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Blue Metropolis Cosy Story Hour

Montreal, April 6, 2020 – Following International Children’s Book Day, on April 2, 2020, Blue Metropolis and its partners are pleased to offer parents and children a new daily online rendezvous: the Blue Metropolis Cosy Story Hour, featuring 10 authors, 10 tales, each morning at 10, starting April 10, 2020! Each day, from April 10 to 20, 2020, Quebec children’s authors and friends of the Festival will take turns, during each episode, communicating their love of children’s literature and inviting the very young to explore the magical world of stories and tales. From Indigenous legends to all things enchanted, while not forgetting the ABCs, this delightful interlude will appeal to the whole family and entertain the very young during this period of confinement.

Each 20-minute episode of Blue Metropolis Cosy Story Hour will be broadcast live on Facebook Live. To access this live broadcast, just subscribe to Blue Metropolis Foundation’s Facebook page.

The stories, read by the authors themselves, will demonstrate yet again the variety and richness of children’s literature, and in particular, that of Quebec and Canada. In addition, a number of the topics are in keeping with the values promoted by Blue Metropolis Foundation, such as diversity, social integration, education, and self-esteem, and will provide opportunities for engaging in interesting discussions as a family.

We hope that you join us!

Participating authors:

Marianne Dubuc, Monique Polak, Nathalie Ferraris, Lydia Lukidis, Caroline Barber, Joan Inuk Grégoire, Dominique De Loppinot et Chloé Varin.

Additional information:

- When: daily from April 10 to 20, 2020, at 10 a.m.
- Duration: 15 to 20 minutes
- How: via Facebook Live (go to Blue Metropolis’s Facebook page, [subscribe](#) and, from your profile, click on Live Video to find our feeds. You can comment and interact in real time.
- Cost: free
- Language: multilingual (mainly francophone and anglophones authors)
- To prolong the pleasure: titles to be read will be available online as e-books, from various independent bookstores throughout Quebec, when they are able to re-open

FOR MORE ACTIVITIES

Take advantage of a range of activities for children, offered by Blue Metropolis, related to the joys of reading and writing:

Our spontaneous Book Club to chase boredom away

The spontaneous Book Club provides readers of all ages an opportunity to come together virtually and exchange opinions and ideas about their shared interest: reading. When this Book Club was first launched, Blue Metropolis gave a number of gift certificates for books to participants whose choice of reading matter was particularly noteworthy. Blue Met's spontaneous Book Club was launched in partnership with *Le Devoir*, Librairie Gallimard, Quebec's network of independent bookstores (LIQ), and Paragraphe Books, all engaged in this effort despite the increasingly difficult conditions they are currently experiencing.

TD Blue Metropolis Online Creativity Workshops

Always available online, these entertaining activities offer parents suggestions for fun-filled stories that the whole family can write and illustrate together. Discover or re-discover them here: <https://bluemetropolis.org/td-creative-workshops/>

Our many educational and social programs

Developed and presented by Blue Metropolis Foundation, our educational and social programs will soon be available online.

BLUE METROPOLIS AT A GLANCE

Blue Metropolis Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that brings together people of various languages and cultures to share the pleasures of reading and writing, while encouraging creativity and intercultural understanding. The Foundation produces an annual international literary festival and offers a wide range of educational and social programs year-round, both in the classroom and online. Because reading and writing are more than simply entertaining pastimes, these programs are also used as therapeutic tools, to encourage academic perseverance and fight against poverty and social isolation.

For additional information or to schedule an interview:

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ET NOS PROGRAMMES ÉDUCATIFS ET SOCIAUX 2019-2020
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