What Lies Below.

Telling Tales Storytelling Workshops

Boys & Girls Clubs of Hamilton and Telling Tales

Friday, November 8, 2019 & Friday, March 6, 2020

Join Telling Tales authors, Ted Staunton and Richard Scrimger for their Story Team storytelling workshop. Kids grades 4 and up will develop unique, Almost Epic superhero characters with help from Richard and Ted. Hamilton Youth Poets will guide kids grades 1 to 3 as they learn to create their own amplified, hip-hop poetic performances. Check our website for details.

Coming in 2020:

Please check our website for announcements of Telling Tales author presentations in partnership with YMCA of Hamilton, Burlington & Brantford, EarlyON Child and Family Centres of Hamilton and The Eva Rothwell Centre, Hamilton.

Sharing Stories in Our Communities

Connecting Canadian authors with neighbourhood programs

Telling Tales is excited to partner with local service providers to offer unique programming throughout the year.

Kids will discover their creative superpowers through writing, music, illustration and puppetry workshops led by Telling Tales storytellers.

Let’s work together to match a Telling Tales presenter who will inspire kids and families in your community.

Contact program@tellingtales.org to book your workshop.

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SCHOOL EVENTS

Need a great family engagement idea?

Invite a Telling Tales Author to Your School

Inspire student literacy by connecting storytellers with readers!

Telling Tales realizes the important role schools play in nurturing a love of reading and fostering creativity.

Connecting Canadian storytellers with family audiences

Telling Tales will help deliver an amazing literary experience to your elementary or high school community, by connecting you with our roster of authors, illustrators and musicians.

Engage families and inspire a love of reading.

Students and families can discover what inspires Telling Tales storytellers. Kids are shown how they can tell their own stories through writing, illustration and song.

Contact schoolliaison@tellingtales.org to book your event.

PHOTO CREDIT: Kelly Russell
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Erin Bow

Erin Bow is a physicist turned poet turned children's novelist—and she's won major awards in all three roles. Erin is the author of the acclaimed middle-grade fantasy Plain Stake, the YA horror Someone's Knot and the hit Prisoners of Peace duology: The Scorpion Rules and The Swan Riders. Erin will be presenting her latest novel Stand on the Sky, a contemporary, middle-grade adventure about family, belonging, and finding your place.

AGES 9-12
erinbow.com
Twitter: @erinbowbooks

Sharon and Bram

Sharon, Lois, and Bram are some of Canada's most popular and loved children's performers, with fans across the world. Every Canadian remembers singing the Skinnamarink song. We are honoured to have Sharon and Bram join us on our farewell tour. They will be joined by the gifted illustrator Qin Leng to launch to the world the first-ever picture book of Skinnamarink. Get ready to sing!

AGES 3-7
sharonandbram.com
Twitter: @sharonandbram

Mr. Chris and the Gassy Bubbles

Back by popular demand, Mr. Chris and the Gassy Bubbles have been travelling the province with their musical vibrations for nearly 15 years. Along with their puppet friends, they deliver a super fun, interactive musical show that will have your whole family bopping along together.

ALL AGES
mrcrisandthegassybubbles.com
Twitter: @GassyBubbles

Terry & Eric Fan

The Fan brothers (Terry and Eric) are a perfect mix of artistic talent and wondrous storytelling. The brothers' widely acclaimed debut picture book, The Night Gardener, was inspired by a summer their family spent on a farm loading hay bales, stargazing at night, and chasing fireflies. Their award-winning book Green Meat By has recently been optioned by AGBO studios (Russos Brother's) for a film adaptation. The Fan brothers will be launching their latest book, The Scarecrow, a tender and affectionate tale that reminds us of the comforting power of friendship and the joy of helping others.

AGES 4-8
thefanbrothers.com
Twitter: @opifan64

Melanie Florence

Melanie Florence is a writer of Cree and Scottish heritage. She is the author of Missing Mindy, which won the 2016 TD Canadian Children's Literature Award. Join Melanie as she launches her new book, Just Lucky, the story of a girl who loses her family and must face life in foster care. This book celebrates the strength and resilience of children, and explores the way you can choose the people you call family.

AGES 13-17
melanieflorence.com
Twitter: @mflowrites
**Main Event at Westfield**

**Sunday, September 15**

**Hamilton Youth Poets**

The Hamilton Youth Poets (HYP) have created a youth-focused spoken word community and a growing platform for youth to speak and be heard. Year round, HYP lead friendly poetry competitions that encourage the art of poetry, oral storytelling, and spoken word. HYP encourage the art of storytelling through hip-hop poetry, oral storytelling, and spoken word. HYP encourage the art of storytelling through oral storytelling, and spoken word. HYP encourage the art of storytelling through oral storytelling, and spoken word. HYP encourage the art of storytelling through oral storytelling, and spoken word. HYP encourage the art of storytelling through oral storytelling, and spoken word. HYP encourage the art of storytelling through oral storytelling, and spoken word. HYP encourage the art of storytelling through oral storytelling, and spoken word. HYP encourage the art of storytelling through oral storytelling, and spoken word. 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Kevin Staunton
Since escaping from university with a pair of degrees in theoretical physics, Kevin Staunton has worked as a researcher, a business consultant, a teacher, and a professional poker player. He is the author of the bestselling and award-winning Blackthorn Key series and will be presenting the latest book, Call of the Wrath. At the Forest of Reading Stage he will talk about The Assassin’s Curse and other books in the series. Come prepared for twists and turns, secret codes, and riddles.
AGES 8–12 kevinsandbooks.com
Twitter: @kevinsandsbooks

Jo Storm
Jo Storm is a writer, dog trainer, and dog sledder who currently lives in Sudbury, Ontario. Snowhook is Jo’s first young adult fiction novel. Snowhook tells the story of Hannah, who must rely on her survival instincts to endure a brutal ice storm and save her family. Jo will share this inspiring story of resilience and determination.
AGES 12-15 jostorm.com
Twitter: @jostormstories

Ashley Spires
Author and illustrator Ashley Spires is the creator of the Binky The Space Cat series of junior graphic novels and the bestselling picture book The Most Magnificent Thing. She is the author of the wacky new picture book at Telling Tales, Fairy Science. What happens when you have a fairy like Esther who doesn’t believe in magic? Fairy Science, the first in a hilarious new picture book series, introduces a charming, determined heroine as she learns about the world and celebrates the joys of curiosity and exploring science.
AGES 3-7 ashleyspires.com
Twitter: @ashleyspires

Eric Walters
Eric Walters has written over 100 novels and picture books that have been translated into 13 languages and are available around the world. This year he will co-present Light a Candle with Godfrey Nkongolo. Eric will speak of his personal experience climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in 2011 and the inspiration for a book designed to light the way for other students to help change the world. At the Forest of Reading Stage, he will talk about his recent novel, The Fourth Dimension, and more.
AGES 4-8, 12-18 ericwalters.net
Twitter: @EricWalters

Nathalie Vachon
Nathalie’s mesmerizing storytelling performance takes the audience on an interactive ride through modern day fairy tales (with a twist), adventures all in rhyme, folktales from around the world, and so much more. With audience participation, songs, and wordplay, Nathalie will make you fall in love with storytelling and see that stories are, in fact, everywhere! Nathalie will present twice, once in English and once in French.
nathalievachon.com
Twitter: @nathalie_vachon

Support your local indie bookshop.
Appearing at
Telling Tales & Nature Tales!

TELLING TALES: Sunday, September 15th
Westfield Heritage Village | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Kevin Sylvester
Ted Staunton
Lesley Livingston
Richard Scrimger

Illustrator Jay Odjick
Jess Keating
Erin Bow
Joel Sutherland

NATURE TALES: Sunday, September 22nd
Royal Botanical Gardens | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunshine Tenasco
with illustrator Chief Lady Bird
Barbara Reid
Helaine Becker

For more information on event details, visit www.tellingtales.org

GET PUBLISHED: ILLUSTRATOR’S EDITION
November 16, 2019 9:30AM-12:30PM
Northern District Library, Toronto
Make your dream of illustrating a children’s book a reality.
FEATURING MATT JAMES, PAUL COVELLO, TARA WALKER, JOHN MARTZ AND CAREY SOOKOCHOFF!

THE BUSINESS OF WRITING
November 23, 2019 9:30AM-12:30PM
Northern District Library, Toronto
Learn from the experts on how to market yourself and your writing.
FEATURING NASEEM HRAB, KEVIN SYLVESTER, HELAINE BECKER, EVAN MUNDAY AND MORE!

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED. $100 PER PERSON PER SESSION.
REGISTER NOW AT BOOKCENTRE.CA/SEMINARS
Celebrating Graphic Novels

Saturday, September 21, Hamilton Public Library, Central Branch, Hamilton Room
1 pm - 3 pm, Ages 8-12

Learn about the art of writing and illustrating graphic novels from two of Canada’s finest YA graphic novelists. Discover skills to write your own story. Explore our graphic novel display.

Britt Wilson
2:00 – 2:30 pm

Britt Wilson is an Eisner and Harvey Award-nominated letterer, cartoonist, and illustrator. She works on various comics and series, including the Adventure Time series, Ghost Queen, and Cat Dad: King of the Goblins. Britt is also the illustrator of the hilarious Almost Epic Squad series. At Celebrating Graphic Novels, Britt will share tricks of the trade and help young artists discover that immense feeling of satisfaction you get from illustrating graphic novels.

AGES 9-12
brittwilson.com
Twitter: @britterson

Tory Woollcott
1:15 – 1:45 pm

Tory Woollcott is a cartoonist, writer, literacy educator, and advocate who lives in Toronto. At Celebrating Graphic Novels Tory will present her latest work, Science Comics: The Brain. Tory will use mind mapping to help you create and lay out your own stories. Tory will demonstrate ways to create compelling characters and generate awesome stories in a five-act structure. She will create a story with the group, showing you how to use these techniques to write your own comics, prose stories, or even video games!

AGES 9-13
torywoollcott.com
Twitter: @ToryTalking

We are proud to be branching out to offer a new day of Telling Tales with Nature Tales at RBG.

Sunday, September 22, Royal Botanical Gardens, Hendrie Park
11 am - 4 pm, Ages 3-10

Telling Tales believes strongly in the importance of creating meaningful connections with the natural world. Finding the “awe” in nature—like discovering a story that speaks to you—can encourage creativity, as well as emotional and spiritual growth.

This year’s partnership with the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) provides the perfect opportunity to connect children with stories, nature, and art. The theme of nature-literacy has been interwoven with our programming. Authors, artists, performers, and RBG Ambassadors will engage with families in nature walks, crafts, and author readings. The world-renowned Hendrie Park Rose Garden and natural surroundings of RBG, beautifully accented by the Dan Lawrie International Sculpture Collection, will provide an unforgettable and totally unique setting to inspire a love of reading and celebrate stories.

Nature Tales will include activities and features such as:

- Free entry to RBG’s Hendrie Park with a pay-what-you-can, optional donation
- Main Stage in the Rose Garden
- Hearing the Song and Aquagraphie Stages
- Cherry Hill Tent with nature and craft activities all day
- Book-nature themed Discovery Carts along garden pathways
- Book Swap
- Book sales by Different Drummer Books
- Author signings
- Storywalk
- Woodland Discovery Walk
- Family walks designed to showcase the Dan Lawrie International Sculpture Collection
- Exhibitors
- RBG’s Greenhouse Cafe
- RBG’s Shop at the Garden
- Wandering Storytellers from Burlington Public Library
- Woodland fairies in the Imagination Grove
- Free Parking for 700+ vehicles
- Public Transit accessible
- Stroller friendly and accessible

Nature Tales Schedule

Meet your favourite presenters and get their autographs!

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- Free entry to RBG’s Hendrie Park with a pay-what-you-can, optional donation
- Main Stage in the Rose Garden
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Helaine Becker
Helaine Becker is the award-winning children’s author of over 80 books. She will be talking about the wonderful creepy crawlies in her new book, Megabugs, which launches at Nature Tales. Kids will never look at bugs the same way. She will also be offering tons of great ideas from her recent book, The Canadian Kids’ Guide to Outdoor Fun.
AGES 8-12
helainebecker.com
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Chief Lady Bird
Chief Lady Bird is a First Nations (Potawatomi and Chippewa) artist from Rama First Nation. She will be co-presenting at Nature Tales with Sunshine Tenasco. Chief Lady Bird will talk about her role as the illustrator of Nibi’s Water Song, a book that promises to be a catalyst for change in regards to the right to clean water.
AGES 4-8
chiefladybirdart.tumblr.com
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Andrew Larsen
Andrew Larsen is the author of many award-winning books, including The Imaginary Garden and last year’s The Bagel King. This year Andrew is bringing his new book, Me, Toma and the Concrete Garden, to Nature Tales. Andrew brings a light touch and gentle humor to this story about several kinds of growth: the boys and their friendship, the flowers in the newly-thriving lot, and the community that comes together around it. This book highlights the value of connecting to nature, even in urban areas, and the sense of community that comes from civic engagement.
AGES 3-7
andrewlarsen.ca
Twitter: @larsenesque

Irene Luxbacher
Irene Luxbacher is an award-winning illustrator and children’s book author. Her many children’s books include favourites such as The Imaginary Garden and The Not-So-Faraway Adventure. Irene has illustrated the beautiful new book Treasure, a story about two siblings who go on a treasure hunt but aren’t sure exactly what kind of treasure they are looking for. She will co-present this delightful book at Nature Tales twice, once in English and once in French, alongside author Mireille Messier.
Irene also created our beautiful image to celebrate this year’s Telling Tales theme, “Stories Change the World.”
AGES 4-8
www.ireneluxbacher.com
Twitter: @irenelux

Gumboots Kids Live Show
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AGES 3-7
gumbootskids.com
Twitter: @GumbootKids

Mireille Messier
Mireille Messier is a Montreal-born, Ottawa-raised and now Toronto-based award-winning children’s writer and voice-over artist. Mireille has published over twenty books, some in French and others in English, for children of all ages. Mireille wrote the lyrical book Treasure, the story of two siblings who go on a treasure hunt but aren’t sure exactly what kind of treasure they are looking for. She will present this beautiful book at Nature Tales alongside illustrator Irene Luxbacher, once in English and once in French.
AGES 4-8
mireille.ca
Twitter: @messier_et_cie
Sunshine Tenasco
Sunshine Tenasco is Anishinabeg, from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, Quebec. Seeing a drawing of an Indigenous child on a book cover prompted Sunshine to write her own children’s story highlighting the lack of clean and safe drinking water facing many First Nations communities. 

*Nibi’s Water Song* is Sunshine’s first book, and she is coming from Quebec to co-present this important story with Chief Lady Bird at Nature Tales. The hopeful tone and lyrical read-aloud quality of this gentle allegorical tale open the door to conversations aimed at young children, whether they are living with access to clean water or not.

AGES 4-8
herbraids.com

Joanne Robertson
Joanne Robertson Misko Anungo Kwe (Red Star Woman) is an Anishinaabe author, illustrator, and water protection activist. In the spring of 2009, Joanne started an environmental project known as The Empty Glass for Water Campaign as a response to the drinking water crisis facing First Nations communities. Her book *The Water Walker* highlights the importance of environmental protection and asks the reader, what can we all do to protect the water?

AGES 6-9
motherearthwaterwalk.com
Twitter: @miskoanungokwe

Barbara Reid
Barbara Reid is one of Canada’s most renowned and well-known illustrators. Her unique clay modelling technique is known around the world and her illustrations have won many awards. Come and learn from Barbara how you can create your own unique visions and stories when she presents her books *Picture the Sky* and *Picture a Tree*. Barbara will present twice at Nature Tales, and there will be a craft station with clay modelling throughout the day at the Cherry Hill Tent.

AGES 3-8
barbarareid.ca
Twitter: @barbreidart

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