

FESTIVAL MAP - SEE AND DO - FESTIVAL SCHEDULE - EXHIBITORS AND MORE

Festival Guide

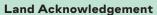


Royal Botanical Gardens | Hendrie Park Oct 4 & 5, 2025 | 9:45 AM-5 PM

FREE ENTRY WITH REGISTRATION

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Telling Tales takes place in Royal Botanical Gardens' Hendrie Park, where people have lived and told stories for thousands of years. It is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinaabe, the Wendat, and the Neutral peoples. Today it is home to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Six Nations of the Grand River, and to many other Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.





WHAT IS TELLING TALES?

Our mission is to deliver outstanding literary programming for children and youth that raises awareness of the importance of literacy in our communities.

Our vision is to inspire a love of reading, empower storytellings, and provide exposure to diverse perspectives, in order to improve literacy, critical thinking, and dialogue skills for all children and youth.

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AUTOGRAPH SCHEDULES

	AGES 0-8 at A Different Drummer Books			
	SAT OCT 4		SUN OCT 5	
10:30 AM	Lana Button		Aimee Reid	
11:00 AM	Melanie Florence		Willie Poll	
	Anna Humphrey		Alina Tysoe	
11:30 AM	Kid Haile		Casey Lyall	
12:00 PM	Willie Poll		Leonarda Carranza	
	Lana Button			
1:00 PM	Tanya Tagaq		Matthew Forsythe	
2:00 PM	Danielle Chaperon		Ashley Barron	
2:15 PM	Adam Pottle ಶ		Kari-Lynn Winters	
	Tiffani Brown			Z
2:30 PM	Ovila Fontaine		Karen Krossing	
3:00 PM	Sandra Lamouche		Sandra Lamouche	
3:15 PM	Andrew Larsen			
3:30 PM	Sonya Bell		Danielle Chaperon	
4:00 PM	Wendy J. Whittingham		Thao Lam	
4:15 PM	Howie Shia		Kari-Lynn Winters	
4:30 PM	Anitha Rao-Robinson		Ovila Fontaine	

EB AGES 9-13+ at Epic Books

	SAT OCT 4	SUN OCT 5
11:00 AM	Maria Marianayagam	Matteo L. Cerilli
12:00 PM	Wesley King	Wanda Taylor
	Paul Coccia	Coltrane Seesequasis
	Farah Heron	
	Cale Plett	
1:15 PM	Liselle Sambury	Matt Beam
	Sara de Waard	Jen Ferguson
2:30 PM	Emily Deibert	Brooklin Stormie
	Hamilton Verse Creators (x4)	Sarah Raughley
3:45 PM	Jen Ferguson	Stephanie Sinclair
	Cheryl Isaacs	
4:45 PM	Mary Averling	
5:00 PM	Victoria Evans	
	Adrienne Kress	
	Sid Sharp	

4:00-5:00 PM

4:45 PM













art+music+food

SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 13 - 23, 2025 www.aghfest.com

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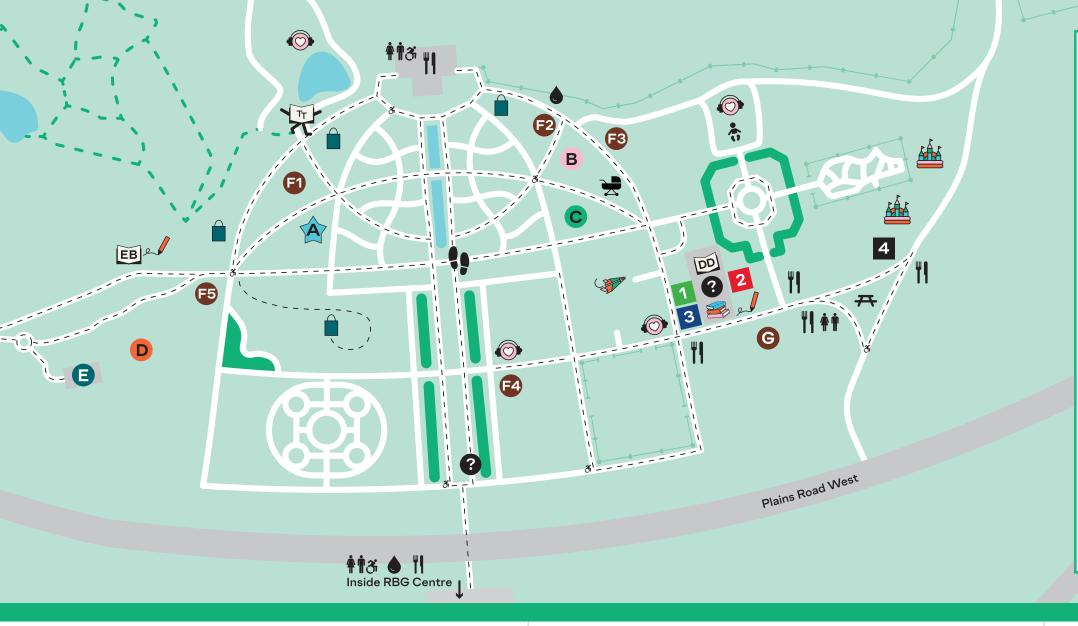
CREATIVITY PARTNERS

- ► Hamilton Public Library 🗗 Join HPL for interactive STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) fun! Explore bubbles, buttons, and more. Don't miss Storytime with HPL-check the Festival Schedule for Storytime with HPL showtimes. AGES 0-8
- ► The City of Hamilton Children's and Community Services Division, EarlyON Child and Family Centres [1] Explore big ideas through big play! Children can build with loose parts, play with sensory materials, and enjoy infant-friendly experiences designed to spark creativity, movement, and discovery. AGES 0-8
- ► Workers Arts & Heritage Centre F2 Saturday Only | Create a felt pennant banner celebrating community and identity. Design, cut, and glue your own colourful piece using guided materials. Plan for 30–45 minutes to complete your banner and take it home once dry. AGES 6-8
- ► Art Gallery of Burlington F2 Sunday Only Draw your own graphic novel using ink, brushes, and templates! Be inspired by the gardens and your imagination as you turn ideas into bold, illustrated stories. Materials provided for one graphic novel per participant. AGES 6-8
- ▶ Burlington Public Library F3 Enjoy puppet show fun with BPL's talented troupe, then get crafty making your own puppets with the children's programming staff. Puppet shows run throughout the weekend-check the Festival Schedule for Puppet Show with BPL showtimes, AGES 0-6
- ▶ BurlingtonGreen 🔁 Drop in to make your own native wildflower seed balls and learn how you can help protect and nurture butterflies and other pollinators. AGES 6-13+
- Nature Discovery Walk with Burlington Green Join a 30 minute guided walk to discover fascinating facts about nature all around us. Check the Festival Schedule for tour times. ALL AGES

- Dundas Valley School of Art 4 Sunday Only | Join DVSA in the Creativity Zone for art-making fun! Tell your story through pictures and let your imagination guide you in this hands-on workshop. AGES 6-12
- ▶ Imagine In The Park F4 Try hands-on, guided workshops led by professional local artists. Explore different art forms and create something special in a collaborative, creative environment, AGES 6-12
- ► Hamilton Music Collective F5 Sunday Only | Drop into the beat-making tent and create music with real digital instruments. Try your hand at electronic production with guidance from music instructors. Up to four people can jam together. ALL AGES
- ▶ Dan Lawrie International Sculpture Collection Tour Take a guided tour of the Dan Lawrie International Sculpture Collection at Hendrie Park with an RBG volunteer. These captivating creations from artists around the world weave tales that harmonize with the lush surroundingscheck the Festival Schedule for tour times. ALL AGES
- Munsch Sensory Zone Step into the playful and creative world of Robert Munsch, in this sensory-friendly space, sponsored by Scholastic Canada. Enjoy audiobook storytelling, paper airplane crafts, and a quiet reading nook-perfect for recharging and imaginative play. ALL AGES

LIVE PERFORMANCES

- ► Arts For All presents Kinderfest featuring Carousel Players G Step into Drama Garden, a playful theatre experience for kids! Enjoy live performances and interactive play with puppets, music, and a junk xylophone. Explore creativity through storytelling and imaginative sound—check the Festival Schedule for showtimes. **ALL AGES**
- **Burlington Student Theatre | BST is** a community-based program for youth. Join in the fun with wandering literary characters brought to life including: Alice (in Wonderland), Captain Hook, and many more! ALL AGES



MAP KEY

Performance Areas

- Main Stage (All Ages)
- B Read Together Tent (Ages 0-6)
- © Early Reader Tent (Ages 6-8)
- Preteen Tent (Ages 9-12)
- E Young Adult Tent (Ages 13+)
- Creativity Zones
- Arts For All Kinderfest Theatre

Sponsor Hubs

- 1 TD Bank Group
- 2 Access Storage
- 3 Cogeco
- 4 Corus Radio (Y108, Energy 95.3)

Books, Books, Books!

- Official Bookseller (Ages 0-8) A Different Drummer Books
- EB Official Bookseller (Ages 9-13+) Epic Books
- Book Swap & Shop | Échange et achat de livres

GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

Burlington

Fun Stuff

- Quieter Spaces
- Exhibitor Grove
- Dan Lawrie International Sculpture Collection Tour
- Nature Discovery Walk with Burlington Green
- Self-Guided StoryWalk: feat. T is for Terry: An ABC of Courage, by Denise Dias
- Autograph Tent
- The World of Munsch Sensory Zone
- Active Zone: Bouncy Castles

Good to Know

- 3-_ Accessible Path (No stairs, some grassy areas)
- Info Booth & Merch
- **††**3 Washrooms
- * Nursing Station
- Stroller Parking
- ♦ Water Bottle Filling Station
- | Food Vendor
- The Picnic Tables



For all ages, because great tales never grow old.

CO-HOSTS





MAJOR PARTNERS















































SEE AND DO

- Engage in inclusive multi-sensory activities at Telling Tales Programming Tents across the Festival (now with bigger and more spacious tents for our Early Readers and Preteens). These "yes spaces" are designed to be engaging and welcoming for the needs of Neurodivergent children and their families.
- Each Programming Tent will also have a designated Regulation Station for children that prefer to be slightly removed from amplified sounds and would like to use Telling Tales' collection of fidget toys and colouring sheets.
- Check out your own Sensory Kit as you enter the Festival at our Information Booth
- ASL interpreters will be on-site at all Telling Tales Programming Tents on Saturday, and interpreters will be available to support guests arriving at Registration.
- Need some quiet time? Head to one of our ♠ Quieter Spaces identified on the Festival Map.
- ➤ Enjoy live theatre around the park with the Arts For All presentation of ★ Kinderfest theatre for young minds featuring Carousel Players with Drama Garden (11:30am-12:00pm, 1:45-2:15pm, and 3:00-3:30pm) and Burlington Student Theatre wandering Literary Characters.
- Visit The World of Munsch
 Sensory Zone, and discover the world
 of Robert Munsch's beloved stories
 and newest release, The Perfect Paper
 Airplane in a sensory friendly space
 with audiobooks, a reading nook and
 a Paper Airplane Creation Station.

- ▶ Join all of our authors directly following their presentations at one of our ♠ Autograph Tents.
- Join our Scavenger Hunt-pick up a card at the info booth and win a book from Scholastic Canada.
- Come check out the great selection of lightly used English and French books to swap with or buy at the ■ Book Swap & Shop | Échange et achat de livres presented in partnership with Centre francophone Hamilton.
- ▶ Visit Exhibitor Grove for activities and information from community groups, authors, book lovers, and more. See page 11 for Exhibitor Listings.
- ► Head to one of our **②** Creativity Zones to enjoy multi-arts activities presented by local arts organizations.
- Visit the major partners of the 17th annual Telling Tales Festival for fun activities and giveaways from 1 TD Bank Group,
 3 Cogeco, 2 Access Storage, and
 4 Corus Radio.
- Fill out our online survey to win great prizes! /





Join us **virtually** this fall for three exciting illustration workshops featuring three amazing Canadian illustrators!

- Each illustrator will read their book and share their journey to becoming a professional illustrator, speaking to their unique art style! This live-streamed workshop is FREE to registered classrooms, educators, and aspiring artists anywhere in the world.
- Each workshop will also feature a creative project to keep the storytelling going at home!
- Scan the QR code to visit our website for more information on each featured creator and registration links!





MARK YOUR CALENDARS
9:15 AM ET | Nov 5, Nov 19, and Dec 3
TellingTales.org



EXHIBITOR GROVE LISTINGS

Authors

Mari Pili Rey

Mary Catherine Rolston aka Fairy Dazzle

Paige Adkins

Star Ship Press

Storyay — Sara Furlong

& Keith Grachow

Suzie Sunshine

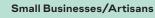
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& Little Light Books

Timothy's Lessons

Windy Acres Workshop

& The Hat Monster



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Goldfish Swim School

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