

## The Blue Spruce Award™ 2018 @ Brockville Public Library

Dear parent/guardian,

As part of the Ontario Public Library Association's Forest of Reading®, the Brockville Public Library will be offering **The Blue Spruce Award™** reading program this year. The Blue Spruce Award™ program brings recently published Canadian children's picture books to Ontario children in **kindergarten through grade two**. This program promotes reading for enjoyment and begins to develop the reader's skill in evaluating a picture book based on story, text and pictures. The Forest of Reading programs encourage Ontario children and teens to explore a variety of current Canadian books and to give them the opportunity to have a voice in the selection of the winning titles each year.

The Blue Spruce Award™ reading club will meet at the Brockville Public Library six Saturday mornings (**February 3 & 17, March 3, 17 & 31, April 7**) from 10:00am–10:45am. At each meeting, we will read and discuss a few of the selected titles and participants will have the opportunity to share their opinions of the books with their peers. At the final meeting in April, members will vote for their favourite book. The votes are submitted to the Ontario Library Association and will be used to determine the winning title for this year.

The purpose of the Forest of Reading program is to encourage participants to explore new reading challenges and discuss their ideas in a relaxed, fun environment. Please contact me at the library if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Interests \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent's Commitment** (please read and sign)

I will encourage participation and arrange to have my child at the sessions on time. I understand that my child will attend this program independently but I will stay within the library or provide a number I can be reached at for the duration of the program.

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Brockville Public Library by  
**Friday, January 19, 2018.**

For more information contact Lisa Cirka at 613-342-3936 ext. 6424 or [lisa@brockvillelibrary.ca](mailto:lisa@brockvillelibrary.ca)