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Dear Publisher/Editor:

I am excited to inform you that the **Canadian Library Association** has begun the process of evaluating books for the **2015-2016 Young Adult Book Award**.

We request that each member of the Young Adult Book Award Jury directly receives a copy of each book being considered for the Award. Please find enclosed the names and mailing addresses for the members of the 2015-2016 Award Jury. We appreciate your cooperation as this helps us to streamline our process and gives jury members more time to give each book thoughtful consideration. The jury members would appreciate receiving copies of your spring releases, starting as soon as possible.

This award recognizes an author of an outstanding Canadian English-language book that **appeals to young adults between the ages of 13 and 18**. The following criteria **must be met** for a book to be eligible for consideration:

- the book must be a work of **fiction** (novel, collection of short stories, or graphic novel);
- **published in 2015**;
- it must be an original **Canadian publication** in either hardcover or paperback not published elsewhere first; and
- the **author must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant**.

Past winners of this award include Kenneth Oppel, Martha Brooks, William Bell, Lesley Livingston, Martine Leavitt, and Catherine Austin. The 2014 winner was *This One Summer* by Mariko & Jillian Tamaki, published by Groundwood Books.

We will send a reminder in late fall because the final submission deadline is **November 30th, 2015. PLEASE NOTE THIS DEADLINE CHANGE AS IT IS NOT THE SAME DEADLINE AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.** The jury members will read all eligible titles submitted, and will release a shortlist in spring 2016. The book award will be presented in May 2016 at the CLA Conference in Ottawa.

Thank you for your support of this award. Your assistance and interest are greatly appreciated. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Everyone on the jury looks forward to receiving and reading your publications. ***Below you will find the address of ALL 5 jury members so that you can send in your submission(s).***

Sincerely,

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2015-16 Young Adult Canadian Book Award Jury

Please send one copy of each book that you would like to submit for consideration to each of these jury members.

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