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TD Summer Reading Club Position – Artist

Location: Off-site

Duration: August 2026 to August 2027

Remuneration: \$ 37,131.50 for thirteen-month term

Toronto Public Library invites applications from children's illustrators for the 2027 TD Summer Reading Club Artist position.

About TD Summer Reading Club (TDSRC)

TDSRC is a national, bilingual program of Canadian public libraries that strives to engage all children in the joy of reading during the summer months while championing Canadian writers and illustrators. The program helps connect children and families with books and build confidence in reading through the delivery of free incentives and fun, accessible library and online activities.

TDSRC is committed to fostering a diverse, respectful, inclusive and safe program that reflects the Canadian population we serve. TDSRC understands the importance for the Club's contributors and content to reflect the diversity of our audience and we encourage candidates of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply.

TD Summer Reading Club 2027 Campaign Identity:

Read the Rhythm

This summer, kids will explore the rhythms that shape their world—beats, patterns, movements, and sounds that connect nature, culture, bodies, language, and imagination. Rhythm is everywhere: in the pulse of a drum, the swoosh of a skipping rope, the murmuration of birds, the crash of waves, the hum of a city streetcar, and the flowing cadence of stories and poems, as well as the steady heartbeat that keeps us moving.

Kids will discover how rhythm can be heard, felt, seen, read, and expressed. We will experiment with sound waves and vibrations, try body percussion, create instruments from everyday objects, and explore tactile ways to sense rhythm. Through books, music, poetry, and spoken word, kids will notice patterns in words and language. They will explore how animals communicate through dances and calls, how seasons and tides follow natural patterns, and how rhythm helps us remember, learn, build language skills, and connect.

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From dance parties to poetry slams, DJ mixing, and cultural celebrations, rhythm becomes a universal language—joyful, calming, nostalgic, empowering, and sometimes a little mysterious. It invites kids to express themselves, strengthen their voices as readers and communicators, and find the beat that makes them unique.

Tone:

Energetic, vibrant, sensory, inclusive, and curiosity driven

Personality:

Expressive, dynamic, inventive, culturally rich, and joyfully offbeat

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for the 2027 TDSRC illustration elements used for all program materials, including those used for communication, promotion and the interactive website
 - Illustrations will be created around the annual TDSRC theme and will help drive the TDSRC brand strategy and key objective of promoting and celebrating the joy of reading
 - Elements will be developed in consultation with and according to creative and technical direction provided by the Toronto Public Library, involving collaboration with the various TDSRC committees
 - Illustrations must appeal to multiple audiences (i.e., young children, older children, and parents/caregivers)
- Participate in promotional events and conduct four to six children's programs online and/or in-person (TBD)
- Represent the program in a manner that reflects the program's brand and values

Timeline:

- Art for this project must be completed between August 2026 and May 2027
- Promotional events and library program responsibilities (locations TBD) will occur from June to August 2027

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Eligibility Criteria:

- Must reside in Canada
- Professionally published children's book illustrator
- Able to work in collaborative situations and meet deadlines
- Ability to work to scope of project, audience and theme
- Able to apply principles of diversity, equity and inclusiveness and work with diverse communities

Asset(not required):

- Ability to work in both official languages

Applications must include:

- Cover letter outlining ability to meet eligibility criteria (one page)
- Curriculum vitae or resume, including a list of publications and completed projects, education and training, recognition and awards
- Sample images from recent work in *.jpg* or *.pdf* format and links to websites or interactive products (10 pieces of work)
- Two letters of reference
- **Please combine these elements into a single PDF document where possible**

Application Deadline:

June 29, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Please note late submissions will not be accepted.

Send applications electronically to:

TDSRC Artist Selection

c/o Soheli Nabizadah

snabizadah@tpl.ca

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