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TD Summer Reading Club Position: Web Comic Creator

Location: Off-site

Duration: November 2026 to June 2027

Remuneration: \$5,350

Toronto Public Library invites applications from children's book creators for the
2027 TD Summer Reading Club Web Comic Creator position.

About TD Summer Reading Club

TD Summer Reading Club (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. It is important 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: **Read the Rhythm**

This summer, kids will explore the rhythms that shape their world—beats, patterns, movements, and sounds that connect nature, culture, bodies, and imagination. Rhythm is everywhere: in the pulse of a drum, the swoosh of a skipping rope, the

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murmuration of birds, the crash of waves, the hum of a city streetcar, and the steady heartbeat that keeps us moving.

Kids will discover how rhythm can be heard, felt, seen, 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. We will explore how animals communicate through dances and calls, how seasons and tides follow natural patterns, and how rhythm helps us remember, learn, and connect.

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, and find the beat that makes them unique.

Tone

Energetic, vibrant, sensory, inclusive, and curiosity-driven.

Personality

Expressive, dynamic, inventive, culturally rich, and joyfully off-beat.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Create an English-language web comic that
 - is three to five strips of 6–8 panels
 - appeals to a diverse audience and broad age range
 - is tied to the TDSRC 2027 theme
 - drives the TDSRC brand strategy and key objective of promoting and celebrating the joy of reading
 - is developed in consultation with and according to creative and technical direction provided by the Toronto Public Library and TDSRC National Committee
 - will be released on the TD Summer Reading Club website in early June 2027
- Participate in a promotional launch event in June 2027 (if applicable)
- Represent the program in a manner that reflects its brand and values

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Timeline

- Work for this project must be completed in the period from November 2026 to March 2027
- Promotional events and library program responsibilities can occur from April to June 2027

Eligibility Criteria

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

Application Requirements

- 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 of recent work
- Description of a children's workshop/program that could be delivered in-person
- Two letters of reference

Please combine these elements into a single PDF document

Application Deadline:

Monday, October 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Kindly note that late submissions will not be accepted.

Send applications electronically to:

Soheli Nabizadah (she/her)

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Subject: TDSRC 2027 Web Comic Creator Selection

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