

I Love to Read Month 2026
Theme: **Sharing Our Stories**

Sharing Our Stories holds value, whether it's through the traditional way of listening to stories shared by others, reading about other's stories, writing our own stories, or expanding on these traditions by using today's technology and telling stories with the use of multimedia. It is an action that we can all take to build community and strengthen our ties with one another. By learning the stories we all carry - stories from yesterday, today, and tomorrow - it builds our individual identity and empathy for others, empowering us to change the world for the better.

Picture Books

David A. Robertson | **On the Trampoline** | Picture Book, Ages 6+ | [On The Trampoline](#)

David Bouchard | **We Learn from the Sun** | Picture Book, All Ages | [We Learn from the Sun Book](#) | [By David Bouchard – Medicine Wheel Publishing](#)

Elizabeth Albert-Peacock | **Dancing on Wild Rice** | Picture Book, Ages 6+ | [Dancing on Wild Rice](#)

Jennifer Scott | **The Trees Talk** | Picture Book, Ages 6+ | [The Trees Talk](#) | [by Jennifer Scott – Medicine Wheel Publishing](#)

Kelsey Borgford | **kekwan etakwak mīkisihk / What's in a Bead?** | Picture Book, Ages 6+ | [Kekwan Etakwak Mīkisihk / What's In A Bead? Book By Kelsey Borgford, \(Kobo eBook\) | Indigo](#)

Ria Thundercloud | **Finding My Dance** | Picture Book, Ages 6+ | [Finding My Dance Book By Ria Thundercloud, \(Hardcover\) | Indigo](#)

Tasha Spillett | **I Sang You Down from the Stars** | Picture Book, Ages 3+ | [I Sang You Down From The Stars Book By Tasha Spillett, \(Hardcover\) | Indigo](#)

Margaret Ruurs | **Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey** | Picture Book, Ages 6+ | <https://www.indigo.ca/en-ca/0/الطرق-التي-تؤدي-إلى-اللاجئين-عائلة-لاجئ-ب643a49-7ebb-335c-ba14-3bc07919677d.html>

Matt De La Pena | **Last Stop on Market Street** | Picture Book Ages 6+ (poverty, homelessness) |

Matthew A. Cherry | **Hair Love** | Picture Book Ages 4+ (Black) |

Rosemary McCarney | **Every Day is Malala Day** | Picture Book Ages 6+ (girls' rights) |

Bettye Stroud | **The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom** | Picture Book Ages 6+ (Black freedom) |

Jody Nyasha Warner and Richard Rudnicki | **Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged** | Picture Book Ages 6+ (Black rights) |

Ken Mochizuki | **Baseball Saved Us** | Picture Book Ages 6+ (Japanese Internment camps) |

Eve Bunting | ***Gleam and Glow*** | Picture Book Ages 8+ (refugee) |

Rob Sanders | ***Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag*** | Picture Book Ages 8+ (LGBTQ+) |

Shauntay Grant | ***Africville*** | Picture Book Ages 6+ (Black rights) |

Marty Wilson-Trudeau with Phoenix Wilson | ***Phoenix Get Greater*** | Age 6+ Picture Book (Two-Spirit) |

The Power of Story: Building Equitable Bookshelves: <https://www.scholastic.ca/powerofstory>

Middle Years

Cameron Mukwa | ***The Ribbon Skirt: A Graphic Novel*** | Graphic Novel, Ages 9-12 | [The Ribbon Skirt: A Graphic Novel Book By Cameron Mukwa, \(Paperback\) | Indigo](#)

Eric Gansworth | ***If I Ever Get Out of Here*** | Novel, Ages 12+ | [If I Ever Get Out Of Here Book By Eric Gansworth, \(Paperback\) | Indigo](#)

Tasha Spillett | ***Surviving the City, Volumes 1-3*** | Graphic Novels, Ages 12+ | [Indigo Books | Canada's Biggest Bookstore](#)

Thomas King | ***Borders*** | Graphic Novel, Ages 12+ | [Borders Book By Thomas King, \(Paperback\) | Indigo](#)

Wab Kinew | ***Walking in Two Worlds*** | Novel, Ages 13+ | [Walking In Two Worlds Book By Wab Kinew, \(Paperback\) | Indigo](#)

Emily Bowen Cohen | ***Two Tribes*** | Graphic Novel Ages 10+ (Indigenous identity) |

Muhammad Najem and Nora Neus | ***Muhammad Najem, War Reporter*** | Graphic Novel 12+ (war-torn countries) |

Jason Reynolds | ***Long Way Down*** | Novel, 13+ (Black identity) |

Calyssa Erb | ***Maya Plays the Part*** | Novel, 10+ (autism) |

Misty Wilson | ***Play Like a Girl*** | Graphic Novel, 10+ (gender equality) |

Senior Years

Angeline Boulley | ***Firekeeper's Daughter*** | Novel, Ages 14+ | [Firekeeper's Daughter Book By Angeline Boulley, \(Large Print\) | Indigo](#)

Angeline Boulley | ***Warrior Girl Unearthed*** | Novel, Ages 14+ | [Warrior Girl Unearthed Indigo Edition Book By Angeline Boulley, \(Hardcover\) | Indigo](#)

Cherie Dimaline | ***Hunting By Stars: (a Marrow Thieves Novel)*** | Novel, Ages 16+ | [Hunting By Stars: \(a Marrow Thieves Novel\) Book By Cherie Dimaline, \(Paperback\) | Indigo](#)

Cherie Dimaline | ***The Marrow Thieves*** | Novel, Ages 16+ | [The Marrow Thieves](#)

Liza Wiemer | ***The Assignment*** | Novel, Ages 16+ (Jewish) |

Jenny Torres Sanchez | ***We Are Not From Here*** | Novel, 16+ (Immigrants) |

Erika L. Sanchez | ***I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*** | Novel, 16+ (Latina) |

Amira Ahmed | ***Hollow Fires*** | Novel, 16+ (Islamophobia) |

Kathleen Glasgow | ***How to Make Friends in the Dark*** | Novel, 16+ (grief, resilience) |

Huda Fahmy | ***Huda F Are You?*** | Graphic Novel 13+ (Islamic family) |

Kiku Hughes | ***displacement*** | Graphic Novel 10+ (Japanese internment camps) |

Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin | ***Illegal*** | Graphic Novel, 12+ (refugees) |

Monica Hesse | ***They Went Left*** | Novel, 13+ (Holocaust) |

Antonio Iturbe | ***The Librarian of Auschwitz*** | Novel, 14+ (Holocaust)

Zoufka Katouh | ***As Long as the Lemon Tree Grows*** | Novel, 14+ (Syrian conflict)

Kacen Callender | ***Felix Ever After*** | Novel, 15+ (LGBTQ+)

Adib Khorram | ***Darius the Great is Not Okay*** | Novel, 15+ (LGBTQ+)

Dean Atta | ***Black Flamingo*** | Novel, 15+ (LGBTQ+)

Deborah Ellis | ***Moon at Nine*** | Novel, 15+ (LGBTQ+ in Iran)

Lourisa Onome | ***Twice as Perfect*** | Novel, 15+ (Black identity)

Trevor Noah | ***Born a Crime*** | Memoir, 15+ (apartheid)

Adult

Heather Morris | ***The Tattooist of Auschwitz*** | Novel, 15+ (Holocaust)

Larry Loftis | ***The Watchmaker's Daughter*** | Novel, 16+ (Holocaust)

Tanya Talaga | ***Seven Fallen Feathers*** | Non-Fiction, 16+ (missing Indigenous youth)

Patric Gagne | ***Sociopath*** | Memoir, 16+ (mental illness)

Ma-Nee Chacaby | ***A Two-Spirit Journey*** | Memoir, 16+ (LGBTQ+)

David A. Robertson | ***All the Little Monsters*** | Memoir, 16+ (mental health)

Professional Development

Fostering Storytelling/Writing

Martha Horn, Mary Giacobbe | ***Talking, Drawing, Writing: Lessons for our youngest writers*** | K-2

Vivian Gussin Paley | ***The Girl with the Brown Crayon*** | Preschool- 2

Peter Johnston et al. | ***Engaging Literate Minds: Developing Children's Social, Emotional, and Intellectual Lives*** | K-3

Harnessing the Power of Story

Gay Ivey & Peter Johnston | ***Teens Choosing to Read: Fostering Social, Emotional, and Intellectual Growth Through Books*** | Grade 6-12

Maria Nichols | ***Building Bigger Ideas: A Process for Teaching Purposeful Talk*** | K-6_

Maria Walthers | ***The Ramped-Up Read-Aloud*** | K-4_

Maria Walthers | ***Shake-Up Shared Reading*** | K-3_

Understanding the Power of Story

Kaitlyn B. Curtis | ***Everything Is a Story: Reclaiming the Power of Stories to Heal and Shape Our Lives*** | Adult

John Shu | ***The Gift of Story: Exploring the Affective Side of the Reading Life*** | Adult

Elaine Reese | ***How Stories Change Us: A Developmental Science of Stories from Fiction and Real Life*** | Adult

International Literacy Association Resources

[A Blended Approach to Reading and Writing Graphic Stories](#), [Sally Brown](#)

[The Reading Teacher](#) Volume 67, Issue 3

First published: 25 October 2013

[One Classroom, One iPad, Many Stories](#)

Victoria B. Fantozzi, Christi Johnson, Anneliese Scherfen
The Reading Teacher Volume 71, Issue 6

Children Creating Multimodal Stories About a Familiar Environment

Lisa Kervin, Jessica Mantei
The Reading Teacher Volume 70, Issue 6

Language is Identity: Telling and Reading the Right Kinds of Stories

Steve Daniel Przymus, Daniel Heiman, Brian Hibbs
The Reading Teacher Volume 76, Issue 3

Expanding Stories with Author's Notes in Culturally Authentic Picture Books

Annemarie Kaczmarczyk, Brittany Adams
The Reading Teacher Volume 75, Issue 2

The Family Stories Project: Using Funds of Knowledge for Writing

Joel E. Dworin
The Reading Teacher Volume 59, Issue 6

"We Are Stories": Centering Picturebooks in the Reading Support Class

Kelly K. Wissman
The Reading Teacher Volume 74, Issue 2

Webinar: [New Voices in Children's and YA Lit: Meet the 2025 ILA Award-Winning Authors](#)
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Webinar: [Promoting Understanding With International Literature](#)
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