



ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL
CONSEIL DES ARTS DE L'ONTARIO

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LIST OF RECOMMENDERS
WRITERS' RESERVE PROGRAM 2016-2017

- The following is a list of book and magazine publishers designated to recommend writers for grants from the Ontario Arts Council from September 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017. Please note the subjects in which publishers will review applications and the description of the type of work they publish. Use this as a guide to choose which recommenders to apply to. You may also wish to have a look at the publishers' websites to further guide your choices.
- Label your envelopes clearly with the words "Writers' Reserve" when mailing applications.
- **You MUST enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with each application.**
- **As well, you MUST send both a project description and your writing history to the OAC for our records. We do not need a copy of the application as we will get one eventually from the recommender.**
- If you have questions about the program, please call Helen Floros at 416-969-7440 or 800-387-0058 ext. 7440 or email: hfloros@arts.on.ca.

CH – Children/Young Adult (fiction and nonfiction) **F** – Fiction **GR** – Graphic fiction/nonfiction (the writing only)
NF – Nonfiction **P** – Poetry **REGIONAL** - located outside Toronto

ANNICK PRESS LTD.

15 Patricia Avenue
Toronto ON M2M 1H9
www.annickpress.com

Priority is given to writers who demonstrate a high level of literary talent, address issues of substance that resonate with youth, and recognize that we live in a pluralistic society. In particular we would like to see works of fiction and non-fiction.

CH

ARC POETRY MAGAZINE

P.O. Box 81060
Ottawa ON K1P 1B1
managingeditor@arcpoetry.ca
www.arcpoetry.ca

Arc's interests are, as always, wide-ranging. But we will pay particular attention to collaborative projects and work from Indigenous poets.

P, REGIONAL

BETWEEN THE LINES

401 Richmond Street W.
Studio 277
Toronto ON M5V 3A8
info@btlbooks.com
www.btlbooks.com
416-535-9914

Between the Lines publishes non-fiction books on politics, public policy, social issues, history, critical race issues, environment, gender and sexuality, labour, media and culture and activism. Many BTL authors represent marginalized and minority voices. We notice works that support or reflect these areas. **GR, NF**

BIBLIOASIS

1520 Wyandotte St E
Windsor ON N9A 3L2
www.biblioasis.com

We will be judging submitted work by the quality of the writing, though we will be paying particular attention to short fiction, non-fiction and regional history submissions during this application period.

F, G, NF, P, REGIONAL

BLACK MOSS PRESS

2450 Byng Road
Windsor ON N8W 3E8
al@blackmosspress.com
blackmosspress.com
519-903-2966

We are looking for innovative poetry and creative non-fiction projects, but especially for works about SW Ontario that deal with the historical story of this region. Keenly interested in Indigenous literature.

NF, P, REGIONAL

BOOKTHUG

260 Ryding Ave.
Toronto ON M6N 1H5
jay@bookthug.ca
www.bookthug.ca
416-994-5804

BookThug publishes contemporary poetry, literary fiction and non-fiction. We like work that: explores how writing operates in our complex world; is engaged with contemporary issues; does both. We want to learn what writers who identify with marginalized groups are producing.

F, NF, P

BRICK, A LITERARY JOURNAL

(magazine)

50 Baldwin St., Suite 304

Toronto ON M5T 1L4

416-593-9684

info@brickmag.com

www.brickmag.com

Brick is looking for literary non-fiction essays or book-length projects.

NF

BRICK BOOKS

Attn: John Donlan, Editor

Box 20081

431 Boler Road

London, ON N6K 4G6

www.brickbooks.ca

Brick Books publishes poetry of high literary quality, emotionally evocative and finely crafted. We value work whose art engages the sense and music of language.

P REGIONAL

BROKEN PENCIL

(magazine)

P.O. Box 203

Station P

Toronto ON M5S 2S7

416-204-1700

editor@brokenpencil.com

www.brokenpencil.com

Broken Pencil is looking for nonfiction features up to 2,000 words on issues relevant to DIY culture and independent arts. We also accept original unpublished fiction.

F, NF

CAROUSEL

(magazine)

P.O. Box 141, Station P

Toronto ON M5S 2S6

www.carouselmagazine.ca

CAROUSEL is searching for new voices in graphic literature. We consider works in a variety of modes – from traditional graphic fiction to experimental comic poetry – and are particularly interested in hybrid explorations that push at boundaries and blur borders.

GR

CHIZINE PUBLICATIONS

1410 Hetherington Drive

Peterborough ON K9L 1Z5

sandra@chizinepub.com

<http://chizinepub.com>

705-874-2643

Seeking genre fiction NOVELS: SF, fantasy, horror, magic realism, retold mythologies/fairy tales; superb literary quality. Also mysteries/thrillers, YA novels in those genres. NO middle-grade, nonfiction, humour, serial killer stories, romance. Especially want non-white cultures, QUILTBAG, Indigenous, female.

CH, F, GR REGIONAL

COACH HOUSE BOOKS

80 bpNichol Lane

Toronto ON M5S 3J4

mail@cbooks.com

www.chbooks.com

Coach House Books is interested in innovative or experimental poetry and fiction – work that questions traditional poetics or conventions of narrative, whether in form or content. We will also look at nonfiction on urban or cultural issues.

F, NF, P

CORMORANT BOOKS

10 St. Mary St., Suite 615

Toronto ON M4Y 1P9

416-925-8887 ext. 200

m.cote@cormorantbooks.com

www.cormorantbooks.com

Cormorant Books is interested in authenticity, originality, importance of story, and control of language. Special attention is given to emerging writers and writers whose stories are necessary contributions to the building of a national literature.

CH, F, NF

DIASPORA DIALOGUES (organization)

170 Bloor Street West, Suite 804

Toronto ON M5S 1T9

zalika@diasporadialogues.com

www.diasporadialogues.com

416-944-1101 ext. 360

Diaspora Dialogues accepts submissions of poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction. We do not accept works for children/young adults. We encourage submissions by culturally diverse and Indigenous writers. We love to read work that explores a strong sense of 'place' and 'identity.'

F, NF, P

DUNDURN PRESS

3 Church Street, Suite 500

Toronto ON M5E 1M2

www.dundurn.com

Dundurn Press publishes adult nonfiction in the areas of Canadian history, politics, regional issues, biography, Indigenous and black history, as well as select titles dealing with Canadian cultural institutions and artists. We also publish adult literary fiction and mysteries, as well as children's and YA fiction.

CH, F, NF

ECW PRESS

665 Gerrard Street East

Toronto ON M4M 1Y2

jack@ecwpress.com

www.ecwpress.com

We love to see fresh, original writing, and in on-fiction, subject matter that takes a distinctive approach.

CH (over 10 years of age only), F, GR, NF, P

ELQ/ (magazine)
EXILE: THE LITERARY QUARTERLY
170 Wellington St W
PO Box 308
Mount Forest ON N0G 2L0
The.exile.writers@gmail.com
www.theexilewriters.com

We look for new and emerging talent that is redefining the literary landscape with innovative works, mid-career writers who are shaping their vision by exploring/pushing boundaries; established writers well known for their craft. The same for graphic works.

F, GR, NF, P, REGIONAL

GUERNICA EDITIONS

1569 Heritage Way
Oakville ON L6M 2Z7
905-599-5304
michaelmirolla@guernicaeditions.com
www.guernicaeditions.com

Guernica has a long-standing history of publishing ethnic and minority voices, both in English and in translation. As well, we publish many emerging writers who have been marginalized. Thus, these would be our priorities for recommendations.

F, GR, NF, P, REGIONAL

HAMILTON ARTS & LETTERS

(online magazine)
92 Stanley Avenue
Hamilton ON L8P 2L3
www.HALmagazine.com

HAL magazine reflects the ethos of a place and reaches out to other places. We value inclusion, diversity, creativity, opportunity, and engagement. We are interested in works that are "simultaneously personal, political, economic, dramatic, everyday and historic."

NF, P, REGIONAL

HOUSE OF ANANSI PRESS

128 Sterling Road, Lower Level
Toronto ON M6R 2B7
www.houseofanansi.com

We are looking for high-quality fiction, graphic fiction, nonfiction works of memoir, current events, science, and humour, and poetry of the highest literary merit, all from a broad range of voices.

F, GR, NF, P

INANNA PUBLICATIONS

210 Founders College, York University
4700 Keele St., Toronto ON M3J 1P3
www.inanna.ca
luciana@inanna.ca

We are looking for fresh, new, and diverse feminist voices that provoke discussion, advance feminist thought and speak to the diverse lives of women.

F

INSOMNIAC PRESS

520 Princess Ave.
London ON N6B 2B8
416-504-6270
mike@insomniacpress.com
www.insonmiacpress.com

Insomniac Press is a small trade book publisher which specializes in literary fiction, poetry and the more interesting bits of nonfiction.

F, NF, P, REGIONAL

JAMES LORIMER & CO.

304-117 Peter Street
Toronto ON M5V 0M3
www.lorimer.ca
editor@lorimer.ca
416-362-4762

We are looking for adult non-fiction (including biographies) in the following subject areas: Canadian politics, business, media, cultural/social justice, and Indigenous issues.

In juvenile fiction, we are looking for stories that (a) reflect both the cultural and socio-economic diversity of today's schools and (b) will appeal to reluctant readers.

CH, NF

KEGEDONCE PRESS

P.O. Box 517
Owen Sound ON N4K 6R1
www.kegedonce.com
info@kegedonce.com
519-371-1434

Kegedonce Press is seeking quality manuscripts by Indigenous authors. In order of preference would be: Fiction, Children/Fantasy, Nonfiction and Poetry.

INDIGENOUS WRITERS ONLY

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KIDS CAN PRESS

25 Dockside Drive, 4th fl
Toronto, ON M5A 0B5
www.kidscanpress.com

We look to support engaging contemporary fiction (picture books, early chapter books, graphic novels, middle grade, YA) featuring original and diverse characters, voices and stories; and innovative non-fiction with strong curriculum connections and a unique approach (content + context").

CH, GR

MANSFIELD PRESS

25 Mansfield Avenue
Toronto ON M6J 2A9
denis@mansfieldpress.net
www.mansfieldpress.net

Our goal is to help fund the highest quality of work in our preferred genres, with a particular interest in supporting emerging writers.

F, NF, P

MAWENZI HOUSE PUBLISHERS

39 Woburn Ave (B)
Toronto ON M5M 1K5
www.mawenzihouse.com

We will consider works that reflect the growing diversity of Canadian culture; we will consider younger writers who demonstrate originality in form and content.

F, NF, P

THE NEW QUARTERLY (magazine)

290 Westmount Road North

Waterloo ON N2L 3G3

pmulloy@tnq.cawww.tnq.ca

416-884-8111 ext. 28290

Our interests are in literary fiction and poetry from emerging and established writers. We are looking for freshness of voice, style, subject matter, poetic or narrative structure.

F, P, **REGIONAL****OWLKIDS BOOKS**

10 Lower Spadina Ave., Suite 400

Toronto ON M5V 2Z2

debbie.rogosin@owlkids.comwww.owlkids.com

416-340-2700

We are looking for proposals that support an active approach to learning. For non-fiction, we prefer an emphasis on synthesis of information vs. presentation of facts. We are also interested in innovative and character-driven picture books, informational picture books, graphic novels, and engaging early chapter books and middle-grade fiction.

CH, GR

PALIMPSEST PRESS

1171 Eastlawn Ave

Windsor ON N8S 3J1

aimee@palimpsestpress.cawww.palimpsestpress.ca

We prioritize poetry, literary non-fiction dealing with literary criticism and poetry, and literary fiction.

F, NF, P, **REGIONAL****THE PORCUPINE'S QUILL**

68 Main Street

Box 160

Erin ON NOB 1T0

pql@sentex.netwww.porcupinesquill.ca

We are primarily looking for fiction from regional authors, though we are also happy to look at poetry and non-fiction (esp. memoirs).

F, GR, NF, P, **REGIONAL****QUATTRO BOOKS**

720 Bathurst St.

Toronto ON M5S 2R4

info@quattrobooks.cawww.quattrobooks.ca

As a press that specializes in novellas, Quattro is interested in recommending authors who are helping lift the art form out of obscurity and into the literary mainstream.

F, P

SECOND STORY PRESS

20 Maud Street

Suite 401

Toronto ON M5V 2M5

Kathryn@secondstorypress.cawww.secondstorypress.ca

We are looking for adult fiction and nonfiction on social and health issues (especially those concerning women), children's picture books (no alphabet, animal tales, rhyming or poetry books), and juvenile and teen fiction and nonfiction. We emphasize cultural diversity, social justice issues, and a feminist perspective along with excellence in writing.

CH, F, NF

TADDLE CREEK (magazine)

P.O. Box 611

Station P

Toronto ON M5S 2Y4

editor@taddlecreekmag.comwww.taddlecreekmag.com

Taddle Creek is looking for modern, relatable urban fiction and poetry; work that tells a story, usually with a strong narrative.

F, GR, NF, P

TIGHTROPE BOOKS

207-2 College Street

Toronto ON M5G 1K3

www.tightropebooks.com

Tightrope is seeking exquisite literary fiction (novels & short fiction) literary nonfiction, poetry & graphic works that explore cross-cultural conflict and relations.

F, NF, P

WOLSAK AND WYNN

280 James Street North

Hamilton ON L8R 2L3

www.wolsakandwynn.cainfo@wolsakandwynn.ca

We are interested in works that have a strong voice, are well-crafted and are written with passion. The content and style of the writing are the author's choice.

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**PUBLISHERS DESIGNATED TO RECOMMEND WRITERS
FOR THE ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL WRITERS' RESERVE PROGRAM 2015/2016**

Please Note: Depending on the subject of the project for which you are requesting Ontario Arts Council assistance, you should approach recommenders listed under the appropriate category below.

CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULT

Annick Press
Chizine Publications
Cormorant Books
Dundurn Press
ECW Press (over 10 years of age only)
James Lorimer & Co.
Kegedonce Press
Kids Can Press
Owlkids Books
The Porcupine's Quill
Second Story Press
Wolsak and Wynn

FICTION

Biblioasis
BOOKTHUG
Broken Pencil
Coach House Books
Chizine Publications
Cormorant Books
Diaspora Dialogues
Dundurn Press
ECW Press
ELQ/Exile: The Literary Quarterly
Guernica Editions
House of Anansi Press
Inanna Publications
Insomniac Press
Kegedonce Press
Mansfield Press
Mawenzi House
The New Quarterly
Palimpsest
The Porcupine's Quill
Quattro Books
Second Story Press
Taddle Creek
Tightrope Books
Wolsak and Wynn

GRAPHIC FICTION/NONFICTION

Between the Lines
Broken Pencil
Chizine Publications
Carousel
ECW Press
ELQ/Exile: The Literary Quarterly
Guernica Editions
House of Anansi Press
Kegedonce Press
Kids Can Press
Owlkids Books
The Porcupine's Quill
Taddle Creek
Wolsak and Wynn

NONFICTION

Between the Lines
Biblioasis
Black Moss Press
BOOKTHUG
Brick: A Literary Journal
Broken Pencil
Coach House Books
Cormorant Books
Diaspora Dialogues
Dundurn Press
ECW Press
ELQ/Exile: The Literary Quarterly
Guernica Editions
Hamilton Arts & Letters
House of Anansi Press
Insomniac Press
James Lorimer & Co.
Kegedonce Press
Mansfield Press
Mawenzi House
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Taddle Creek
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POETRY

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