

What's New @ Your Library?

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

This year marks the 17th anniversary of National Poetry Month in Canada. The League of Canadian Poets has decided that the theme for this year should be Food and Poetry! Inspired by Rachel Rose's inaugural speech as Vancouver's Poet Laureate, poets are encouraged to investigate the ways in which "food is personal, political, sensual and powerful."

Food nourishes, grounds and connects us, much like poetry. Without food, as without poetry, we go hungry. There is so much that can be spoken of and written about food and one's experience with it.

"It's time to write hymns to dumplings, sonnets to community gardens, love lyrics to beekeepers, odes to the food banks that fed your family while you were sick, pantoums to the lost spices of home now that you are an exile, fierce free verse about conventional chicken farming, performance poetry about guerilla gardens, hymns to the feasts your grandmother prepared, incantations about poverty and food insecurity and bohemian rhapsodies about dumpster diving." - *Rachel Rose*

I look forward to hearing your poetry in April!!

SPECIAL DISPLAYS THIS MONTH

- Co-operation
- Latin/Hispanic Heritage
- International Children's Book Day (April 2)
- International Day of Pink (April 8)
- Easter
- Passover
- Poetry
- Magic (Anti-Bullying Magic Show is on Apr. 20)
- Earth Day (April 22)
- Canada Book Day (April 23)
- New non-fiction books



A NEW LIBRARY CATALOGUE IS COMING SOON!

The new library catalogue will be available to Eglinton very soon! The new catalogue will be an online system that is available from home or school. In fact, there will also be a mobile app for students and families to download, so that it can be accessed 24/7!!

I will be getting trained on the new system on April 20, 2015. Then I will begin training students and staff on the new system. There are many great new features to the new system and I look forward to sharing them with you!

Reading can be a way to empower, inform, challenge, heal, or entertain.

OUR SILVER BIRCH TREE IS GROWING!

I hope that you have noticed our “Silver Birch Tree” growing outside the Library. There are leaves for each Silver Birch book read by an Eglinton student. There are still **three weeks** left until voting day on **April 23rd**.

Remember that you need to read at least five books in a category to vote for your favourite book.

AUTHOR VISITS AT EGLINTON

As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, Ms. Whitworth has arranged for two authors to visit the school. On April 2, Rebecca Upjohn will be doing a presentation for our kindergarten to grade 2 students. Ms. Upjohn has written many award-winning books, including Lily and the Paper Man, The Last Loon, and The Secret of the Village Fool.

Then, on April 16 and 17, Claudia Dávila will do presentations for our grade 3 to 6 students. Claudia Dávila draws comics and children’s books. We have three books written and illustrated by her in the library at this time: Luz Sees the Light, Luz Makes a Splash, and Super Red Riding Hood. We also have a number of books for which she provided the illustrations.

We are fortunate indeed to have the opportunity to meet and learn from these talented people!