11th Annual Telling Tales® Festival

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

Sign up for this event on Eventbrite

Telling Tales
MAIN EVENT

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

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11th Anniversary Souvenir Program · 2019
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 inspiring 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 20 and 21 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

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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.

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.

**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.

**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.
Sign up for the Telling Tales Dragonfly Newsletter!

Our Dragonfly Newsletter is a great way to get monthly updates on Telling Tales, the festival and all our year round programs.

It just takes a second – visit our website at www.tellingtales.org and sign up with your email address.

You’ll receive information before anyone else and some special content unique to the Newsletter.

Recently we introduced one of long-term volunteers to the Telling Tales community.

Volunteer Stories

We wanted to find out why our volunteers are so AWESOME!

Melissa Hallman is a devoted mother, star real estate broker, former Rotarian, Member of Volunteer Recruitment Committee and long-time friend of Telling Tales. For years she has been finding time to help us as a volunteer. We call her our “Captain of the Large Meadow”. We are indebted to volunteers like Melissa who make Telling Tales possible.

We asked Melissa why Telling Tales holds a place in her heart?

Year after year I feel the excitement bit me in the month of August to volunteer in my favorite literary festival “Telling Tales”, it’s a day where I can totally forget about my own responsibilities and focus on our future, the children in our community. The faces on these children says it all, the excitement to learn new things, and maybe a new word in a special story book, gives us all hope. I truly want our children to have imagination and soak up every bit of their childhood they can, and through stories children can do this. I will continue to support Telling Tales and hope my 6 year old son will follow in my footsteps.

If you would like to spend the day surrounded by joy, sunshine, and happiness - perhaps you would also make an awesome Telling Tales volunteer.

Please visit our Volunteer Opportunities page by clicking the button below to view the many opportunities we have available for this year’s Festival as well as our year round programs.

Click here to visit our Volunteer Opportunities page

Telling Tales
2019 Reading List

Your guide to great Canadian children’s literature

Telling Tales is proud to feature Canadian authors and illustrators in our 2019-2020 Telling Tales Reading List. From board books and young adult novels to new releases and award-winning stories, Telling Tales has something for all ages and reading abilities.

Easily find books by age range and themes that interest you and your family. Pick up these books at your local bookstore or library.

Visit our website at www.tellingtales.org to download a copy of our Reading List today. Happy reading!
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**AUTOGRAF SCHEDULE**

Meet your favourite presenters and get their autographs!

- **11:30** Jess Keating, Qin Leng, Eric Walters, Godfrey Nkongolo, Joel Sutherland
- **11:40** Jay Odjick
- **11:45** Janet Wilson
- **12:00** Karen Bass, Kevin Sylvester
- **12:15** Fan Brothers, Ted Staunton
- **12:30** Ashley Spires, Jo Storm
- **12:45** Shauntay Grant, Jess Keating, Richard Scrimger
- **1:15** Sharon and Bram, Jay Odjick, Taslin Lowery
- **1:40** Kevin Sands
- **1:45** Melanie Florence
- **2:00** Almost Epic Squad, The Fan Brothers, Nadia Hohn, Ashley Spires, Eric Walters
- **3:15** Lesley Livingston, Richard Scrimger, Ted Staunton, Kevin Sylvester
- **3:30** Qin Leng

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**SCHEDULE**

- **3:15** Nicola Winstanley, Telling Tales: School Contest & Bookmark Awards
- **3:30** Kevin Sands, Ashley Spires, Eric Walters
- **3:45** Erin Bow, Nicola Winstanley, Kevin Sands
- **4:00** Hamilton Children’s Choir, Ken Brown, Kevin Sylvester
- **4:15** Hamilton Youth Poets
- **4:30** Richard Scrimger, Shauntay Grant, Melanie Florence

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**Change the World**

**Mural**

**Stage**

**HPL - Stories**

**Public Library Puppets**

**ALL AGES**

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**LOCKHART STAGE**

**MOUNTSBERG CHURCH**

**EARLY SETTLEMENT AREA**

**MUSIC STAGE**

**HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PUPPET STAGE**

**DRAGONFLY STAGE**
The Telling Tales
Main Event takes place at Westfield Heritage Village

FEATURING:
- 34 literary artists
- 50 presentations over ten stages
- A new Forest of Reading Stage featuring recent nominees.
- A Different Drummer Bookseller
- Autographing Tent
- Giant Book Shop and Swap
- Tell Your Tale Scavenger

MAIN EVENT AT WESTFIELD
Sunday, September 15

The Telling Tales

S.K. Ali
S.K. Ali is a teacher based in Toronto whose writing on Muslim culture and life has appeared in the Toronto Star. Her debut YA novel, Saints and Misfits, is a beautiful and nuanced story about a young woman exploring her identity through friendship, family, and faith. She will be launching her new book, Love from A to Z, a spring break romance that tackles the big issues of Islamophobia, political anger, family, and life with a degenerative disease.

AGES 10-13
skalibooks.com
Twitter: @SajidahWrites

Karen Bass
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AGES 10-13
karenbass.ca
Twitter: @karenbassYA

Burlington Public Library Storytellers
Come and experience interactive storytelling! Join the children’s programming staff from Burlington Public Library for a fun enactment of favourite tales and folk stories. Stories will be performed with music, song, and other zany talents that all kids will be sure to love.

AGES 3-7
timelinesylibrary.ca
Twitter: @BurlingtonLibrary

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 Elite, the YA horror Somnus’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 Skinnamorink song. We are honoured to have Sharon and Bram join us on their farewell tour. They will be joined by the gifted illustrator Qin Leng to launch to the world the first-ever picture book of Skinnamorink. 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

Charlene Chua
This award-winning illustrator has worked on over 10 children’s books, with several more on the way. When she is not drawing, she enjoys playing or talking to her cats (they listen politely, most of the time). Her picture book, The Wind Plays Tricks was released in the spring of this year.

Charlene will be launching her latest book, Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao. Meet the funny, fierce, and fearless Amy Wu, who is determined to make a perfect bao bun today.

AGES 8-10
charlenechua.com
Twitter: @charleneedraws

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 Means Dirty has recently been optioned by AGBO studios (Russo Brothers) for a film adaptation. The Fan brothers will be launching their latest book, 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: @opilfan64

Melanie Florence
Melanie Florence is a writer of Cree and Scottish heritage. She is the author of Missint Mindímî, 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

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Twitter: @BurlingtonLibrary

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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 Elite, the YA horror Somnus’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.

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 Skinnamorink song. We are honoured to have Sharon and Bram join us on their farewell tour. They will be joined by the gifted illustrator Qin Leng to launch to the world the first-ever picture book of Skinnamorink. Get ready to sing!

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.

Twitter: @Gassybubbles

Charlene Chua
This award-winning illustrator has worked on over 10 children’s books, with several more on the way. When she is not drawing, she enjoys playing or talking to her cats (they listen politely, most of the time). Her picture book, The Wind Plays Tricks was released in the spring of this year.

Charlene will be launching her latest book, Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao. Meet the funny, fierce, and fearless Amy Wu, who is determined to make a perfect bao bun today.

Twitter: @charleneedraws

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 Means Dirty has recently been optioned by AGBO studios (Russo Brothers) for a film adaptation. The Fan brothers will be launching their latest book, Scarecrow, a tender and affectionate tale that reminds us of the comforting power of friendship and the joy of helping others.

Twitter: @opilfan64

Melanie Florence
Melanie Florence is a writer of Cree and Scottish heritage. She is the author of Missint Mindímî, 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.

Twitter: @mflowrites
Shauntay Grant
Shauntay Grant is an award-winning Canadian writer and multidisciplinary artist. A former poet laureate for the City of Halifax, she has published five picture books for children. Shauntay will bring to life her amazing picture book, Africville, about the historic community in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

AGES 4-7
shauntaygrant.com

Hamilton Children’s Choir
Hamilton Children’s Choir (HCC) is a true favourite of Telling Tales—we love the way they bring stories alive through their songs. HCC is an internationally-renowned and award-winning children’s and youth choir. They are committed to sharing the joys and benefits of singing and believe that “If you can speak, you can sing.” Boasting 190 choristers ages 5 to 18, HCC offers vocal training and music instruction.

ALL AGES
hamiltonchildrenschoir.com

Hamilton Public Library Puppetteers
The Hamilton Public Library Puppetteers are a talented group of youth services staff who perform classic and modern puppet shows. Don’t miss the fun—it’s a perfect option for the entire family. They never fail to delight young audiences with their wonderful stories.

Stories Change the World Mural with Hamilton Public Library
Work together to create a collaborative mural of how stories change the world.

ALL AGES


Nadia L. Hohn
Nadia lives in Toronto where she studies the arts and cultures of the African diaspora (especially Caribbean folk music). Her award-winning first picture book, Melbourne’s Costume, was published in 2016 and its sequel, Melbourne’s Winter Carnival, the following year. Nadia is presently working on the third Malaka book, as well as a young adult novel and a play.

Nadia will be launching A Little Miss Lou: How Jamaican poet Louise Bennett Coveney Found Her Voice just in time to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Louise Bennett-Coverley’s birthday.

AGES 4-8
nadialhohn.com
Twitter: @nadialhohn

Jude Johnson
Jude Johnson is one of Canada’s finest vocalists and has been performing for both adults and children for over 40 years. Jude began performing at the age of 3 in commercials, and since then has released multiple CDs and sung on albums with other well-known artists. She is the founder and director of the MAD Creative Arts School, which for 33 years has helped over 7,000 children explore their creativity through music, art, and drama.

Jude Johnsson.ca

Godfrey Nkongolo
Godfrey Nkongolo is passionate about telling Africa’s message of hope. His book Light A Candle, written with Eric Walters, is part of his life mission to promote that positive message. Light A Candle is a dual language English and Swahili picture book inspired by the founding of Tanzania. The story weaves nonfiction with fiction to tell the story of a boy coming of age in the shadow of Kilimanjaro. We are proud to be launching Light a Candle at Telling Tales.

AGES 4-8


Qin Leng
Qin Leng is a designer and illustrator with a gift for portraying the innocence of children. Qin will join the internationally-celebrated children’s entertainers Sharon and Bram to present Skinamarink at the Music Stage. In the morning you can catch Qin at The Forest of Reading Stage talking about her book The Better Tree Fort and more.

AGES 3-7
www.qinillustrations.com
Twitter: @qinleng

Lesley Livingston
Lesley Livingston is an award-winning author of teen fiction, including the Wondrous Strange trilogy, which was named one of the “100 young adult books that make you proud to be Canadian” by CBC Books. Lesley will join the Almost Epic Squad authors to talk about her addition to the series, The Almost Epic Squad: Super Sketchy. You can also catch her at the Train Station talking about the princess, captive and gladiator who leads in The Valiant.

AGES 9-12, 14+
lesleylivinston.com
Twitter: @leslivinston

Facebook: @judejohnson.arts
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Godfrey Nkongolo will be launching his latest community, just outside of Maniwaki, Quebec. Jay will be launching his latest collaboration with Robert Munsch, Bears for Breakfast, at Telling Tales. Donovan has listened closely to his Grandfather’s stories, and one morning he decides he doesn’t want a normal breakfast. He wants bears for breakfast, just like his Grandfather.

AGES 3-8
jayodjickshop.com
Twitter: @jayOdjick
Kevin Sands

Since escaping from university with a pair of degrees in theoretical physics, Kevin Sands 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

Richard Scrimger

Richard has written more than 20 books for children and adults, been translated into a dozen languages, and won more awards than he deserves. He teaches and has led workshops on five continents. His more recent titles include Wintendo Day Ever, Lucky Jonah and Ink Me. Richard will join the other Almost Epic Squad creators to launch the final book in the series, The Almost Epic Squad: Irresistible! He will also talk about his other works, including the wacky Downside Up, at the Tween Stage.

AGES 9-12
scrimger.ca
Twitter: @erichscrimger

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. Spires will be launching a world-changing new 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

Ted Staunton

Ted Staunton is the author of The Almost Epic Squad: What Blows Up. He is excited to join the other Almost Epic Squad authors on one stage to launch the fourth book in this hilarious series. When not being bookish, he’s often playing music with the Maple Leaf Champions Jug Band. He will bring his banjo and guitar to the Music Stage where he’ll present Harry and Claire’s Amazing Strogonoff and more.

AGES 8-12, 4-8
tedstauntonbooks.com

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
justorm.com
Twitter: @justormstories

Joel A. Sutherland

Be afraid—be very afraid! Join author Joel A. Sutherland for some scary ghost stories from his Haunted Canada series. Joel is a mild-mannered librarian by day and a speculative fiction writer and editor by night. He even appeared on the Canadian TV series of Wipeout. He is back with the ninth installment of Haunted Canada: Scary True Stories.

AGES 9-12
joelasutherland.com
@joelasutherland

Kevin Sylvester

Kevin Sylvester is an award-winning writer, illustrator, and broadcaster and has become a wonderful ambassador for Telling Tales. This year Kevin is joining the three other Almost Epic Squad authors to celebrate the completion of the full series, which launched with his book, Mucus Moth, last year at Telling Tales. At the Forest of Reading Stage, Kevin will talk about theNeil Flambé series and his other recent works such as Gogopeno Jr., the story of a baby monster who wants to be just like mom and protect the earth.

AGES 8-12, 4-7
kevinsylvesteronline.com
Twitter: @kevinsylvester

Telling Tales Nicola Winstanley Workshop

Join author Nicola Winstanley to discover your secret powers as a writer. This creative writing session is open to our Telling Tales Press club fans and more.

AGES 6+

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.

nathaliervachon.com
Twitter: @nathalie_vachon

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 Ng Kongolo. Eric will speak of his personal experience climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in 2011 and the inspiration for a book he 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 8-12
ericwalters.net
Twitter: @EricWalters

Janet Wilson

Janet Wilson is an author, illustrator, and artist. Join Janet as she launches her latest book, Our Rights: How Kids Are Changing the World. This powerful book shows kids that they have the power to make social change, sharing real-life stories from around the world of kids who are making a difference. Her other picture book in this series, Our Earth: How Kids Are Saving the Planet, was the winner of the Science in Society Book Award, a finalist for the Silver Birch Express, and named a Smithsonian Notable Book for 2010.

AGES 8-12
janetwilson.ca

Nicola Winstanley

Nicola Winstanley has always believed in the power of stories to bring comfort. She is the author of The Poet's Bed, A Bedtime Yarn, and Cinnamon Bear, which won an honor prize for the ERA Jack Keats New Writer Award and was shortlisted for the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award. Nicola will co-present her latest book, How to Give Your Cat a Bath in Five Easy Steps, with illustrator John Martz. Nicola lives in Hamilton, Ontario, with her family and one dog. No cats.

AGES 3+
Twitter: @NicWinstanley
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

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November 23, 2019 9:30AM-12:30PM
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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

Autograph Schedule
Meet your favourite presenters and get their autographs!

12:00
Mereille Messier & Irene Luxbacher (French) AGES 4-8
Barbara Reid AGES 6-9
Joanne Robertson AGES 6-9
1:00
Eric Hogan and Tara Hungerford
1:30
Barbara Reid
2:00
Mereille Messier & Irene Luxbacher (English) AGES 4-8
2:15
Chief Lady Bird Sunshine Tenasco
2:45
Andrew Larsen
3:30
Helaine Becker

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

Britt Wilson 2:00 – 2:30 pm

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AGES 9-12
brittwilson.com
Twitter: @britterson

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.

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Nature Tales

Nature Tales is a program of the National Geographic Society.

Nature Tales presents celebrations of the world’s best natural history and scientific writing and illustration, bringing together the greatest illustrators, reporters, and scientists to inspire a love of science and a respect for nature.

This year’s event is the 2019 Nature Tales festival, which will feature presentations, workshops, and conversations with some of the world’s leading naturalists, illustrators, and writers. The festival will take place from September 20 to 22 at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, Ontario.

The festival will include a range of activities and events, including talks, workshops, and interactive exhibits. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the science behind some of the world’s most fascinating natural phenomena, and to connect with the people who are working to protect the world’s natural resources.

Nature Tales is a unique opportunity to learn about science from the world’s best illustrators, reporters, and scientists. Whether you’re a scientist, a naturalist, or simply someone who is interested in the natural world, you’re sure to find something of interest at this year’s festival.

We hope you’ll join us for Nature Tales 2019, and that you’ll leave inspired and eager to learn more about the natural world.

Nature Tales 2019 organizers

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Helaine Becker
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AGES 8-12
helainebecker.com
Twitter: @helainebecker

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AGES 4-8
chiefladybirdart.tumblr.com
Twitter: @chiefladybird

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AGES 3-7
andrewlarsen.ca
Twitter: @larsenesque

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AGES 4-8
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mireille.ca
Twitter: @messier_et_cie

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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

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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

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Barbara Reid
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