SOCIETY OF CHILDREN’S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS
OFFICIAL READING LIST — SUMMER 2016

CANADA

GRADES K-2

Bagels from Benny
by Aubrey Davis, illustrated by Dusan Petricic
Picture Book
Description: Every week Benny thanks God with a bagful of bagels he leaves in the synagogue. Every week they disappear. Did God really eat the bagels?
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Kids Can Press

In a Cloud of Dust
by Alma Fullerton, illustrated by Brian Deines
Picture Book
Description: When the bicycle library pulls into her schoolyard, Anna gets there too late. She helps her friends learn to ride and is rewarded in the end.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Pajama Press

The Chicken Cat
by Stephanie Simpson McLellan, illustrated by Sean Cassidy
Picture Book
Description: When an old hen named Guinevere adopts an abandoned kitten named Merlin, the unimaginable gift he gives her in return changes both their lives forever.
Author’s Residence: Newmarket, Ontario
Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Driftwood Dragons: and other seaside poems
by Tyne Brown, illustrated by Tamara Thiebaux-Heikalo
Poetry/Picture Book
Description: A collection of lyrical seaside poems celebrating the coastal region. From snails to whales, Driftwood Dragons captures the beauty, diversity, and joy of maritime beaches.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Nimbus Publishing

Families Around the World
by Margriet Ruurs, illustrated by Jessica Rae Gordon
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: How do families in Pakistan, Mongolia, England and other countries celebrate life together? Meet children from around the world and find out how cultures are the same and different!
Author’s Residence: British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: Kids Can Press

Mama’s Day with Little Gray
by Aimee Reid, illustrated by Laura J. Bryant
Picture Book
Description: “Mama, when I grow up will you grow down?” Little Gray imagines being big enough to care for his mama, and she affirms his competence.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Mae and the Moon
by Jami Gigot
Picture Book
Description: When the moon disappears, Mae begins to worry. Determined to find her glowing friend, she sets off on a wonderful voyage through her imagination.
Author’s Residence: Vancouver, Canada
Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

Gabby: Wonder Girl
by Joyce Grant, illustrated by Jan Dolby
Picture Book Series
Description: Gabby’s magic letters spell words that come to life! Can they help her find the mysterious girl in the photo?
Illustrator’s Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside

La magie du corps humain (French)
by Dr. Nicole Audet, illustrated by Mylène Villeneuve
Nonfiction Picture Book Series
Description: Félix visits the human body museum with his magical doctor suitcase. Boubou, the captain of the nine instruments, will help him to do his homework.
Author’s Residence: Montréal, Canada
Publisher: Boomerang

Malaika’s Costume
by Nadia L. Hohn, illustrated by Irene Luxbacher
Picture Book
Description: Mummy moved to Canada to provide for Malaika and her grandmother. But when the promised money for a Carnival costume doesn’t arrive, what will Malaika do?
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Groundwood Books

Fire Pie Trout
by Melanie Mosher, illustrated by Renée Benoit
Picture Book
Description: Grace is not sure about trying fishing. But with some encouragement from her Gramps, and a little creativity of her own, she ends up with the catch of the day!
Author’s Residence: Nova Scotia, Canada
Publisher: Fifth House Publishers
**Manners are Not for Monkeys**  
by Heather Tekavec, illustrated by David Huyck  
Picture Book  
Description: When monkeys start behaving like children and children start behaving like monkeys, nobody is impressed. But the confused zookeeper fixes the problem to almost everybody’s satisfaction!  
Author's Residence: British Columbia, Canada  
Publisher: Kids Can Press

**No More Beige Food**  
by Leanne Shirtliffe, illustrated by Tina Kügler  
Picture Book  
Description: Tired of her parents’ bland meals, Wilma Lee Wu visits neighbors who teach her to make global recipes. Then someone suggests cooking her favorite wild animal . . .  
Author's Residence: Calgary, Canada  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**The Old Ways**  
by Susan Margaret Chapman, illustrated by John Mantha  
Picture Book  
Description: Simon lives in Canada’s North and loves TV and video games. His Inuit grandparents can’t interest him in traditional stories or building an igloo until . . .  
Author’s Residence: Canada  
Publisher: Fifth House Publishers

**Peach Girl**  
by Raymond Nakamura, illustrated by Rebecca Bender  
Picture Book  
Description: Armed with peach dumplings, a girl born from a peach leads a team of animal friends to test rumors about a fearsome ogre.  
Author’s Residence: British Columbia, Canada  
Publisher: Pajama Press

**A Picnic at the Lighthouse**  
by Rebecca North, illustrated by Nancy Keating  
Picture Book  
Description: A heartwarming story about a young boy and his father as they have a picnic near a lighthouse and spend a fun-filled day together.  
Author’s Residence: Newfoundland, Canada  
Publisher: Tuckamore Books

**The Pocket Mommy**  
by Rachel Eugster, illustrated by Tom Goldsmith  
Picture Book  
Description: Samuel wishes his mommy would fit into his pocket to keep him company at school. When it comes true, things don’t go quite as expected!  
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Tundra Books

**Shaping Up Summer**  
by Lizann Flatt, illustrated by Ashley Barron  
Picture Book  
Description: Combines mathematical problem solving with lyrical text, bringing children to an understanding of basic geometry and special-sense math concepts through observing the natural world.  
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Owlkids Books

**Sky Pig**  
by Jan L. Coates, illustrated by Suzanne Del Rizzo  
Picture Book  
Description: A pig who wants to fly. A boy with a knack for invention. This is an inspiring story of two dreamers winging it.  
Illustrator’s Residence: Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Pajama Press

**Squish Rabbit**  
by Katherine Battersby  
Picture Book  
Description: A story about a very little rabbit who gets a big chance to make a difference.  
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

**West Coast Wild: A Nature Alphabet**  
by Deborah Hodge, illustrated by Karen Reczuch  
Nonfiction Picture Book  
Description: A celebration, in lyrical text and breathtaking art, of nature on the Pacific west coast—a magnificent place where an ancient rainforest meets the sea.  
Author’s Residence: Vancouver, Canada  
Publisher: Groundwood Books

**Worms for Breakfast: How to Feed a Zoo**  
by Helaine Becker, illustrated by Kathy Boake  
Nonfiction Picture Book  
Author’s Residence: Canada  
Publisher: Owlkids Books

**The Yoga Game by the Sea**  
by Kathy Beliveau, illustrated by Denise Holmes  
Picture Book  
Description: Play with words, guess the riddles, and enjoy an actual yoga practice—down by the sea. Enchanting rhymes connect children with the magic of nature.  
Author’s Residence: Vancouver, Canada  
Publisher: Simply Read Books

**GRADES 3-5**

**Bite into Bloodsuckers**  
by Kari-Lynn Winters and Ishta Mercurio  
Nonfiction  
Description: Cool facts and fun activities for kids curious about bloodsucking bugs, birds, bats, and fish. Bite into it!  
Authors’ Residence: Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside
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<th>Title</th>
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<td><strong>Bog</strong></td>
<td>Karen Krossing</td>
<td>Fantasy</td>
<td>A cave troll with a grudge against humans is forced to confront his own prejudice when he embarks on a quest into human territory.</td>
<td>Canada</td>
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<td><strong>Dunces Rock</strong></td>
<td>Kate Jaimet</td>
<td>Humorous Fiction</td>
<td>When hockey-loving Principal Hale cancels the school Drama and Music program, the Dunces gang bands together to save the day.</td>
<td>Canada</td>
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<td><strong>Everyday Hero</strong></td>
<td>Kathleen Cherry</td>
<td>Realistic Fiction</td>
<td>Alice, a student with Asperger's, meets school tough girl, Megan. The two become unlikely comrades and learn about courage, resilience and friendship.</td>
<td>British Columbia, Canada</td>
<td>Orca Books</td>
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<td><strong>Feathered</strong></td>
<td>Deborah Kerbel</td>
<td>Historical Fiction</td>
<td>A troubled young girl learns that flying away isn’t the answer to her problems. Sometimes, right where you are is the best place to be.</td>
<td>Canada</td>
<td>Kids Can Press</td>
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<td><strong>Hala's Window</strong></td>
<td>Farida Mirza</td>
<td>Picture Book</td>
<td>Curious Hala has many unanswered questions. Her village has no school. Her parents are uneducated. Then something happens and Hala's joyful journey of learning begins.</td>
<td>Toronto, Canada</td>
<td>Kids Can Press</td>
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<td><strong>A Hole in My Heart</strong></td>
<td>Rie Charles</td>
<td>Realistic Fiction</td>
<td>It's 1959. Shortly after her mother's death, Nora learns her favorite cousin has to undergo risky open-heart surgery. How can both hearts be mended?</td>
<td>Canada</td>
<td>Dundurn Press</td>
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<td><strong>The Island Horse</strong></td>
<td>Susan Hughes</td>
<td>Historical Fiction</td>
<td>After her mother's death, heartbroken Ellie moves to remote Sable Island. Will she rise to the challenge of saving a wild stallion and his herd?</td>
<td>Toronto, Canada</td>
<td>Pajama Press</td>
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<td><strong>Last Airlift: A Vietnamese Orphan's Rescue from War</strong></td>
<td>Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch</td>
<td>Nonfiction</td>
<td>Based on personal interviews and including archival photos, Tuyet's story of the Saigon orphanage and her flight to Canada is an emotional and suspenseful journey.</td>
<td>Brantford, Canada</td>
<td>Pajama Press</td>
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<td><strong>Lost in the Backyard</strong></td>
<td>Alison Hughes</td>
<td>Adventure (Grades 4-6)</td>
<td>When Flynn gets seriously lost in the woods, he wishes he’d paid way more attention in his supposedly useless Outdoor Education class.</td>
<td>Alberta, Canada</td>
<td>Scholastic Press</td>
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<td><strong>Mission Mumbai, A Novel of Sacred Cows, Snakes and Stolen Toilets</strong></td>
<td>Mahtab Narsimhan</td>
<td>Humorous Fiction</td>
<td>A story of two boys who bond over their love for fantasy/adventure stories, and a memorable trip to Mumbai that threatens to shatter their friendship.</td>
<td>Toronto, Canada</td>
<td>Scholastic Press</td>
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<td><strong>Prove It, Josh</strong></td>
<td>Jenny Watson</td>
<td>Realistic Fiction</td>
<td>Eleven-year-old Josh might be dyslexic, but he's the best sailor in Arbutus Bay. Can he prove it, and avoid reading aloud on Literacy Day?</td>
<td>British Columbia, Canada</td>
<td>Sono Nis Press</td>
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<td><strong>Road Block</strong></td>
<td>Yolanda Ridge</td>
<td>Realistic Fiction</td>
<td>When eleven-year-old Bree is shipped off to Ontario for the summer, she ends up fighting the development of a highway through her grandmother’s farmland.</td>
<td>British Columbia, Canada</td>
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<td><strong>Survival Secrets of Turkey Vultures</strong></td>
<td>Debra Toor</td>
<td>Nonfiction</td>
<td>Explore turkey vulture adaptations as you join mother vulture on a hunt to feed her chicks. Combines science, photographs and learning activities.</td>
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**Up in the Air**
by Ann Marie Meyers
Fantasy (Grades 4-6)
Description: Dreams come true in Chimeroan, but will new friends, a quest, and magic wings let Melody outfly memories of the accident that hurt her father?
Author's Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

**Upstaged**
by Patricia McCowan
Realistic Fiction
Description: Ellie, who loves performing in musical theater, has to learn she can't always be center stage when she joins a new theater company.
Author's Residence: Canada
Publisher: Jolly Fish Press

**Cherry Blossom Baseball**
by Jennifer Maruno
Historical Fiction
Description: Cherry Blossom Baseball isn't just about a firecracker female pitcher. All of Michiko's family have Japanese faces, making the government suspicious and their lives fearful.
Author's Residence: Canada
Publisher: Dundurn Press

**The Co-Walkers Awakening**
by Hermine G. Steinberg
Fantasy
Description: Ashley, Brian, and Matthew are citizens of two Realms. A dangerous conspiracy threatens their worlds. Join their battle to fix what magic alone can't repair.
Author's Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Prizm Books

**The Kayak**
by Debbie Spring
Realistic Fiction
Description: When a storm picks up, Teresa notices a windsurfer in the distance and realizes that he's in trouble. It’s up to her to rescue him.
Author's Residence: Canada
Publisher: Thistledown Press

**Beggar Charlie**
by Madeleine McLaughlin
Adventure
Description: This tween adventure is a finalist in the Wishing Shelf Awards. Read about three boys who learn to trust one another.
Author's Residence: Ottawa, Canada
Publisher: MuseltUp Publishing

**Best Friends Through Eternity**
by Sylvia McNicoll
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7-9)
Description: After taking an ill-fated shortcut on a railroad track, Paige discovers uncomfortable truths about her adoption from China. This book tackles the topic of cultural identity.
Author's Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: MuseltUp Publishing

**Lightning Lou**
by Lori Weber
Historical Fiction
Description: Quebec, 1916: a girl's hockey team is recruiting players. This is thirteen-year-old Lou Lou's big chance. Will the secret spoil everything?
Author's Residence: Quebec, Canada
Publisher: Dancing Cat Books

**Meyers’ Rebellion**
by Connie Brummel Crook
Historical Fiction
Description: An action packed story about the 1837 Upper Canada Rebellion. Two major subplots include romance and buried treasure. A Geoffrey Bilson Award finalist.
Author's Residence: Canada
Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside

**MiNRs**
by Kevin Sylvester
Science Fiction
Description: Perses is attacked. Christopher Nichols and a handful of other kids escape to the maze of tunnels. They run. They hide. But can they survive?
Author's Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

**Breaking Big**
by Penny Draper
Realistic Fiction
Description: Everyone is shocked when Rob is the only student dancer picked to understudy with the company. Will his big break kill his career before it even starts?
Author's Residence: Canada
Publisher: Orca Books

**Restoring Harmony**
by Joëlle Anthony
Speculative Fiction
Description: Set in 2041 after economic collapse, Restoring Harmony is a riveting, fast-paced tale complete with adventure, hope, and romance that readers will devour.
Author's Residence: British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers
Safety Stars: Players who fought to make the hard-hitting game of professional hockey safer
by Sue Irwin
Nonfiction
Description: The story of hockey’s safety heroes, the opposition they faced, and how they persisted and ultimately succeeded in their campaigns.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Lorimer

Seeking Shelter
by Catherine Goodwin
Realistic Fiction
Description: Filled with emotions and memories, thirteen-year-old Marcie Chisholm returns to the city where her mother died. Can she now overcome the challenges that await her?
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Ronsdale Press

The Shepherd’s Granddaughter
by Anne Laurel Carter
Realistic Fiction
Description: Amani is her family’s first female shepherd in contemporary Palestine. Then their land is usurped by an Israeli settlement and Amani struggles with the conflict.
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Groundwood Books

Tagged Out
by Joyce Grant
Realistic Fiction
Description: The Toronto Blues play baseball with heart, if not talent. Will they still welcome MVP Jock with open arms when they find out he’s gay?
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Lorimer

Time Meddlers
by Deborah Jackson
Science Fiction Series
Description: Two Canadian kids discover a laboratory with a multiverse time machine. They’re sent back to the 1600’s into a war between the Algonquin and Iroquois.
Author’s Residence: Ottawa, Canada
Publisher: LBF Books

Transferral
by Kate Blair
Science Fiction
Description: In an alternate London, criminals are given diseases removed from the innocent. A chilling look at a world gone wrong while trying to do right.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Dancing Cat Books

Blank Canvas
by Mere Joyce
Realistic Fiction
Description: Three years ago, Maddie Deacon was abducted. Five months ago, she escaped. Before being taken, painting was Maddie’s life. Now, it’s her nightmare.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Evernight Teen

Cape Town
by Brenda Hammond
Historical Fiction
Description: A young Afrikaans girl’s awakening to life, love and the evils of the apartheid system—set in South Africa, the year leading up to Mandela’s release.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Great Plains Publications

How It Ends
by Catherine Lo
Realistic Fiction
Description: Told through alternating points of view—the story of a friendship from first meeting to breakup, set against a tumultuous sophomore year of bullying, boys, and backstabbing.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

How to Tend a Grave
by Jocelyn Shipleys
Realistic Fiction
Description: Two grieving teens meet in a cemetery in this unforgettable book about family, love and healing. Gold Medal Moonbeam Award for YA—Mature Issues.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Great Plains Teen

With Malice
by Eileen Cook
Adventure/Mystery
Description: Two friends, an exotic location, the potential for jealousy, and an accident that looks like murder. The truth doesn’t matter—only who you believe.
Residence: Vancouver, Canada
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Worlds of Ink and Shadow
by Lena Coakley
Fantasy
Description: Charlotte, Branwell, Emily, and Anne: the Brontë siblings. Magic and their vivid imaginations transport them to the countries they write about—but at what price?
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Harry N. Abrams