

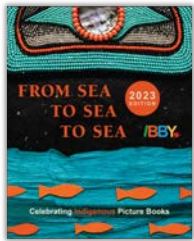


As our work begins to welcome the world to Ottawa in 2026 for the 40th IBBY World Congress, we continue to grow in our partnerships and programming—and in our dedication to create a more inclusive and equitable world by connecting children to books that spark imagination, challenge thinking, and promote friendship and understanding between cultures around the world. Thank you for being part of our growing network of support—and for helping all this good work to happen! We are delighted to share with you this year's highlights.

Highlights of 2023



Bringing books and children together



With the launch of *From Sea to Sea to Sea: Celebrating Indigenous Picture Books, Third Edition*, featuring 25 of the finest books by First Nations, Métis and Inuit creators published between 2020-2022.

With the donation of the books from the Third Edition to four libraries across Canada serving Indigenous children. And thanks to supporters' generosity and a [IBBY-Yamada Fund grant](#), we secured the full funding to create educator resources and a children's activity kit—along with virtual and in-person events!—next year.



Through Reading with Newcomer Children (RWNC) programming. A special shout-out to Shawna Davis, Chris Hadfield, Kyo Maclear, and Jack Wong for sharing their books with us; to Commander Hadfield for providing a smile-inducing video for the children; and to Patrick Sullivan, Task Force Co-Chair from [REFORMA Children in Crisis](#), who joined our fall volunteer kickoff and spoke about their inspiring work to bring books to migrant children in the US.



By sharing the gift of 65 beautiful picture books from IBBY Lebanon with children through RWNC. IBBY Lebanon's generosity is in thanks for our curation and shipment of books donated by Canadian publishers representing the "Best of Canada" to help rebuild children's libraries in Beirut after the 2021 explosion.



NNELS

Accessible books
Livres adaptés

With the launch of the **National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS): IBBY Canada Collection**, "a selected list of carefully curated books," available to children with print disabilities across Canada.



Promoting a love of reading



With the nomination of the Forest of Reading for the 2024 IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award, and Irene Vasco, Colombian literacy advocate, for the 2024 IBBY-iRead Outstanding Reading Promoter Award. We look forward to Irene Vasco joining us as keynote for our AMM in 2024!

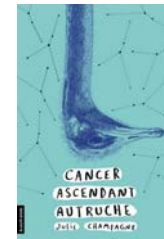


Promoting Canadian children's literature

With our nominations to the 2024 IBBY Honour List for illustration, and French and English text and translation.



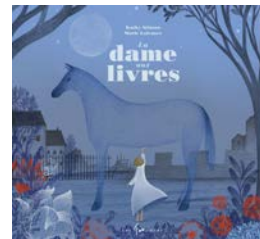
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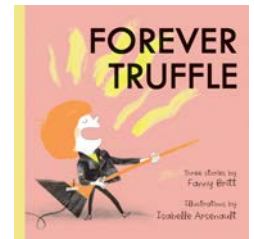
Julie Champagne
La courte échelle



Kim Spencer
Orca Book Publishers



Marie-Andrée Dufresne
Les 400 coups



Susan Ouriou
Groundwood Books

By welcoming Carey Sookocheff as the 2023 Joanne Fitzgerald Illustrator in Residence, who shone throughout the jam-packed programming held in partnership with Toronto Public Library.



By putting on KidLit Trivia Night events, which also raised much-needed funds to support our wonderful programming— and provide seed funding for Congress 2026. Thank you to our quizmasters extraordinaire, Kevin Sylvester and Vikki VanSickle!



Readying to host Congress 2026

By building the Congress 2026 team, with the fundraising, marketing, and scientific (programming) committees kicking into gear. Please look for an introduction to the scientific committee members in our fall newsletter.

With the announcement of our Congress 2026 illustrator: The Fan Brothers!

We are eager to share their illustration of our theme, "Listening to Each Other's Voices," at the [2024 Congress](#) in Trieste.



And, as always, connecting with you!