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Submissions open for 2014 Alberta Readers' Choice Award Authors can submit books until the end of 2013

EDMONTON, AB, Nov. 8, 2013 – The Alberta Readers' Choice Award has opened the call for book submissions from Alberta authors from now until Dec. 31, 2013.

Sponsored by the Edmonton Public Library, the Alberta Readers' Choice Award is awarded annually for the best fiction or narrative non-fiction book written by an Alberta author.

The \$10,000 prize – presented annually by EPL and one of Alberta's richest literary prizes – recognizes exceptional writing in our province and encourages readers to support local authors.

"The talent of authors and quality of work in Alberta is always outstanding," said Linda Cook, CEO of the Edmonton Public Library. "We welcome variety – fiction, non-fiction, children's titles and poetry – and look forward to seeing what this year's submissions will be!"

Past winners include *Fishing for Bacon* by Michael Davie (2010), *Letters from the Lost* by Helen Waldstein Wilkes (2011), *Fall From Grace* by Wayne Arthurson (2012) and *The Shore Girl* by Fran Kimmel (2013).

To be eligible for the award, books must be published between Jan. 1, 2013 and Dec. 31, 2013. Only works of fiction and narrative non-fiction are eligible, and books must be a first edition full-length novel, short story collection or book of poetry written by an Alberta author who has been a resident of the province for the last 12 months. For a complete list of submission rules, please visit www.epl.ca/alberta-readers-choice.

Authors can submit their books to:

Edmonton Public Library Alberta Readers' Choice Award
Attn: Diego Ibarra
Stanley A. Milner Library
7 Sir Winston Churchill Square
Edmonton, AB
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Email: albertareaderschoice@epl.ca

All books submitted will be narrowed down to a Top 5 list in early 2014, and the public will go to the polls to cast their votes in the spring! The winner will be announced at the 2014 Alberta Book Awards Gala.

About the Alberta Readers' Choice Award

The Alberta Readers' Choice (ARC) Award is presented by the Edmonton Public Library (EPL). Currently in its fifth year, the ARC Award promotes literacy and reading to Albertans by highlighting the unique and talented writers residing in our province. The \$10,000 prize, sponsored by EPL, goes to the author of the winning title as voted on by the reading public. The ARC Award is one of the largest literary prizes offered in Alberta and is comparable to many national literary awards. For more information about the ARC Award, visit www.epl.ca/alberta-readers-choice.

About the Edmonton Public Library

In 2013 the Edmonton Public Library (EPL) celebrates 100 years of service to our great city. We've come a long way since 1913 when books were all you could find on our shelves... and we're just getting started! Today EPL carries everything you care about. We are Edmonton's largest lender of all manner of information and entertainment. Our professionally trained staff take you beyond Google with the knowledge, discernment and desire to help you navigate a universe of information. The second most visited place in Edmonton, every year we host over 14 million in-branch and online visits across our 17 branches and website. We deliver our incredible content to you everywhere – in the library, at home or on your handheld device. Unmatched access and unrivalled value – that is today's EPL. EPL is a registered charity and relies on donations to enhance services. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20. Spread the words. www.epl.ca/donate.

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