

Forest of Reading 2024

I am very excited to announce the launch of the **2024 Forest of Reading** English reading program at Edward Johnson! Over the next couple of weeks, students will be coming to the library to be introduced to this year's reading lists. Here's a bit of information on how the program works:

- The various Forest of Reading Awards are presented to Canadian authors every year based on votes cast by students across Ontario for their favorite book.
- A panel of librarians across Ontario select titles for the reading lists each year. These lists consist of an array of the best in Canadian Children's Literature for the year, and give your child the opportunity to read a variety of good quality books.
- Reading lists are divided to match the reading and interest levels of different age groups.
 - The **Silver Birch** list is a list of fiction titles for students in **grades 5-6**
 - The **Yellow Cedar** list is a list of nonfiction titles for students in **grades 5-6**
 - The **Silver Birch Express** list is a mixed list of fiction and nonfiction titles for students in **grades 3-4**.
 - The **Blue Spruce** list is a read aloud program for students in grades 1-2
- This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage your child to read the best of current Canadian literature. Copies of all listed books are available in your child's classroom, on Sora, at the Guelph Public Library, as well as at bookstores.
- **To qualify to vote in any 1 category**, students must simply read a minimum of 5 books on any 1 list, and comment on the book in their classroom comment book. Voting this year will be on April 28th, and will be done during school hours in the library.
- **Book lists and summaries** are available at [Nominated Lists – Forest of Reading](#)

I hope that many students will take advantage of this wonderful reading opportunity!

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