

What's More

Special Events and Exhibits at Your Library
SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2019

MORIYAMA'S CONTINUUM

For Nuit Blanche 2019

INDIGENOUS CELEBRATIONS

A History of the Métis and more

PLUS

Ben Lerner, Sharon Olds and more
in the Bram & Bluma Appel Salon

my personal picks

As the summer weather has been cooking us in heat and humidity, our programming team has been hard at work planning yet another massive fall season with events throughout the city. There is a lot here and I wanted to tell you about a few events that I am particularly excited to have on our calendar.

For lovers of biography and memoir, we have Benjamin Moser talking about his new biography of Susan Sontag, one of the 20th century's pre-eminent thinkers and intellectuals. Also Jean Teillet presents her stunning book, *The Northwest is Our Mother*, which explores the history of the Métis.

In a lunchtime event, Eric Klinenberg will explain how planning public space is one key to reducing inequality and bolstering civic life. And a long-time favourite of mine, Colombian Juan Gabriel Vásquez, talks about his latest novel which shows us how violence and the power of conspiracy theories can infect a country's telling of its own history.

Confession: I'm excited about nearly everything we have planned throughout the fall so choosing just a few to present here was a real challenge. And don't forget to check out all the series online as we're adding more events all the time. We know you'll find something of particular interest to you.



Gregory McCormick
Manager, Cultural and Special Event Programming



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INDIGENOUS CELEBRATIONS

FALL 2019



JEAN TEILLET

A History of the Métis

Thu, Sep 19, 7-8 pm, Toronto Reference Library - Hinton Theatre



KAREN MCBRIDE

Crow Winter

Mon, Sep 23, 7-8 pm, Toronto Reference Library - Hinton Theatre



TSHAUKUESH ELIZABETH PENASHUE

I Keep the Land Alive: Diary of an Innu Elder

Wed, Nov 6, 6-7 pm, Toronto Reference Library - Appel Salon



HAROLD R. JOHNSON

The Case for Indigenous Justice in Canada

Tue, Nov 12, 7-8 pm, Toronto Reference Library - Atrium



PAUL SEESEQUASIS

Arresting Images, Untold Stories

Mon, Dec 9, 7-8 pm, Toronto Reference Library - Appel Salon

See more event listings at tpl.ca/indigenous

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Get out of your bubble.

Come explore the most critical topics of our time through interviews, round-tables, lectures, workshops and original digital content in library branches across the city.

At the Toronto Reference Library:

Eric Klinenberg: Palaces for the People

Wed, Sep 11, 12-1 pm
Atrium

David Wallace-Wells: The Uninhabitable Earth

Thu, Oct 31, 7-8 pm
Appel Salon

Jamil Zaki: Building Empathy in Divisive Times

Tue, Oct 17, 7-8 pm
Beeton Hall

Robyn Doolittle & Megan Twohey #MeToo: The Press, The Mess, The Movement

Mon, Nov 25, 7-8 pm
Appel Salon

See the full lineup and get your tickets at

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SOCIETY.

In branches:

Maude Barlow: Whose Water Is It, Anyway?

Mon, Sep 30, 7-8 pm
Runnymede

This May Hurt A Bit: Reinventing Canada's Health Care System

Wed, Oct 2, 6-7:30 pm
Barbara Frum

At Harbourfront Centre:

Come to the library's stage at The Word On The Street Festival for an afternoon of discussions about the impact of technology on civil society.

Saturday, September 21

- The Big Business of Invading Your Privacy | 12:30 pm**
- When Algorithms Disrupt Social Justice | 2 pm**
- Re-Imagining Tech For A Better World | 3:30 pm**





CULTURE DAYS @ THE LIBRARY

A three-day nationwide celebration of the arts. For complete listings, visit tpl.ca/culturedays

Some activities include:

The Stories of Us Workshop with Department of Imaginary Affairs
Dawes Road Branch
Sep 27, 1-3 pm

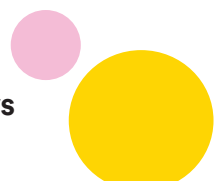
Collaborative Dreamcatcher Workshop with Jaene Castrillon
Bloor/Gladstone Branch
Sep 28, 10:30-11:30 am

Shakespeare Fusion Hip Hop Project with Shakespeare in Action
Fairview Branch
Sep 28, 2-4 pm

Clay Sculpture Creating with Mariana Bolaños
Jane/Sheppard Branch
Sep 28, 2-4 pm

Collaborative Textile Landscapes with Kat Singer
Runnymede Branch
Sep 28, 2-4 pm

Gratitude Cards with Kanika Gupta
Sanderson Branch
Sep 28, 2-3:30 pm



CULTURE DAYS



moriyama's continuum

for Nuit Blanche 2019

An original creation by Lo Fi Dance Theory and TPL



with **Marie-Hélène Delorme**, Sound Designer

Wynn Holmes, Choreographer

Avery Plewes, Installation + Costume Designer

and **Torontonians**, of all ages, backgrounds and ability levels through Public Participatory Workshops on Choreography and Sound Design

See tpl.ca/continuum for all the details on workshop times and locations.

Come experience architect Raymond Moriyama's iconic Toronto Reference Library's Atrium space as it's transformed into an artistic laboratory, workshop and stage, telling the story of the building through movement, textiles, original soundscape and dance.

Sat, Oct 5, 5 pm - 7 am
Toronto Reference Library, Atrium



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Body & Mind

the science of us



Dr. Jen Gunter: Busting Myths on the Vagina

The *New York Times* columnist offers an accessible & comprehensive antidote to the misinformation around female sexual health in her new book, *The Vagina Bible*. In conversation with Scaachi Koul.

Fri, Sep 6, 7 pm
Toronto Reference Library
Bram & Bluma Appel Salon

PLUS

events on **Being a Better Parent, Mental Health & Music** and more.

For all Body & Mind events see: tpl.ca/bodyandmind

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BOOK AWARDS

CELEBRATING OUR STORIES

Who will win?

Hear and meet this year's contenders. Finalists read from and discuss their nominated works. Book signings to follow.

The Word on the Street

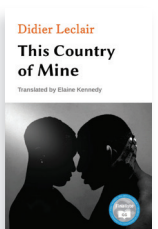
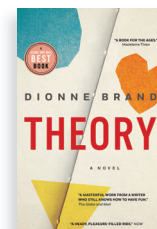
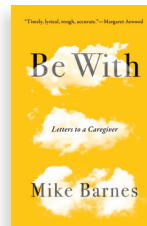
Sun, Sep 22, 11 am-6 pm
Harbourfront Centre
235 Queen's Quay West

Evening with the Authors

Wed, Sep 25, 7-8 pm
Albion Branch
1515 Albion Road

Awards Ceremony

Wed, Oct 2, 6-9 pm
Toronto Reference Library
Appel Salon
789 Yonge Street



For more information visit tpl.ca/tba

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Billy-Ray Belcourt curates
Coping Mechanisms

Thu, Sep 12, 7 pm
Palmerston Branch



Phoebe Wang curates
Poetry in the Body

Thu, Oct 10, 7 pm
Palmerston Branch



Souvankham
Thammavongsa curates

Poetics of Meaning

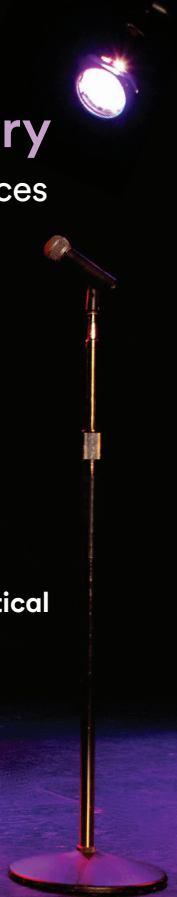
Thu, Nov 8, 7 pm
Palmerston Branch



Sharon Olds presents
Arias of the Personal and Political

Thu, Dec 12, 7 pm
Toronto Reference Library
Appel Salon

For more info visit tpl.ca/poetryseries



ON UNTIL OCTOBER 27

Plum Blossom from the Bitter Cold:

Selections from the Chinese Canadian Archive

An exhibit looking at an ambitious work in progress: Toronto Public Library's award-winning Chinese Canadian Archive.

Through family photos, letters, diaries, memorabilia and other donated records, this exhibit showcases Chinese Canadians' daily life, community spirit, and contributions to Toronto and to Canada.

Guided Tours

Tuesdays at 2 pm in the TD Gallery



NOVEMBER 16 – JANUARY 26

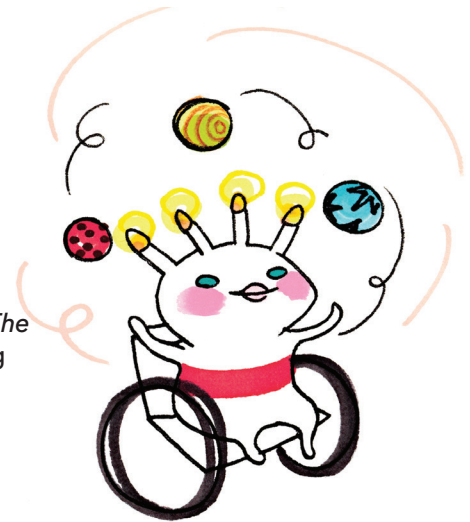
You, Me, Us:

Outstanding Books For and About Young People with Disabilities

Our annual family-focused exhibit highlights "the best of the best" from *The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Collection for Young People with Disabilities*. This exhibit features books published around the world that are recognized for their exceptional content and design.

Guided Tours

Tuesdays at 2 pm in the TD Gallery



Artist: Sina Wirsen

Visit tpl.ca/tdgallery for upcoming programs.

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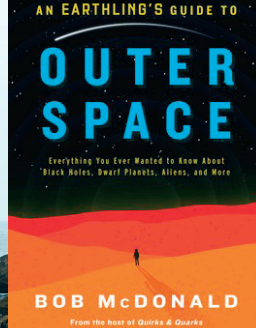
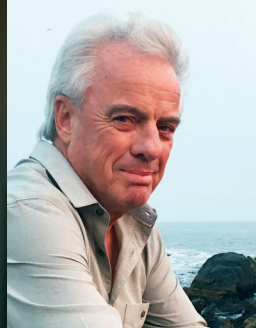


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AT THE TORONTO REFERENCE LIBRARY

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Emma Donoghue: Akin
 Mon, Sep 9, 7-8 pm
 Toronto Reference Library - Appel Salon

Susan Swan: The Dead Celebrities Club
 Thu, Sep 12, 7-8 pm, High Park

Anna Maxymiw: Dirty Work
 Mon, Sep 16, 7-8 pm, Bloor/Gladstone

Ami McKay: Daughter of Family G
 Wed, Oct 2, 7-8 pm, North York Central

Téa Mutonji: Shut Up You're Pretty
 Thu, Oct 3, 7-8 pm, Parkdale

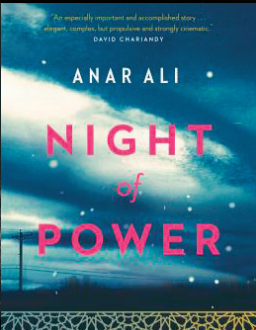
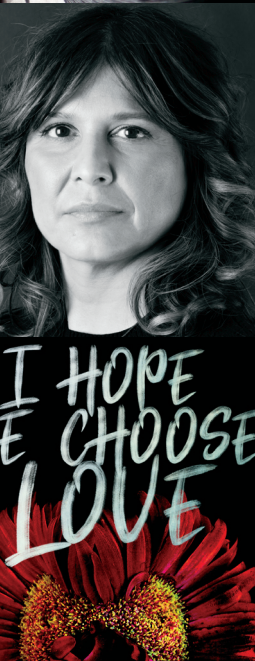
The Missing Middle: Solving TO's Housing Crisis
 Tue, Oct 8, 7-8 pm
 Toronto Reference Library - Atrium

Kai Cheng Thom: I Hope We Choose Love
 Thu, Oct 10, 6:30-7:30 pm, Yorkville

Annan Khan: There Has To Be a Knife
 Thu, Oct 17, 6:30-7:30 pm
 Gerard/Ashdale

Bob McDonald: An Earthling's Guide to Outer Space
 Tue, Oct 29, 7-8 pm, Lillian H. Smith

Farah Heron: The Chai Factor
 Tue, Oct 29, 7-8 pm, North York Central



Special collaboration with
 The Writers' Union of Canada:
 Paths to Publication in Canada

Thu, Nov 28, 7-8:30 pm
 Toronto Reference Library
 - Beeton Hall



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New books. Big ideas. join the conversation.



Yiyun Li: From the Gentle Battleground

Li discusses her new novel, about a mother who confronts the loss of her teenaged son. Hosted by Eleanor Wachtel.

Tue, Sep 17, 7 pm



Benjamin Moser: The Life of Susan Sontag

Moser discusses Sontag: her writing and her radical thought, her public activism and her hidden private face.

Mon, Sep 23, 7 pm



Emily Nussbaum: I Like to Watch

The celebrated *New Yorker* TV critic argues her way through the television revolution.

Wed, Oct 16, 7 pm



In Respect to Beyoncé

A panel discussion on the pop culture icon and the political significance of her art.

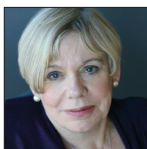
Mon, Oct 21, 7 pm



Ben Lerner: The Topeka School

Lerner discusses his expansive family drama set in the American Midwest at the turn of the century.

Fri, Oct 25, 7 pm



Karen Armstrong: A Secular Case for Scripture

One of the most trusted writers on the world of faith examines how Scripture shapes our ideas about social justice and identity.

Mon, Nov 4, 7 pm



Juan Gabriel Vásquez: The Shape of the Ruins

Acclaimed Colombian writer and master of suspense discusses his latest political thriller.

Wed, Nov 6, 7 pm



Paul Seesequasis: Arresting Images, Untold Stories

Seesequasis presents his photography book featuring everyday life of Indigenous communities of the 20th century.

Mon, Dec 9, 7 pm



Carmen Maria Machado: In the Dream House

The author of *Her Body and Other Parties* discusses her new book, which explodes our ideas of what memoir can do.

Tue, Dec 10, 7 pm

the other shelf @ the salon

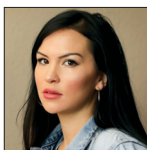
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Sigrún Pálsdóttir: History. A Mess.

An Icelandic historian creates a sensation when she "discovers" a lost woman artist - but what a mess when it turns out to be a mistake.

Wed, Oct 2, 6 pm



Kali Fajardo-Anstine: Sugar Babies

The author shares her collection of stories, showing portraits of unrelenting female power in the lives of Latina women of Indigenous ancestry.

Tue, Oct 22, 6 pm



Nice Nailantei Leng'ete: Alternative Rites

The Kenyan activist presents alternate rites of passages in communities that practice FGM. Presented in partnership with Amraf Health Africa.

Mon, Nov 25, 6 pm

NEW EVENTS ADDED!

Check out tpl.ca/appelsalon for the entire schedule and to book tickets.



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