

## The Silver Birch 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 Silver Birch Award®** reading program this year. 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. Between January and April, participants are encouraged to read from a selected list and then vote for their favourite books. To be eligible for voting in each category, children must read a minimum of five books from the nominated list. Winners are announced at a special award ceremony in Toronto in May.

The Silver Birch Award® program is developed for children in grades 3-6 and celebrates Canadian authors and illustrators while encouraging a love of reading. The Silver Birch Award® book club will meet at the Brockville Public Library six Saturday mornings (**February 3 & 17, March 3, 17 & 31, April 7**) from 11:00am – 11:45am. As library materials will be borrowed during the program, each participant must have a valid library card.\* At the meetings, participants will have the opportunity to exchange books and share their opinions of the books they have read. Voting and a celebration will take place at the final meeting in April.

The purpose of the Forest of Reading programs 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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\* Brockville Public Library cards are FREE for all Brockville residents and all students attending school in Brockville. Please contact me if you have any questions about registering your child for a library card.

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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.

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

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

For more information contact Lisa Cirka at 613-342-3936 ext. 6424 or lisa@brockvillelibrary.ca.