



KINGSTON
WRITERSFEST

The Kingston Frontenac Public Library (KFPL), Kingston Literacy and Indigo Books & Music are proud to present, Kingston Reads, a campaign to promote reading and books by Canadian authors. Now in its second outing, this year's event will be launched at Indigo Books & Music on July 30th at 12:00 p.m.

Following in the footsteps of CBC's very successful Canada Reads, we approached 10 local luminaries to champion the books that have been nominated for the Ontario Library Association's prestigious Evergreen Award. Over the summer, each celebrity will have an opportunity to "defend" their book in the media and on the library's website. On September 10th, there will be a "Battle of the Books" at the library during which each celebrity will attempt to win people over to their book. The books vying for the top spot as Kingston's readers' choice range widely in style and genre. There is something for everyone on this list:

Afterlands by Steven Heighton
Champion: Lynn Rees-Lambert (Kingston This Week)

The Book of Negroes by Lawrence Hill
Champion: Greg Burluk (Kingston Whig-Standard)

Fifteen Days: Stories of bravery, friendship, life and death from inside the new Canadian army
by Christie Blatchford Champion: Shauna Cunningham (FLY FM and CHUM Radio Group)

The Horseman's Graves by Jacqueline Baker.
Champion: Bhavana Varma (The United Way)

The Letter Opener by Kyo Maclear
Champion: Talia Radcliffe (Queen's Alma Mater Society)

One Red Paperclip: or how an ordinary man achieved his dream with the help of a simple office supply
by Kyle MacDonald Champion: Brian Scott (CFLY FM and CHUM Radio Group)

Radiance by Shaena Lambert
Champion: Jamie Swift (Author and activist)

The Shock Doctrine; the rise of disaster capitalism by Naomi Klein
Champion: Vicki Schmolka (City Councillor)

The Unfinished Canadian by Andrew Cohen
Champion: Emily Fennell (Singer)

Wind Tails by Anne deGrace
Champion: Julie Brown (CKWS TV)

The public will have a chance to vote from September 10th through October 11th at various locations around the city as well as on the library's website. The winning book for Kingston Reads will be announced in conjunction with Writersfest, an event also hosted by Indigo, KFPL and Kingston Literacy being held from October 16th to 18th.

Many of the luminaries plan to attend the July 30th launch and hope to spark an early interest in their books. We hope you can come out to support this exciting literary event. Light refreshments will be served.

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