

FAQ's about TD Canadian Children's Book Week

Information for Applying Authors and Illustrators

Why do I need to provide such detailed information about myself, my work and my experience giving readings and workshops to young audiences, along with two letters of reference?

The Canadian Children's Book Centre expects to receive over 125 applications for the 26 available tour spots. We need to select authors and illustrators who have experience interacting with young readers and that can convey the importance of reading to children and teens in schools and libraries across the country. The more information we have about you, the better equipped we are to make informed decisions. Teachers and librarians often contact the CCBC with questions about the Book Week presenters when applying to host an author or illustrator visit during Book Week. The letters of reference will allow us to provide teachers and librarians with praise from their peers and encourage them to take part in TD Canadian Children's Book Week.

Will I be paid for school and library readings?

Yes! Every author and illustrator will be paid \$150.00 (plus GST or HST, if applicable) per reading, directly on the day of each school visit. Each author and illustrator is entitled to four Canada Council-funded public library readings for which they will receive \$250.00 (for each reading) from the CCBC after Book Week, upon receipt of their completed Canada Council Literary Festivals forms.

Are all transportation, accommodation and meal expenses paid for by the CCBC?

Yes! All transportation and accommodations will be paid for by the CCBC and arranged by the CCBC's wonderful and capable Book Week Coordinators, located in each province. Authors and illustrators may have to pay for some of their meals during the week; however, they are able to submit all receipts to the CCBC after Book Week for a full reimbursement of up to \$50.00 per day for meal expenses.

I am part of an author "team" or author/illustrator "team." Can both my partner and I apply to tour for TD Canadian Children's Book Week together?

The CCBC receives a limited amount of funding for a certain number of tour spots and we are not able to use two blocks of funding to send two individuals to one location. The only way a "team" can tour together is if the author and/or illustrator, or their publisher is prepared to pay the travel, accommodation and meal costs for one of the team members.

Can I sell copies of my books while on tour?

Yes! In the past, several authors and illustrators have sold books while on tour. Arrangements are made between the author/illustrator, the Book Week Coordinator and school or library. The CCBC does not receive additional funding to cover the shipping charges of extra books, so arrangements will have to be made prior to Book Week by the author/illustrator or publisher. All charges for the shipment of books must be paid for by the author, illustrator or publisher.

Is there anything that my publisher can do to help with TD Canadian Children's Book Week?

Yes! An itinerary for your tour will be made available to your publisher prior to Book Week. Your publisher can help by promoting your tour to the local media and contacting bookstores in the area to ensure that they have your books in stock.