

IMPORTANT COMMUNIQUÉ

Sept 1, 2026

On November 4, 2026, I Read Canadian Day Returns with a New Initiative for Canadian Kidlit Creators

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. These 15–20-minute video calls will include a short introduction, a reading, a Q&A period, and a closing recommendation of some other Canadian kidlit the audience may love.

Want to participate?

If you're a Canadian author or illustrator who'd like to offer FREE virtual readings on I Read Canadian Day, fill out [this form](#) by Sept 30th, 2026.

If you're an educator who'd like to participate, [sign-up](#) to receive an email with a link to a spreadsheet showing author availability in late August.

For more information:

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

Context: 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.)