



TD Summer Reading Club E-Newsletter



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Seasons Greetings. We are busy preparing presents for you all; invitations, posters, stickers and activity booklets. Hope you like them!

TD Summer Reading Club 2009 Title – Agent 009

The title of this year's detectives themed program is *Agent 009*, for both the English and French versions. Look for *Agent 009* as a super sleuth, secret agent, investigator,

inspector or private detective to appear in a detective novel, mystery fiction, whodunit, detective fiction, thriller, horror story, or suspense novel.

Program artist – Werner Zimmermann

No longer a mystery, we are pleased to reveal that the artist for the 2009 program is Werner Zimmermann. He is a children's book author, illustrator and a teacher of animation at the Seneca College @York University program. Born in Austria, Werner grew up in southern Ontario where he discovered in Grade 2 that he wanted to be an artist. Werner works in a variety of media that include watercolour, pastel, oil, ink, and pencil.

Though a resident of Guelph, Ontario, his true love is for the north where he acted as printmaking advisor to the Inuit of Povungnituk and other Northern Quebec Inuit communities. No longer in the north, he still finds inspiration in winter and snow having written and illustrated the popular book *Snow Day!*

Visit our illustrator's blog ***Word from Werner*** [<http://wernerzimmermann.blogspot.com/>] where you can read about upcoming visits and presentations and find news about his latest work and illustrations.

Booklists

The English and French booklists will be available on the Library and Archives website by January 2nd, 2009. Following a detectives theme, we have compiled intriguing titles for children of all ages from preschoolers to teens who will be searching for these books in their local libraries.

Books in Alternative Formats

Beginning this summer, libraries participating in the TD Summer Reading Club program will have the option of making titles available in alternative formats such as audio, braille and described video to kids living with print disabilities. A supplementary list of titles on the detectives theme, with selected titles from the booklists, will be available through the Library and Archives Canada website. A library can facilitate access to these titles by

referring patrons with vision loss to the CNIB Library or, if the library is a member of the Visunet Canada Partners Program [<http://www.cnib.ca/en/services/library/libraries-schools/visunet/default.aspx>], by registering patrons with print disabilities for CNIB Library Digital Library service. A library can also purchase selected titles through the CNIB Public Sales Program.

Decima Research Evaluation Report Highlights

The Decima results are in and congratulations are in order to local librarians and library services. In total, 1,798 libraries participated in the 2008 LOL program during the summer registering a record 269,000 children. These libraries offered over 27,000 activities to an incredible 499,412 Canadian children who laughed and enjoyed reading all summer long! Well done, everyone! The published report from Decima Research should be available by the end of December.

Library Awards

The due date for submissions for the second annual TD Summer Reading Club Library Awards is February 15, 2009. Remember that first prize winners in each language win \$5,000 and second prize winners receive \$2,000. You can read more about the program on the [TD website](#) and find out how your library can submit documentation for the 2008 LOL year.

Going Greener!

The Staff Manual is slimming down. In an effort to reduce the amount of paper that we use, we will be transferring most of the forms, template and clipart section online to the Library and Archives website where all can be downloaded. You will recall that last year the TD Bank initiated the use of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified paper stock for the reading kits. For those who receive the printed Staff Manual, this initiative should be additional welcome news.

Many thanks from Ken Settington, Children and Youth Advocate, Library Services, Toronto Public Library.

Please send any questions, comments or suggestions to the TD Summer Reading Club Coordinator at the Toronto Public Library, Anna Cocca at acocca@torontopubliclibrary.ca

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