

14th IBBY REGIONAL CLOSING ACT

A Virtual Event

IBBY Canada

10:00-11:15am CT

IBBY Mexico

11:30am-12:45pm CT

Meet the Speakers!



Theo Heras is a writer who enjoys creating books for babies and toddlers. Prior to writing full-time, Theo worked in school and public libraries, and as the Children's Literature Specialist at the Lillian H. Smith Branch of the Toronto Public Library. Theo joined IBBY Canada in 1989 and held several positions on the board including President. With Dr. Annette Y. Goldsmith and Dr. Susan Corapi, Theo co-edited the USBBY-sponsored Reading the World's Stories: An Annotated Bibliography of International Youth Literature (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016). She has been a volunteer reader with IBBY Canada's Reading with Newcomer Children.



Marcela Mangarelli is a publishing professional with years of experience in the field. Originally from Argentina, she has lived in Canada since 2003. She has worked in different publishing houses and has distributed children's books in Spanish for the last six years, bringing the best books from Latin America and Spanish publishers. She is also currently organizing a library and reading project in an NGO in Puerto Vallarta, México. Marcela holds a Master's Degree in Books and Children Literature (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona), Publishing Certificate (Ryerson University) and Master's degree in Reading, Books and Readers for Children and Young Adults (Universidad de Zaragoza). She is the current 1st vice-president of IBBY Canada and is co-chair of the Reading with Newcomer Children program.

Meet the Moderator: Patti McIntosh

Patti McIntosh is the founder of the Junior Global Citizen Club -- a small company that produced award-winning children's books and media that "inspires awareness, creativity and action for junior global citizens, ages 5-12" -- and has a passion for sustainable international work, literacy, and the arts.

Patti has a BA and MBA from the University of Alberta and is currently the president of the IBBY Canada the Friends of the Edmonton Public Library. She supplements her volunteer work with freelance consulting, principally for arts and social services agencies.

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