News from Newfoundland and Labrador

**News from Newfoundland Public Libraries**

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The Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries are about to celebrate *Love Our Local Author Month* this February, which will be capped off with their *NL Reads* Gala on February 28th. Newfoundland and Labrador Reads enjoyed its inaugural year in 2018 and 2019 looks to be even more successful. Four NL books have been chosen as the *NL Reads* finalists. At the Gala, each book’s Reader Advocate will champion their chosen work. The audience of the event and the people of the province will vote on a winner. This event has been heavily promoted by the NLPL and their partner, CBC NL, over the last four months. The people of NL have been encouraged to read each of the books and vote for their choice either in library or online through a poll. Those votes will be added to the audience votes the night of the Gala and a winner will be announced. This initiative has been a wonderful way for the literary community of Newfoundland and Labrador to come together and celebrate their own through the library. Each of the selected authors will be attending the Gala and it is anticipated to be a bigger event than last year.

**The four finalists for NL Reads this year are:**

**Most Anything You Please** by Trudy Morgan-Cole  
Publisher: Breakwater Books  
Reader/Advocate: Stephanie Tobin - CBC

**End of Music** by Jamie Fitzpatrick  
Publisher: Breakwater Books  
Reader/Advocate: Leigha Chiasson-Locke, Librarian

**Boat People** by Sharon Bala  
Publisher: McClelland Stewart  
Reader/Advocate: Hasan Hai - Library Patron

**Something for Everyone** by Lisa Moore  
Publisher: House of Anansi  
Reader/Advocate: Maggie Burton - City Councillor