



For The Love of Reading

CTN is now able to offer a variety of books that can be borrowed by families in Simcoe County or York Region. This new library of books celebrates diversity and representation and were generously donated by the Jays Care Foundation in partnership with the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation.





Inspired by kids across the country displaying rainbows in their windows, acclaimed illustrators come together to imagine everything these rainbows represent: caring for one another, and our hopes for the future.



Helen Keller: The World at Her Fingertips

By Sarah Albee

When Helen Keller was a baby, she became sick and lost her ability to see and hear. Although many people doubted her ability to persevere, Helen did not let any obstacle stop her from achieving many things in her amazing life.



We Move Together

By Anne McGuire and
Kelly Fritsch

We Move Together follows a mixed-ability group of kids as they creatively negotiate everyday barriers and find joy and connection in disability culture and community.



I Am Enough

By Grace Byers

This gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another comes from *Empire* actor and activist Grace Byers and talented newcomer artist Keturah A. Bobo.



What Happened To You?

By James Catchpole

Every time Joe goes out the questions are the same . . . what happened to his leg? A ground-breaking, funny story that helps children understand what it might feel like to be seen as different.





Janine

By Maryann Cocca-Leffler

Meet Janine. Janine dresses a little different, remembers random facts, reads the dictionary for fun, and has her own style of cheering. One girl in Janine's class is throwing a party and all the COOL kids are invited. But Janine is not cool.



Last Stop On Market Street

By Matt De La Peña

This energetic ride through a bustling city highlights the wonderful perspective only grandparent and grandchild can share and comes to life through Matt de la Peña's vibrant text and Christian Robinson's radiant illustrations.



Leah's Voice

By Lori DeMonia

Leah's Voice is a story that touches on the difficulties children encounter when they meet a child with autism or special needs.

Siblings may find it hard to explain to their friends or feel disappointed when others aren't understanding.



The Girl Who Thought In Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin

By Julia Finley Mosca

When young Temple was diagnosed with autism, no one expected her to talk, let alone become one of the most powerful voices in modern science. Yet, the determined visual thinker did just that.



Ben's Adventures A Day At The Beach

By Elizabeth Gerlach

In this fun first adventure in the Ben's Adventures children's book series, you'll smile as you join Ben on his first adventure to the beach. He uses a wheelchair but shows he is just like any other child.





5 Minute Stories for Fearless Girls

By Sarah Howden

5-Minute Stories for Fearless
Girls features women who
have pursued their dreams,
changed our world, and
shown everyone what
women can do. From
aviation pioneers to leading
scientists and gold-medal
athletes and princesses!



Blackflies

By Robert Munsch

Helen knows that the blackflies will be coming out soon. So, she does what any smart kid would do: she sends her little sister outdoors to check! When the blackflies and mosquitoes carry her away, Helen tells her dad, who rushes outside and is carried away himself.



Sulwe

By Lupita Nyong'o

Sulwe has skin the color of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school. Sulwe just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.



It's Okay To Be Different

By Todd Parr

It's okay to need some help.
It's okay to be a different color.
It's okay to talk about your
feelings.

Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and self-confidence.



All Are Welcome

By Alexandra Penfold

Readers will follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where students from all backgrounds learn from and celebrate each other's traditions. A school that shows the world as we will make it to be.





Big Feelings

By Alexandra Penfold

Big Feelings helps children navigate the emotional challenges they face in their daily lives. What should we do when things don't go to plan? We may feel mad, frustrated, or overwhelmed, but by talking it through, compromising, and seeing another point of view, we can start fresh, begin anew



You Matter

By Christian Robinson

In this full, bright, and beautiful picture book, many different perspectives around the world are deftly and empathetically explored—from a pair of bird-watchers to the pigeons they're feeding.



The Giving Tree

By Shel Silverstein

This moving parable for all ages offers a touching interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return.

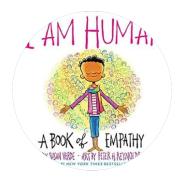


Dear Girl: A Celebration of Wonderful, Smart,

Beautiful You!

By Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Paris Rosenthal

Dear Girl, is a love letter written for the special girl in your life; a gentle reminder that she's powerful, strong, and holds a valuable place in the world.



I Am Human: A Book Of Empathy

By Susan Verde

A hopeful celebration of the human family, which affirms that although we may make mistakes, we can make good choices by acting with compassion and having empathy for others and ourselves.



Early Chapter Books



Coyote Tales

By Thomas King

Two tales, set in a time
"when animals and human
beings still talked to each
other," display Thomas King's
cheeky humor and master
storytelling skills. Freshly
illustrated and reissued as an
early chapter book, these
stories are perfect for newly
independent readers.



Laugh Out Loud Canadian Jokes

By Erin O'Connor and

Kara Woodburn

From moose-quitoes to hambonis, slime ministers to Drain Gretzky, this book features hundreds of hilarious — and downright punny — Canadian jokes.



Wonder

By R.J. Palacio

August Pullman was born

with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.



El Deafo

By Cece Bell

Starting at a new school is scary, especially with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest! At her old school, everyone in Cece's class was deaf. Here, she's different.

She's sure the kids are staring at the Phonic Ear, the powerful aid that will help her hear her teacher.



Trailblazers

By Tiyahna Ridley-Padmore

Trailblazers introduces readers to Canada's Black history through the undertold stories of over forty incredible Black change makers. (Poetry)



Chapter Books



Counting By 7's

By Holly Goldberg Sloan

Willow Chance is a twelveyear-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life . . . until now.



Out Of My Mind

By Sharon M. Draper

Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory. She's the smartest kid in her whole school, but NO ONE knows it.



No Fixed Address

By Susin Nielsen

Felix Knuttson, twelve, is an endearing kid with an incredible brain for trivia. His mom Astrid is loving but unreliable. When they lose their apartment, they move into a camper van, just for August, till Astrid finds a job. September comes, they're still in the van; Felix must keep "home" a secret...



Hidden Figures Young Readers Edition

By Margot Lee Shetterly

Before Neil Armstrong
walked on the moon, a
group of dedicated female
mathematicians known as
"human computers" used
pencils, slide rules, and
adding machines to calculate
the numbers that would
launch rockets, and
astronauts, into space.



Roll With It

By Jamie Sumner

Ellie's a girl who tells it like it is. That surprises some people, who see a kid in a wheelchair and think she's going to be all sunshine and cuddles. The thing is, Ellie has big dreams: She might be eating Stouffer's for dinner, but one day she's going to be a professional baker.







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