

Yukon Education Resource Services Newsletter

Winter 2020

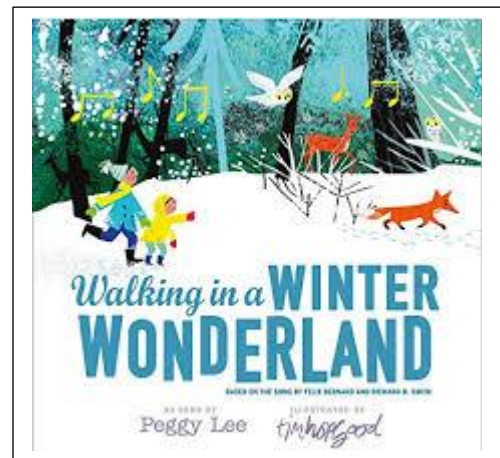


Winter Tales

I love seasonal stories: our home “Children’s Library” has an entire section dedicated to treasured tales for winter, spring, summer and autumn. Wordless books, well-read picture books, poetry, and story collections are brought from the shelves at the turn of each season, and spend a few months in a special basket for my daughters and their friends to enjoy (even teenagers can still love a great picture book!).

Here are some of our favourites winter tales:

- *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*, by Robert Frost. Illustrated by Susan Jeffers.
- *Owl Moon*, by Jane Yolen
- *The Mitten*, a traditional tale with many versions and variations.
- *Tracks in the Snow*, by Wong Lee (a rhyming story read so many times I have it memorized!)



- *Once Upon a Northern Night*, by Jean Pendziwol
- *Winter Story*, by Jill Barklem
- *Twelve Kinds of Ice*, by Ellen Obed
- *Lines*, by Suzy Lee
- *The Winter Train*, by Susanna Isern
- *Winter Dance*, by Marion Dane Bauer
- *Shelter*, by Celine Claire
- *Over and Under the Snow*, by Kate Messner
- *The Wish Tree*, by Kyo Maclean

Resource Services Website Update – the new home of Yukon Digital Resources

During the Christmas holidays, we were able to devote some time to updating both the [Yukon Education Resource Services website](#), as well as the site-specific Destiny library websites.

Our apologies for not giving advance notice of the changes to Destiny library home pages; we wish we had made the time to advise you ahead of time, and trust that the changes meet the needs of your students and staff.

A primary reason for the updates to both websites was security. The server that hosted our web content was old, and very much out of date. In this state, it is a security risk and needs to be decommissioned.

In addition to security, we also wanted to house our digital resources on a site that was easily updated. By directing students and staff to the Yukon Digital Resources link on the school library Destiny pages, they will have access to all of the resources to which we currently subscribe: changes to our subscriptions can be made easily, and across the board for all schools.

School Libraries have two main featured locations on the Resource Services website. First, the home page contains a School Libraries link that takes you to the Yukon Department of Education's Destiny home page (with access to all school libraries). Second, the School Library Support tab at the top of the website has a drop-down menu for Resource Services newsletters, while the page itself has a link to the School Library Cataloguing Form, as well as to the updated School Library Learning Commons Handbook (the Library Clerk Training Guide will soon be added).

For cataloguing services, please print and fill out the Cataloguing Request Form, to ensure that we are cataloguing your resources appropriately.

Please share the link to Yukon Education [Digital Resources](#) with staff and students – our Focused Education Resources (formerly BCERAC) suite provides a valuable collection of reference, media, and streaming tools. The page also features a link to Focused Education Resources Webinar Series for Educators, with additional information on a variety of resources offered in our digital collection.

For updated login information to these resources (providing home access to both staff and students), please go to the Digital Resources Conference in the Teacher's Global Conference on First Class.

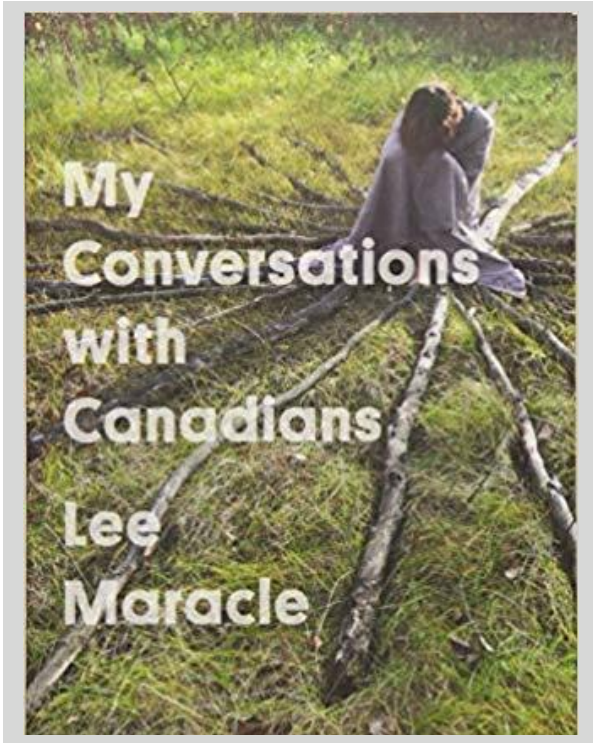
We hope you find these changes user-friendly and accessible – a fresh “digital” face for the new decade!

Aspen-Destiny Update

Good news! Aspen to Destiny updates will soon take place on a nightly basis, so students enrolled in Aspen correctly should also be in the Destiny system. We hope this resolves some of the difficulties adding new students to the library system.



Read more about [I Read Canadian Day](https://ireadcanadian.com/day/) at <https://ireadcanadian.com/day/>. You will find ideas and tools to promote this national day of celebration of Canadian books for young people.



Indigenous Book Club

Whitehorse Public Library

January 16, 2020

My Conversations with Canadians

<https://yukon.ca/en/events/indigenous-book-club-my-conversations-canadians-lee-maracle?date=2020-01-16>

Indigenous Book Club is a co-production of Whitehorse Public Library and the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. This free program invites Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants to read works by Indigenous authors and then come together over food to discuss themes and ideas.

"My Conversations with Canadians offer[s] strength and solidarity to Indigenous readers, and a generous guide to ally-ship for non-Indigenous readers. For the latter, these books will unsettle, but to engage in ally-ship is to commit to being unsettled—all the time." —

The Globe and Mail

Discoveries from the CBC Books archive:

A reconciliation reading list - 15 must-read books:

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/a-reconciliation-reading-list-15-must-read-books-1.4129333>

14 high school students share the one book they think their entire generation should read.

CBC Books has the full story:

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/14-high-school-students-share-the-one-book-they-think-their-entire-generation-should-read-1.5302953>

A fun Juvenile Fiction book with a (Grumpy) character from Faro, Yukon!

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/the-lotterys-plus-one-1.3982917>

And there is also a sequel:

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/the-lotterys-more-or-less-1.4792900>

Librarians Recommend - 8 Classic Children's Books that Stand the Test of Time:

<https://www.cbc.ca/parents/learning/view/eight-librarian-recommended-classic-childrens-books-that-stand-test-of-time>

Student reviews – future librarians share their favourites:

Wildwood Imperium

(Book Three in the Wildwood Trilogy)

By Colin Meloy with illustrations by Carson Ellis

Report by Callie Yu Schott, Age 10

Wildwood Imperium was about Prue McKeel's continued quest to find the exiled toymakers to reanimate Alexei, the heir to the throne. Wildwood is in danger, and not only from the cloaked Caliphs of the Synod. A girl is helping an evil spirit to rise, although she doesn't know it. If you've read Under Wildwood, you'll remember the Unadoptables. They are trying to save their friends with help from a gang of saboteurs. To find out more, you should read it. If you haven't read the first two books, start with Wildwood. (You can find them in the Whitehorse Public Library.)

I found this book really enjoyable. I couldn't stop reading it! I liked the characters and the storyline, they were very interesting. A funny part I liked was when Joffrey Unthank was singing tra la, tra lee. If you like adventure and excitement, this is the book for you. I would most likely give Wildwood Imperium five stars.

My name is Hadley Callan and I am 10 years old. I was asked to do a book report because I love reading and always have a book on the go. I thought about what book to pick for a while but in the end, the fates decided. I chose The Very Nearly Honorable League of Pirates: Magic Marks the Spot by Caroline Carlson, a great pirate yarn (or so the gargoyle would say) of magic, mischief, and maybe just a touch of beets. This hilarious tale will have you sneaking a flashlight under your sheets for sure. A young (and supposedly proper) girl named Hilary Westfield gets sent off to finishing school (oh the horror!) with only her loyal and piratical gargoyle as a companion. But after seeing a poster asking for a pirate crew, she heads out on a treasure seeking, seafaring, adventure with "terror of the southlands" Jasper Fletcher, former governess Eloise Greyson, first mate Charlie Dove, and a spider eating gargoyle that yes, as promised, includes beets. This book is excellent reading for ages 9-12 but anyone can enjoy it. It is 345 pages long, and was published by HarperCollins in 2013 and it is the first of a trilogy. If you know a kid who loves Harry Potter, Roald Dahl, and David Walliams they will love this book. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I would give this book a 10/10 rating.