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On November 4, 2026, I Read Canadian Day Returns with FREE Author Readings!

I Read Canadian Day is a national celebration of Canadian books for young people, with the goal of introducing great Canadian kids to great Canadian books.

New for 2026:

In the tradition of World Read Aloud Day, Canadian authors and illustrators will volunteer short virtual readings of their books in classrooms and libraries across Canada. Over a 15–20-minute video call, these creators will introduce themselves, read from one of their books, and open the floor to students' questions. They'll wrap up by recommending some other Canadian books hand-picked for their audience.

Are you an educator who'd love to bring a Canadian book creator into your classroom or library—for free?

In late August 2026, a spreadsheet of participating authors and illustrators will be posted on the I Read Canadian Day website. [Sign up](#) here to receive an email alert when the list goes public. **We will not share your email address or use it for any other purpose.**

Once you've reviewed the spreadsheet, you'll contact your chosen creators to schedule FREE virtual readings on November 4, 2026.

For more information:

- Visit <https://ireadcanadian.com>
- Email us at IRCbookcreators@gmail.com

I Read Canadian Day began in 2020 as a collaboration between the Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC); children's author Eric Walters; CANSCAIP (Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators and Performers); and the Ontario Library Association (OLA.) In 2025, OLA assumed ownership of the programming and has now partnered with volunteer book creators to focus the initiative on author readings.