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British Columbia Government to proclaim ninth annual BC Book Day on April 17, 2023

The Province of British Columbia will proclaim Monday, April 17, 2023, as BC Book Day at an event to be held at the BC Legislature. BC Book Day brings together government and industry stakeholders, including BC publishers, authors, festival directors, librarians, and booksellers, to celebrate the literary landscape of our province.

This day also kicks off Creative Industries Week, which brings together stakeholders in film and television, digital entertainment, music and sound recording, and book and magazine publishing to showcase the growing contributions of the creative industries to the province's economy.

A diverse range of BC books, magazines, and literary offerings will be on display at the **Hall of Honour of the BC Legislature on Monday, April 17, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Remarks from The Hon. Lana Popham, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport will be given as part of the celebration at 12:10 p.m., followed by remarks from Bob D'Eith, Parliamentary Secretary for Arts, Culture, and Film, Teresa Wat, MLA for Richmond Centre and Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism, Anti-Racism Initiatives, Arts and Culture, Teddy Anderson, Board Member of Books BC and Publisher of Medicine Wheel Education, and Sylvia Skene, Executive Director of MagsBC. Victoria-based author Anny Scoones will give a reading to finish the remarks portion of the day.

"BC Book Day is a chance to celebrate the unique offerings of our region's book-related communities, and to showcase the local publishers, authors, booksellers, libraries, festivals, and cultural institutions that share the stories of our region," says Matea Kulic, Executive Director of Books BC, the Association of Book Publishers of BC.

British Columbia is the second largest English-language book publishing region in the country. BC publishers produce titles that reflect their region, BC, Canada and the world back to readers, in a variety of genres including literary fiction, poetry, regional interest, Indigenous perspectives, children's literature, cuisine, and scholarly topics. They operate in communities across the province, and employ hundreds of British Columbians in both full-time and contract positions.

Readers are encouraged to celebrate BC Book Day on April 17 by posting their favourite BC book using the hashtag **#BCBookDay** on social media and tagging **@ReadLocalBC**.

More information on the online campaign can be found here:

<https://www.readlocalbc.ca/bcbookday/>

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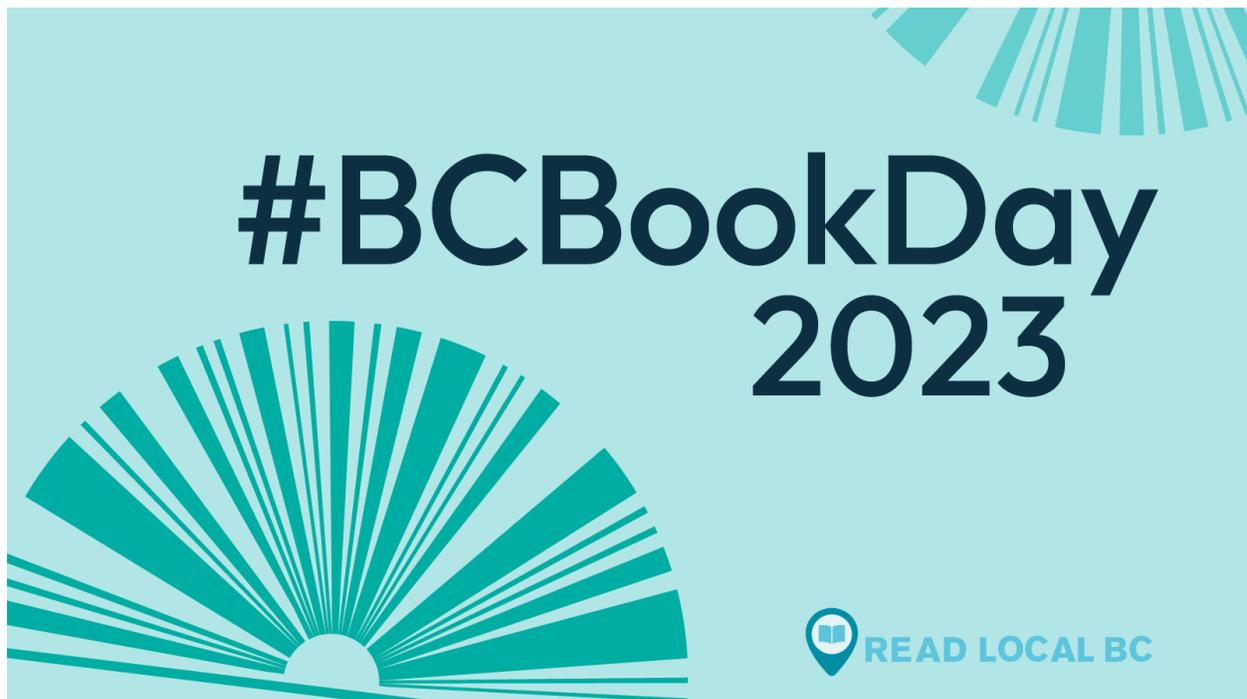


The Association of Book Publishers of BC (Books BC)

Founded in 1974, the Association of Book Publishers of British Columbia (Books BC) represents 27 BC-owned book publishing companies. The organization works to foster an environment in which its members will flourish, and to expand an awareness of the value of books in all our lives. Books BC is a regional affiliate of the Association of Canadian Publishers.

We are grateful to the Province for its continued support of the BC Arts Council and Creative BC, two important agencies that support and promote BC's dynamic creative sector at home and in the global marketplace.

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