

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

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NL Reads 2023: Shortlist Announcement

Submitted by Emily Gushue, Newfoundland & Labrador Collections Librarian, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

On November 1st, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) revealed its four nominees for NL Reads 2023.

NL Reads is a provincial celebration of Newfoundland and Labrador books, authors and readers. Each year between November and February, library patrons from across the province read the selected materials and hear from the book's advocates about why their book should be considered Newfoundland and Labrador's must-read book of the year. The author of the winning book, which is revealed at the end of February, wins a cash-prize.

The nominees for NL Reads 2023 include:

Urchin by Kate Story (Running the Goat Books and BroadSides)

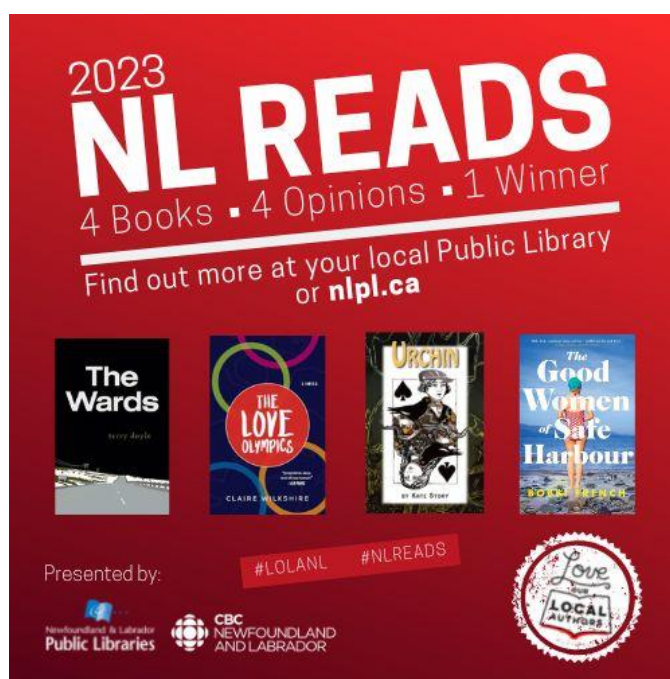
The Wards by Terry Doyle (Breakwater Books)

The Good Women of Safe Harbour by Bobbi French (Harper Collins Avenue)

The Love Olympics by Claire Wilkshire (Breakwater Books)

Patrons can find copies of each of the nominated books in their libraries. The NLPL's Digital Library will also have no-waitlist copies of each book for their featured month. Voting will take place online and in libraries March 1-14, 2023 with the winner announced at an event March 15, 2023.

NLPL's Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube pages will be sharing author interviews and advocate videos during the next four months. You can learn more about each book by visiting the [NL Reads LibGuide](#).



NLPL newly appointed regional librarian for Western Division: Sandra Harnum

Submitted by Natasha Wells, Western Division Manager, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries is happy to announce the appointment of their newest Regional Librarian for the Western Division, **Sandra Harnum**. Sandra joins the team of our three other permanent Regional Librarians across the province. Sandra completed her MLIS degree from University of Western Ontario in 2015 and also holds Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees.

Sandra started her career with NLPL in 2021 working as a Casual Call-in before taking a position as a Library Technician I and most recently as a Library Technician III. Prior to NLPL she worked with the NL English School District as a Teacher and Teacher Librarian, in which she also fulfilled the role as the STEAM Club and Maker Lab Facilitator. Sandra also brings expertise from working in an academic library as a Librarian II for the College of the North Atlantic. Her service and commitment to libraries also includes volunteer work as a member of her local public library board. Her experience gained in these previous positions and roles will bring new perspectives and skills to share with the Library Assistants and Technicians of the Western NL Division.



Her role as Regional Librarian will consist primarily of promoting and coordinating library services and programs for public libraries. We look forward to working with Sandra for many years to come!