



SWING INTO TIFA KIDS FOR STORYTIME FUN WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY

[The Toronto International Festival of Authors \(TIFA\)](#), Canada's largest and longest-running festival of words and ideas, returns to Harbourfront Centre **September 21 to October 1, 2023**.

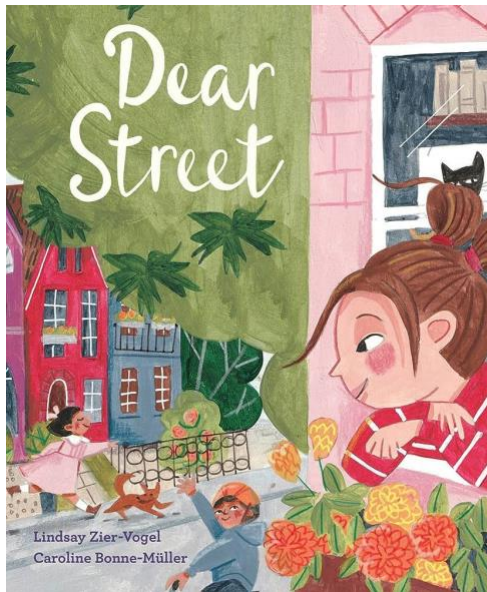
This year's Festival invites children and youth of all ages to **TIFA Kids**, with a vibrant programme the entire family can enjoy for **free**! From superheroes to graphic novels, whimsical adventures to spooky stories, in addition to arts & crafts, sing-alongs and baking, there are plenty of fun activities for the young and the young at heart.

TIFA will also present the North American premiere of All or Nothing Aerial Dance Theatre's unique one-of-a-kind experience "[The Swings](#)," a giant five-metre tall swing installation to unlock joyful childhood memories and spark imagination. Visiting all the way from the UK, The Swings will not only include scheduled aerial performances, but also an opportunity for guests to hop on and take part in a fun, interactive activity. The Swings will be fully accessible to accommodate guests of all sizes and needs.

TIFA's full programme lineup will be announced on August 22, with passes on sale to other programming events that day. School and community group bookings are also available through tickets@festivalofauthors.ca. For more information, visit FestivalOfAuthors.ca.

For interview opportunities, please contact press@touchwoodpr.com.

Below is a list of some of the TIFA Kids programme highlights:



Toronto, je t'aime / Toronto, I Love You with Lindsay Zier-Vogel

In Lindsay Zier-Vogel's new book, *Dear Street*, Alice decides to write love letters to all the things that make her neighbourhood special.

Meet the author and learn about *The Love Lettering Project*, with a chance to write your own love letter to all the best bits of your neighbourhood; then, take it and hide the letter in your favourite spot for someone else to find. You just might help them find beauty in an unexpected place.

Recommended for all ages.

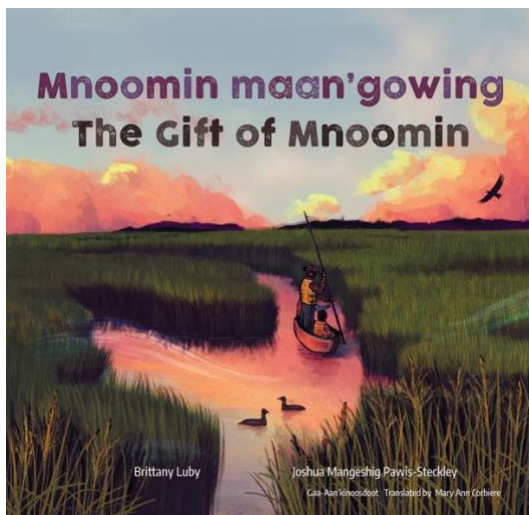


Destination Imagination with Jeremy and Jazzy

Beloved CBC Kids series *Jeremy and Jazzy* comes to life in a fun family sing-along performance!

With appearances from fan-favourite characters, kids can join Jeremy on a trip down the musical road to Creation Station where their imagination can run free. Full of whimsy and song, this family-friendly event is the perfect way to celebrate their first picture book, *Turtle and Guy*, inspired by songs from the series and told through stories, illustrations, songs and lots of laughter.

Recommended for ages 3 and up.

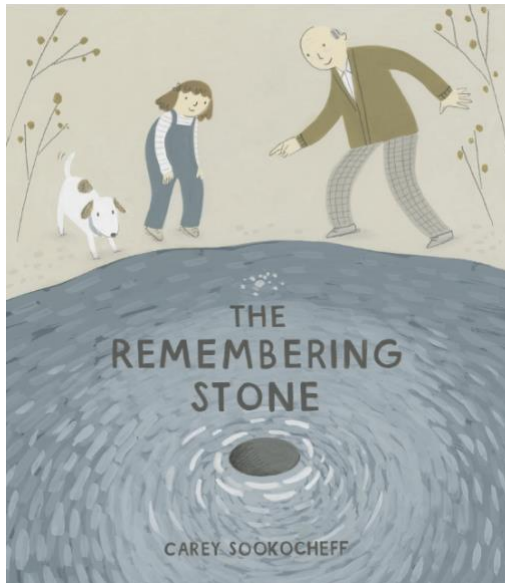


Bursting With Life: The Gift of Mnoomin with Brittany Luby

Author Brittany Luby will bring her book *Mnoomin maan'gowing / The Gift of Mnoomin* to life in an interactive storytelling and illustration session.

Written in Anishinaabemowin and English and beautifully illustrated by Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley, this story shows how just one tiny seed can give the precious gift of life to everything from the fish in the water to the families harvesting seeds from their canoes. Little readers will take a journey of discovery, full of the wonders of nature and the joys of the circle of life.

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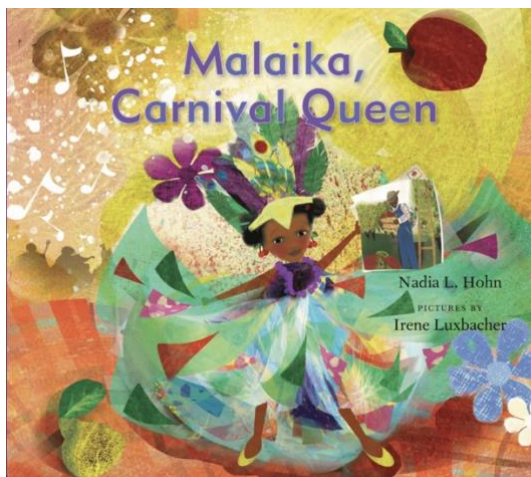


Skipping Down Memory Lane with Carey Sookocheff

In *The Remembering Stone*, Alice loves to remember the time her grandpa showed her how to skip a stone. And even after Alice's grandpa is gone, she knows that remembering those special moments will always keep his memory alive in her heart.

Illustrator and author Carey Sookocheff will share Alice's story and demonstrate how to use paint and rocks to make your very own special remembering stone.

Recommended for ages 4 and up.

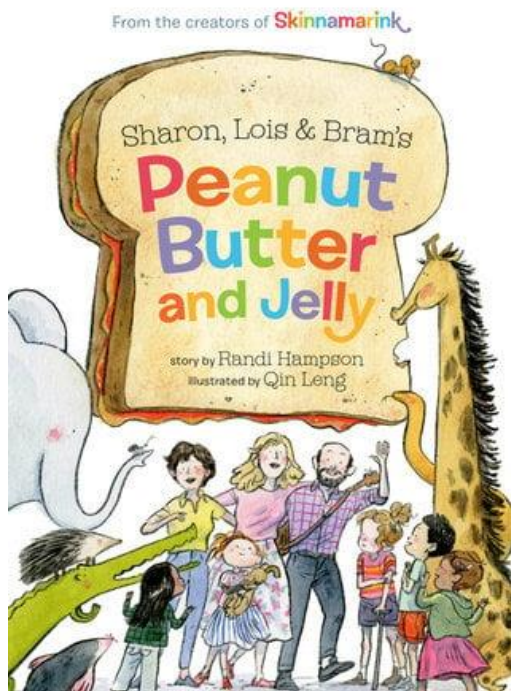


Carnival Queens & Dearest Dreams with Nadia L. Hohn & Irene Luxbacher

Best known as *Malaika's Surprise* and *Malaika's Costume* (TD Grade One Children's Book Giveaway, 2021); now, Malaika is back with another joyful tale of love, family and celebration in *Malaika, Carnival Queen!*

Author Nadia L. Hohn will bring Malaika's brand new story to life with her trademark interactive and energetic storytelling style. Joined by illustrator Irene Luxbacher to show how to make your own colourful Carnival crafts.

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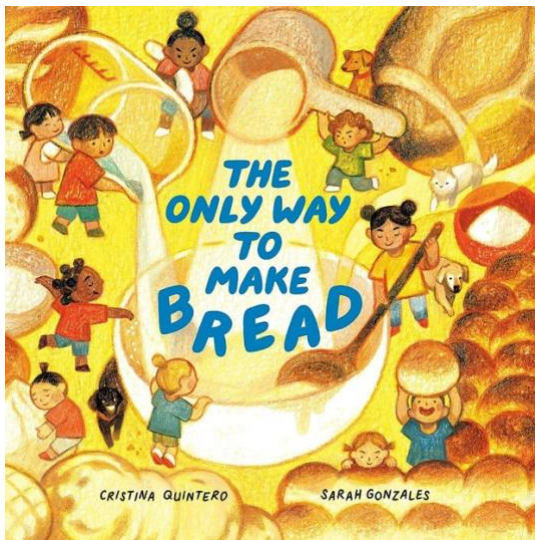


Peanut Butter Jelly Time with Sharon & Randi Hampson

In the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening, and underneath the moon, we love all things *Skinnamarink!* Original trio member Sharon Hampson (of Sharon, Lois & Bram) and her daughter Randi share their new book *Peanut Butter and Jelly*, and what better way to celebrate than with a family sing-along.

Joined by special guest, Elephant, for a nostalgic song and dance to introduce the next generation to a smorgasbord of songs and stories.

Recommended for ages 5 and up.

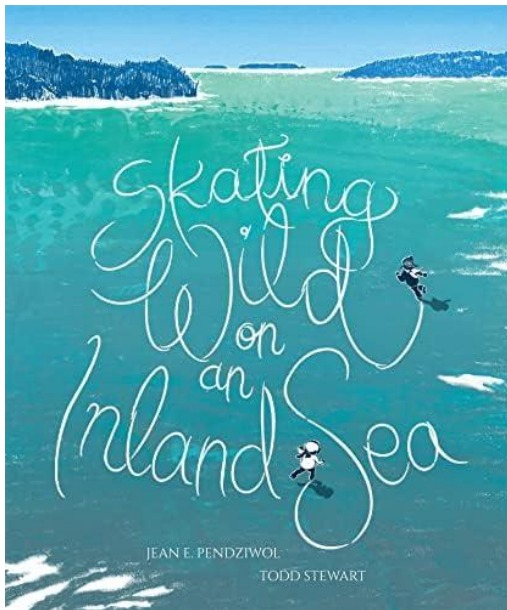


Crumpets & Cornbread & Challah, Oh My! with Cristina Quintero & Sarah Gonzalez

Come along as author Cristina Quintero and illustrator Sarah Gonzalez share tasty tales from their new book *The Only Way to Make Bread* and introduce the best baked goods from around the world.

From flatbreads to fluffy loaves, blossoming bakers will love this opportunity to tickle their taste buds and learn how to make their very own bread dough to bring home and bake!

Recommended for ages 5 and up.

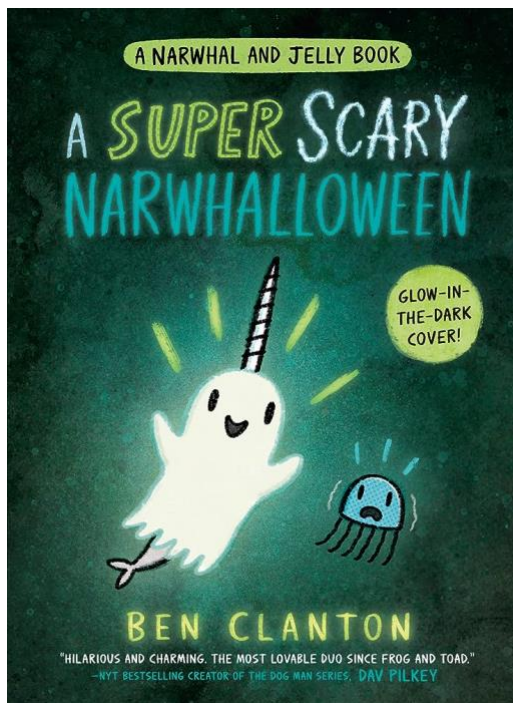


Frosty Frozen Fun with Jean E. Pendziwol

Bundle up and strap on skates as author Jean E. Pendziwol journeys on a snow-covered chilly adventure through her new book *Skating Wild on an Inland Sea*.

Featuring breathtaking illustrations by Todd Stewart, young animal lovers and budding explorers will be enchanted by the wintry wonderland that comes to life in this frosty storytelling and crafting session.

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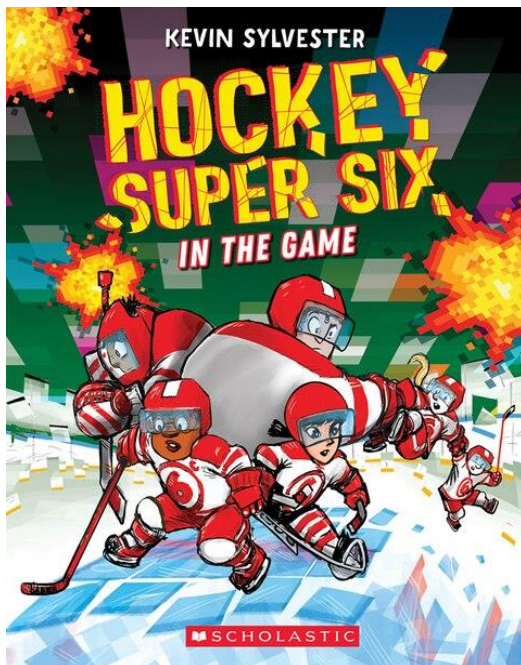


Narwhal & Jelly's Tricks and Treats with Ben Clanton

Unlikely best buds Narwhal and Jelly are ready for spooky season ... even if Jelly would prefer to hunker down in a hidey-hole until fright night is over! Creator Ben Clanton has plenty of treats and tricks up his sleeve in the eighth installment of this blockbuster graphic novel series, *A Super Scary Narwhalloween*. Dress up as a favourite character and join for a boatload of deep-sea frights and delights.

Audiences will learn how to draw under-the-sea superfriends Narwhal and Jelly and prepare for the scariest night of the year.

Recommended for ages 6 and up.

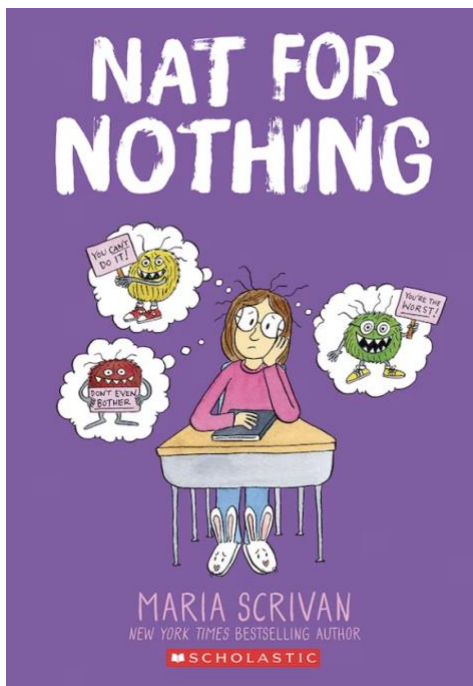


Sticking It to the Bad Guys: A Hockey Super Six Extravaganza with Kevin Sylvester

The Hockey Super Six are back and ready to stick it to the bad guys once again. In their fifth action-packed adventure, *In the Game*, this supercrew of hockey superstars strap on their skates and face off against the evilest of evil-doers ... in virtual reality!

Make sure to wear your helmets because creator Kevin Sylvester will have you falling out of your chairs with laughter. He'll show his sketching skills, reveal his wildest ideas, and answer questions.

Recommended for ages 8 and up.

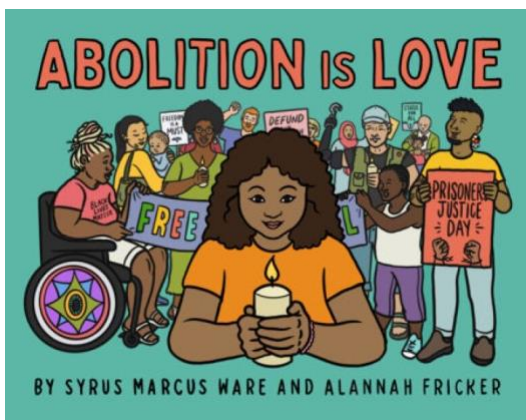


The BFFs Club with Maria Scrivan

In Maria Scrivan's new graphic novel, *Nat for Nothing*, Natalie is struggling to find her footing when it comes to after-school activities. Nat can't quite figure out where she fits in ... until she makes a new friend who may help her crush her extracurricular crisis.

Whether a drama kid or a sports star, a bookworm or a bass player, readers will love this peek inside Nat's world and a chance to learn how to create your very own comic strip.

Recommended for ages 8 and up.

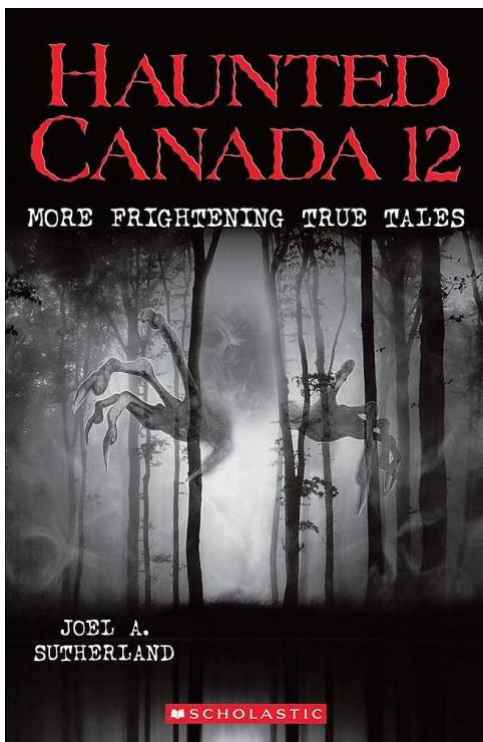


Justice for All with Dr. Syrus Marcus Ware & Alannah Fricker

Guests can channel their inner activist and create their very own zine for change.

Join the creators of *Abolition is Love* Dr. Syrus Marcus Ware and Alannah Fricker for a zine-making workshop for all ages focused on ideas of social justice. Whether passionate about politics or enthusiastic about ecology, come with a cause and learn how you can spread a message of social justice in a crafty, colourful way.

Recommended for ages 10 and up.



The Spooky Spirits & Ghastly Ghouls of Canada with Joel A. Sutherland

With Halloween right around the corner, these spooky stories will send shivers down your spine and make you realize there's plenty of reasons to be afraid of the dark.

From mischievous spirits to haunted cabins, author Joel A. Sutherland brings *Haunted Canada 12*, a collection of terrifying tales from across Canada.

Recommended for ages 10 and up.



The Storydrop

Drop in to a free activity space and stay as long as you like! With plenty of arts and crafts activities for all ages and a cosy, quiet reading nook, it's the perfect place to take a break from the buzz. Open throughout the day on weekends.

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