

## BC SRC 2019: Imagine the Possibilities!

### Booklists

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Burnaby Public Library



Canadian author or illustrator



Available as Audiobook



BC author or illustrator



Available from NNELS



Partner Recommendations



Available from CELA

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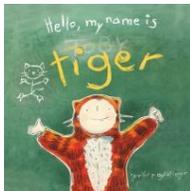
## WEEK 1: STEP INTO THE PAGES! - STORYTELLING, ROLE-PLAYING, AND HISTORY

### Ages 3-5



**The Library Book** by Tom Chapin and Michael Mark (authors), Chuck Groenink (illustrator)

Saturday morning, rain is pouring? Have no fear! Follow one young girl's adventures through the library where all her old friends and characters are waiting for her. This book uses rhymes and a catchy repeatable chorus to explore the wonders that can be found in the library.



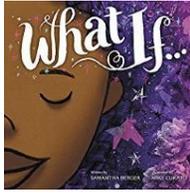
**Hello, My Name is Tiger** by Jennifer P. Goldfinger (author and illustrator)

A boy named Toby enjoys pretending to be cat more than he likes being a boy. This is a thoughtful story about friendship, with an isolated child finding acceptance when he meets other like-minded children at school.



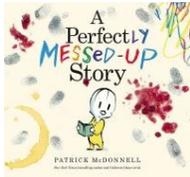
**Little Bot and Sparrow** by Jake Parker (author and illustrator)

After a little robot is thrown out with the trash, he begins a journey of discovery when a friendly sparrow helps him find a new place in the world. This book has great illustrations and a simply written narrative showing that even when your friends are not there, they are still with you.



**What If...** by Samantha Berger (author) and Mike Curato (illustrator)

This beautifully written rhyming book is an ode to creativity and storytelling, showing how other mediums are available for storytelling beyond a simple pencil and paper.



**A Perfectly Messed Up Story** by Patrick McDonnell (author and illustrator)

Little Louie tries to tell his story, but he keeps getting interrupted by an inconsiderate reader. A clever and funny read aloud by the creator of the comic strip MUTTS.



**The Magic Boat** by Kit Pearson & Katherine Farris (authors).

In this beautifully illustrated picture book, a young child overcomes her shyness to make a new friend, and together they go on adventures in an abandoned blue boat on the beach.

 Authors  Orca  NNELS



**The Girl and the Wolf** by Katherena Vermette (author)

This picture book for young children is an empowering Indigenous twist on a classic wolf narrative.

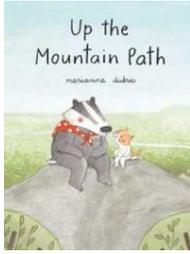
 Author  Orca  CELA (on order)



**Zoe and the Fawn** by Catherine Jameson (author)

Zoe and her father find a lone fawn in the forest in this picture book for young readers.

 Author  Orca



**Up the Mountain Path** by Marianne Dubuc (author/illustrator)

Mrs. Badger, an avid collector and naturalist, takes a weekly journey up to Sugarloaf Peak, greeting her friends on the way and sharing her discoveries with them. Up the Mountain Path offers a profound story full of lessons about love, generosity, and following one's heart.



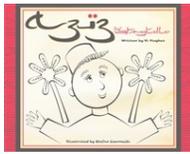
Author/illustrator



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**Aziz the Storyteller** by Vi Hughes (author) and Stefan Czernecki (illustrator)

In this enchanting tale set in the Middle East, all the stories are woven into a magic carpet waiting to be told. When young Aziz learns that he is to become the new storyteller, he is forced to make a decision that will change his life forever.



Author and illustrator

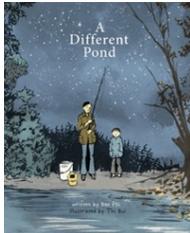


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**Ages 6-8**



**A Different Pond** by Bao Phi (author) and Thi Bui (illustrator)

A Different Pond tells the story of an immigrant boy and his father rising early to go fishing. The boy is proud to help his father catch food for their family and listens to him as he reminisces about fishing with his brother in Vietnam.



**All the Way to Havana** by Margarita Engle (author) and Mike Curato (illustrator)

This book is about a family taking a car-trip to Havana to celebrate the birth of a baby cousin. Its beautiful imagery, colour and use of onomatopoeia create great opportunities for storytime fun.



**Lost and Found Cat** by Doug Kuntz and Amy Shrodes (authors), Sue Cornelison (illustrator). Available in audiobook.

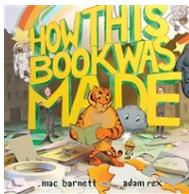
A refugee family loses their beloved family cat on their dangerous journey to Canada. In a twist of incredible luck, the cat is found and begins its long journey to be reunited with its family. This story is inspired by true events.

 Audiobook



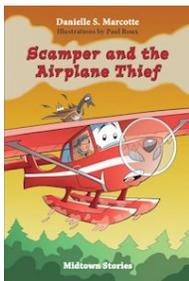
**The X-Files: Earth Children Are Weird** by Chris Carter (original creator of characters) and Kim Smith (illustrator - CA)

This story follows a young Fox Mulder and Dana Scully as they play-investigate the scary sounds they hear in their backyard. Are these noises the result of their overactive imaginations or are they real? The truth is out there.



**How This Book Was Made** by Mac Barnett (author) and Adam Rex (illustrator)

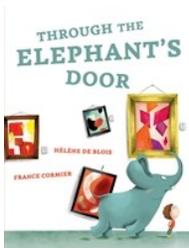
This book creatively presents the process a story goes through when transforming from an idea to a book. The illustrations are immersive, funny, and sometimes bordering on ridiculous.



**Scamper and the Airplane Thief** by Danielle Marcotte (author) and Paul Raux (illustrator)

When a student at the flight school runs away with Scamper, a Luscombe 8f, the little seaplane saves the day. Learn about flight.

 author and  illustrator  Midtown



**Through the Elephant's Door** by Helene de Blois (author) and France Cormier (illustrator)

A young child takes his elephant on a trip to the museum, where they are closely followed by a suspicious guard.

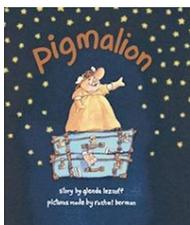
 author and  illustrator  Orca  NNEELS



**Mary Poppins** by P. L. Travers (author) and Genevieve Godbout (illustrator)

When the East Wind blows Mary Poppins over Cherry Tree Lane and into the lives of the Banks children, nothing is ever the same! This picture book adaptation of the original novel is full of Mary's unique brand of whimsical adventure: There's a tea party on the ceiling, a visit to the night zoo, and a trip to a mysterious shop that sells stars.

 Illustrator  Raincoast

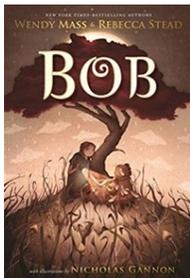


**Pigmalion** by Glenda Leznoff & Rachel Berman

Juliet the piglet knows she is destined for the stage, but there's a problem: she suffers from stage fright.

 author  Illustrator  Tradewind

## Ages 9-12



**Bob** by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead (authors), Nicholas Gannon (illustrator). Available in audiobook.

When Livy returns to her grandmother's house she finds a lost companion – a creature in a homemade chicken suit named Bob, who she had left in a closet on the promise that she would return one day. With a well-paced plot and a great cast of well-written supporting characters, Bob is a dual-perspective story of rekindling old friendships and the return of past memories that could serve as clues to Bob's origins.

 Audiobook



**Small Spaces** by Katherine Arden (author). Available in audiobook.

When Olivia “Ollie” Alder sees a book about to be thrown into her favorite swimming hole she does what any normal child with a love for reading would do, she steals it. But things start to get weird as she becomes more and more absorbed by the story she finds within, about the creepy Smiling Man. Things begin to get scary on a class field-trip when she and her class are left alone on their school bus at night. Is the story of the Smiling Man fiction or real? *Small Spaces* is a page-turning atmospheric horror novel that has well-written characters and a slow-burning plot.

 Audiobook



**Inkling** by Kenneth Oppel (author - CA) and Sydney Smith (illustrator - CA). Available in audiobook.

*Inkling* is a multi-perspective story of an ink blotch come to life and a boy named Ethan, who lives in the shadow of his artist father. Ethan, his sister Sarah, and the inkling form an unusual friendship as the ink blotch learns to communicate and helps the siblings cope with the tragedy of the recent death of their mother. *Inkling* tells the story of an artist's journey to find his/her own voice.

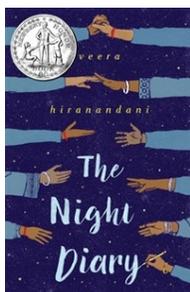
 Audiobook



**The Journey of Little Charlie** by Christopher Paul Curtis (author). Available in audiobook and through NNELS.

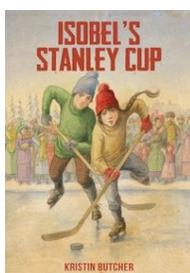
To pay a family debt, a southern boy named Charlie agrees to help track down a group of fugitives. Everything seems to be going fine until Charlie realizes that he is tracking down a family of slaves who escaped to find freedom in Canada. This briskly paced and complex story is based on true events. The derogatory term “darkie” is used throughout.

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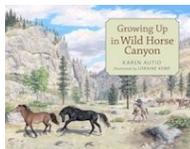
**The Night Diary** by Veera Hiranandani (author). Available in audiobook.

Written in the form of a young girl's diary, this is a story about the separation of India and Pakistan after it was granted independence from the British Empire. The protagonist comes from a mixed (Hindu and Muslim) background, which provides a good perspective to examine both sides of the conflict. The Night Diary explores themes such as conflicts of faith, the value of family, what it means to be human, and the devastation of loss.



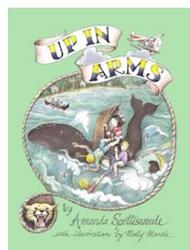
**Isobel's Stanley Cup** by Kristin Butcher

Isobel Harkness wants to play hockey with her brothers. But it's 1893, and her father thinks hockey is only for boys. She plays anyway and begins to shine on the ice, proving that hockey is a sport for girls. This novel for 7- to 10-year-olds was inspired by Isobel Stanley's role in the history of hockey.



**Growing Up in Wild Horse Canyon** by Karen Autio

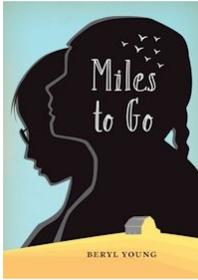
In a hidden canyon in the Okanagan Valley, a ponderosa pine tree sprouts. The tree grows, witness to generations of human history, from First Nations quests to fur brigades, horse wrangling, secret wartime commando training, to the firestorm of 2003. A unique way to present history to 7- to 10-year-olds.



**Up in Arms** by Amanda Spottiswoode (author) and Molly March (illustrator)

The year is 1940, and the MacTavish and Phillips children have returned to the BC coast - this time to be kept safe from the war in Europe. They head to the remote settlement of Boat Basin, where their host, Captain Gunn, is involved in top-secret military work at a nearby lighthouse. Soon enough, the kids discover that rather than sitting out the war in a safe, quiet place, they may have landed their biggest adventure yet.





**Miles to Go** by Beryl Young

Anna and Maggie are best friends growing up in a small Saskatchewan town in 1948. During a year filled with the challenges of school and family tensions, the only thing they can count on is their friendship. But when tragedy strikes Anna's family, their loyalty to one another is put to the test. Based on a true story.

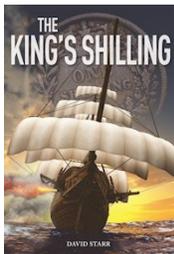
 author  Heritage House



**The Journey Forward, Novellas on Reconciliation** by Richard Van Camp and Monique Gray Smith (authors) and Julie Flett (illustrator)

When We Play Our Drums, They Sing! / Lucy & Lola (novellas are bound together in a "flipbook" format). Two award-winning voices. Two stories on Residential schools and reconciliation. Two amazing covers. One unforgettable book. CODE Burt Award Honour Book for 2018.

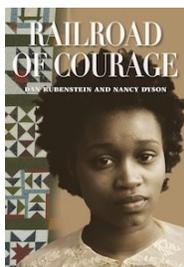
  authors  illustrator  McKellar and Martin



**The King's Shilling** by David Starr (author)

Duncan Scott is forced to take the "King's Shilling" and serve in epic battles in the Baltic and against Napoleon's fleet in the Mediterranean, fighting not only for his own survival but for England itself.

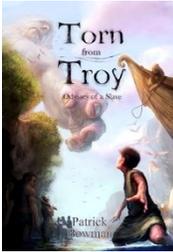
 author  Ronsdale



**Railroad of Courage** by Dan Rubenstein & Nancy Dyson (authors)

Twelve-year-old Rebecca makes a daring escape from slavery on the Underground Railroad to Canada, led by the famous Harriet Tubman, aided along the way by compassionate abolitionists.

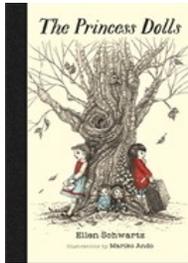
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**Torn from Troy** by Patrick Bowman (author)

Homer's *Odyssey* told from the point of view of not the Greeks but a Trojan boy who has been made slave by Odysseus. On the voyage to Ithaca, the boy must decide what his role will be when they meet the Cicones, the Lotus Eaters, and especially Cyclops.

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**The Princess Dolls** by Ellen Schwartz (author) & Mariko Ando (illustrator)

Two young friends have a conflict over the princess dolls and ultimately separated by the internment of the Japanese.

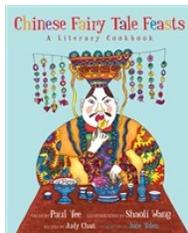
 author and illustrator  Tradewind



**Seeking Refuge** by Irene Watts (author) & Kathryn Shoemaker (illustrator)

An 11-year-old Jewish girl travels alone from Berlin to Great Britain in the Kindertransport of 1938.

 author and illustrator  Tradewind



**Chinese Fairy Tale Feasts** by Paul Yee (author) & Shaoli Wang (illustrator)

In this enchanting collection of fairy tales, including original stories and interpretations of Chinese folklore by master storyteller Paul Yee, a glorious procession of characters—peasants, ghosts, merchants, demons, villagers and kings—make their appearance. Each tale is followed by a recipe for a traditional Chinese dish.

 author and illustrator  Tradewind  NNELS