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Warm up for Harry Potter with a local author:
Spring Book Hatching Delivers
All the Best New Children's Books in BC



Just in time for summer reading, the Children's Writers and Illustrators of BC (CWILL BC) is pleased to announce a special event—**Spring Book Hatching**—to celebrate the release of the latest books by local authors and artists.

Spring Book Hatching will be held June 9, 2007, from 1-3 pm in the Alice McKay Room at the Vancouver Public Library. This is a free event, open to all members of the public. There will be something for every age group, as picture books, juvenile fiction, and young adult books will all be showcased. The afternoon will feature live presentations, displays, door prizes, a book sale and—best of all—the chance for lovers of children's literature to meet their favourite BC author or illustrator.

“This province is home to such incredible talent in the field of children’s literature,” says CWILL BC president James McCann, “and we’re thrilled to gather so much of it together into one room. We’ve never held an event like Spring Book Hatching before, so this is a great opportunity for the public to come out and discover all the fabulous new books that are being produced right here in our backyard.”

To date, the following authors and illustrators are scheduled to appear at Spring Book Hatching: Alison Acheson, Dan Bar-el, Dianna Bonder, Vivien Bowers, Della Burford, Kristin Butcher, Linda DeMeulemeester, Maggie de Vries, kc dyer, Lee Edward Födi, Dennis Foon, Diane Haynes, James Heneghan, Melanie Jackson, Heather Kellerhals-Stewart, Cora Lee, Shar Levine, Ainslie Manson, Adrienne Mason, James McCann, Victoria Miles, Max Newhouse, Cynthia Nugent, Jacqueline Pearce, Louise Phillips, Ellen Schwartz, Sima Elizabeth Shefrin, Shannon Stewart, Tiffany Stone, Joan Betty Stuchner, Diane Tullson, Kari-Lynn Winters and Pam Withers.

CWILL BC is a lively group of published writers and illustrators for children. With close to 150 members across British Columbia, we exchange information about creating literary works for young people, we support one another and we help promote our books. Our volunteer, cooperative organization also communicates with other arts groups, schools and libraries in BC and Canada. Spring Book Hatching is hosted by CWILL BC and Pandora’s Collective, with sponsorship provided by Vancouver Public Library, ING, News 1130, and Purdy’s Chocolates.