

Red Maple & Silver Birch Award Reading Program 2012 @ Brockville Public Library

Dear parent/guardian,

The Brockville Public Library will be offering the Ontario Public Library Association's Silver Birch and Red Maple 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 titles. 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 May.

The Silver Birch program is developed for children in grades 3-6 and celebrates Canadian authors and illustrators while encouraging a love of reading. Designed for children in grades 7 & 8, the Red Maple program aims to engage readers in conversation around books and encourages them to use critical thinking while reading.

The Silver Birch and Red Maple Reading Clubs will meet at the Brockville Public Library six Saturday mornings between January 28 and April 7. 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, take part in activities related to selected titles 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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Application form for the 2012
Silver Birch & Red Maple Award
Reading Program

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Student's name _____ Age _____

School _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Interests _____

The Silver Birch & Red Maple Reading Clubs will meet at the Brockville Public Library six Saturday mornings between January 28 and April 7, 2012. Our first meeting will be on **Saturday, January 28. Silver Birch meets 10:00—10:45 and Red Maple meets 11:00—11:45.** A schedule will be sent home indicating the specific dates of the remaining meetings. Please try to attend all meetings, if possible. As library materials will be borrowed during this program, each participant must have a valid library card.

Parent's Commitment (please read and sign)

If my child is accepted into this program, I will encourage participation and arrange to have him/her at the sessions on time.

Signature of parent or guardian _____

Please return this form to the Brockville Public Library Children's Department by
Wednesday, January 25, 2012.
For more information contact Lisa Cirka at 613-342-3936 or lisa@brockvillelibrary.ca.