



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: TORONTO LIT UP WINTER/SPRING 2021 SEASON

Submissions Period: July 31 – September 14, 2020

Submissions for Toronto Lit Up's January to June 2021 season will be accepted between July 31, 2020 and September 14, 2020. Torontonians who will be published authors within three months of the season dates are invited to apply to the programme for book launch support.

All submissions will be reviewed and adjudicated by the Toronto Lit Up Committee, composed of Ayesha Chatterjee (past president, League of Canadian Poets), Alison Jones (*Quill and Quire*) and Hazel Millar (Literary Press Group). Decisions by the committee are final.

In 2021, Toronto Lit Up seeks to revitalize our programme by supporting events in a variety of formats. Publishers can submit proposals for book launch events that include readings, interviews, panels, and/or performances in other disciplines. The author whose book is being launched will receive a CAD\$200 honorarium from Toronto Lit Up. Toronto Lit Up encourages publishers to include honorarium fees for any additional artists (performers, interviewers, hosts, etc.) in your event fee proposal.

ELIGIBILITY

As a programme funded by the Toronto Arts Council (TAC), Toronto Lit Up is designed to represent the residents of the City of Toronto and its [equity priority groups](#), which include those who identify as persons of colour, deaf persons, persons with disabilities and persons living with mental illness, Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIAP, as well as other historically underserved writers. Self-published authors who identify with one or more of TAC's equity priority groups and are members of The Writers Union of Canada are also welcome to apply.

Toronto Lit Up will feature works from various genres. The committee will be looking to include published works of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, prose, short story, graphic novels, works for children and young adults, as well as cookbooks, gardening books, sports-related stories, satire and much more. Publishers can submit more than one author for committee consideration for this programme.

Authors must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of the city of Toronto, living in the city for at least eight (8) months of the year.
- Must have been a Toronto resident for at least one (1) year prior to the launch date.
- The book publication date must be within three (3) months of the anticipated launch event date.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Complete the Toronto Lit Up online submission form at FestivalofAuthors.ca/TorontoLitUp.

Submissions will open on Friday, July 31, 2020 at 10am and be accepted until Tuesday, September 14, 2020 at 5pm. Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.

What to include with your submission?

- Author name
- Author bio
- Book title
- Genre
- Publisher
- Book summary
- Publication date
- Advanced readers copy/manuscript in PDF format (sent to <mailto:torontolitup@festivalofauthors.ca?subject=Submission - Toronto Lit Up 2021>)
- Anticipated event details (e.g., type and format of event, tentative venue, dates and time)

ABOUT TORONTO LIT UP

Toronto Lit Up is a multi-year initiative, spearheaded since 2016 by the Toronto International Festival of Authors and the Toronto Arts Council, to spotlight Toronto writers and empower local artists with career-building opportunities. Launches are open to the public and free to attend. To find events and to RSVP, visit FestivalofAuthors.ca/events. To learn more about the programme, visit FestivalofAuthors.ca/TorontoLitUp.

ABOUT TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS

The Toronto International Festival of Authors (TIFA) is Canada's longest-running literary festival, a charitable, non-for-profit cultural organization. Since 1974, the 11-day Festival has presented the finest of Canadian and international writers, artists and thinkers across the range of literary genres, offering audiences access and empowerment to meet, hear and learn from the finest contemporary writers and thinkers of our time. Alongside the flagship Festival, TIFA partners with and delivers a range of literary highlights throughout the year with a programme of events, activities and mini-festivals including Toronto Lit Up, Lit On Tour, Forest of Reading® Festival and Word On The Street. TIFA will celebrate the 41st edition of the Festival October 22 – November 1, 2020. FestivalofAuthors.ca | @FestofAuthors

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