

LIBRISSIMI 2018 – PROGRAM

May 5th Columbus Centre

1 day, 3 stages, 12 programming partners, 17 exhibitors, 37 authors, panelists, presenters and performers → The first edition of Librissimi – Toronto Italian Book Festival. Don't miss it!

MAIN STAGE – Lower Gallery

TIME	PRESENTATION	PRESENTERS	MODERATORS	DESCRIPTION
10 am	La lingua italiana in Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Barbara Turchetta Prof. Massimo Vedovelli 	Alessandro Ruggera	Presenting the results of a research survey on the dynamics of usage and the state of transmission and preservation of Italian language among Italian Canadians. <i>Presented by Istituto Italiano di Cultura and Consolato Generale d'Italia a Toronto</i>
11 am	The Making of an Anthology: People, Places, Passages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delia De Santis, author and editor Caroline Morgan Di Giovanni, editor 	Domenic Cusmano	Excerpts and discussion on the making of the landmark anthology. The volume showcases 100 Canadian writers of Italian heritage. Published by Longbridge Books. <i>Presented by Association of Italian Canadian Writers</i>
12 pm	History of Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paolo Granata Antonio Ricci 	Enrica Piccardo	From paper to electronics: how books, readers and means of reading have changed over time. <i>Presented by York University and University of Toronto.</i>
1 pm	Poetry Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domenico Capilongo Rocco De Giacomo Rina Del Nin Cralli 	Gianna Patriarca	<i>Presented by Guernica Editions, Longbridge Books, Quattro Books</i>
2 pm	Romanzo - Telling Italian Stories in Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Labriola Gianna Patriarca Robert Marrone 	Joseph Cafiso	Our stories, our selves. How the stories we write reflect who we are as individuals and as a collectivity. <i>Presented by Inanna Publications, Guernica Editions and Quattro Books</i>

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3 pm	L'ultima notte di Canova	Gabriele Dadati, writer and blogger	Luca Fiorentini	Gabriele Dadati, author and blogger, will talk about his latest novel L'ultima notte di Canova, published by Baldini + Castoldi. <i>Presented by Istituto Italiano di Cultura</i>
4 pm	Presenting Fiumi d'oro: How 'ndrangheta invests its cocaine money in legitimate economy	Antonio Nicaso, journalist and author	Daniela Sanzone	Investigative journalist and organized crime expert Antonio Nicaso presents his latest work written with co-author Nicola Gratteri: an investigation into a new dimension taken on by the 'ndrangheta and its actual consolidated economic power, following the money trail that funds the international cocaine trade. Published by Mondadori
5 pm	Tribute to Venera Fazio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licia Canton Delia De Santis Silvia Falsaperla 	Rosanna Micelotta Battigelli	Fellow writers and friends read from Venera Fazio's writings and acknowledge her contribution to Italian Canadian literature. Venera Fazio (1946-2017) was a poet, literary editor, and social worker. English, Italian. <i>Presented by Accenti Magazine</i>

CHILDREN'S STAGE – Alberto Di Giovanni Library

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11 am	Italian Poetry Reading	Centro Scuola e Cultura Italiana students	The students enrolled in Italian classes will recite a selection of Italian poetry	8 years and up
11:45 am	I Call My Grandmother Nonna	Bruna di Giuseppe Bertoni	Bruna Di Giuseppe Bertoni, a social worker by trade and a writer and painter at heart, will read from her children's book, I Call My Grandmother Nonna	4 to 7
12:30 pm	Italian Circle Time	Toronto Public Library	Gina Fabiano, from the Toronto Public Library – Downsview Branch, will read all-time children's favourites.	4 to 7
1:15 pm	"Storis nostris" Story Time in Friulian Language	Mattia Bello	Did you know that Italian is not the only language native to Italy? Join Mattia Bello, a teacher and Friulian language instructor, as he tells stories in the language of the region of Friuli	7 to 10

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2pm	The Bella Graphic Novels: Adventures Growing Up Italian-Canadian	Terri Favro Ron Edding	Terri is the writer, Ron is the artist. Together they've created a unique graphic novel about Bella, an Italian Canadian girl in St. Catharines. Join them as they talk about their work and follow up with a hands-on workshop on drawing comic book faces and emotions — kids and parents welcome!	12 and up
3pm	Commedia dell'arte and Mime Show	Children from Accademia dei ragazzi	The junior class leads a presentation on some of the regional masks from Italy's Commedia dell'Arte, while the senior class presents the ancient art of the pantomime through their own poetic text and mime show.	6 and up
4 pm	High on the Mountain, Deep in the Sea. Tales of Magic and Wonder from Italy	Mariella Bertelli	From Venetian shores to the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea, professional storyteller Mariella Bertelli brings us enchanting stories of folk heroines and heroes, where spells and magic change fates and fortunes.	All ages

INDEPENDENT AUTHORS SPACE – Main Boardroom

TIME	AUTHOR	TITLE	PUBLISHER
11:30 am	Ken Cancellara	Finding Marco	Self-published
12:15 pm	Licia Canton	The Pink House and Other Stories	Longbridge Books
1:00 pm	Carlo Consiglio	Quanno tramonta 'o sole	Self-published
1:45 pm	Daniela Sanzone	La Guerra secondo Michele	Pagine
2:30 pm	Nino Famà	Il sogno di Toloma	Luigi Pellegrini Editore

EXHIBITION – Mezzanine

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All day	Diversity Matters by Gina Valle	Horizons – An exhibit of illustrations and excerpts capturing the spirit of the multilingual children's book The Best Of All Worlds	At One Press – A Division of Diversity Matters