



## Dennis Lee makes a return appearance at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Telling Tales Festival

**HAMILTON, ON - May 22, 2014** - Celebrated Canadian children's author Dennis Lee returns to the Telling Tales Festival this year to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his classic book *Alligator Pie*. Lee will be joined by more than 20 of Canada's best children's authors, illustrators, storytellers, and musicians who promise to entertain and delight over 7,000 children and their families.

"Dennis Lee helped us to launch the very first Telling Tales Festival and he proved to be one of our biggest fans," says festival found Susan Jasper. "We are thrilled to welcome him back and play a part in celebrating this important milestone in Canadian children's literature."

**This year's festival takes place on Sunday, September 14th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at [Westfield Heritage Village](#) in Rockton, Ontario. **Admission is free, and free parking and shuttle service are available at the Rockton Fairgrounds.** Visitors are welcome to bring their children in strollers and are reminded to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and umbrellas to join in the fun, rain or shine!

**The full 2014 Telling Tales Festival line-up includes the following presenters:**

<a href="#">Andrea Beck</a>	<a href="#">Sylvia McNicoll</a>
<a href="#">Helaine Becker</a>	<a href="#">Evan Munday</a>
<a href="#">Robert Blunsdon</a>	<a href="#">Ruth Ohi</a>
<a href="#">Hélène Boudreau</a>	<a href="#">Gillian O'Reilly</a>
<a href="#">Creative Theatre Company</a>	<a href="#">Aimee Reid</a>
<a href="#">Hamilton Children's Choir</a>	<a href="#">Ken Setterington</a>
<a href="#">Heather Hartt-Sussman</a>	<a href="#">Allan Stratton</a>
<a href="#">Jude Johnson</a>	<a href="#">Kevin Sylvester</a>
<a href="#">Rukhsana Khan</a>	<a href="#">Meg Tilly</a>
<a href="#">Lynne Kittredge-Fox</a>	<a href="#">TURKEY Rhubarb</a>
<a href="#">Dennis Lee</a>	<a href="#">Carol Leigh Wehking</a>
<a href="#">Lesley Livingston</a>	<a href="#">Kari-Lynn Winters</a>
<a href="#">John Lukasik</a>	

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In addition to the many presenters, there's lots of fun to be had at the ever-popular Children's Activity Centre and exhibitor area. Families can also purchase gently used books at the giant Book Swap and Shop, or choose a new book written by their favourite authors at the Bryan Prince Bookseller tent.

**Watch for our summer reading list to be released shortly**, and don't forget to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) for details of our **online contests to be held throughout the summer**. Visit our website [www.tellingtales.org](http://www.tellingtales.org) to read our **new blog** and to stay up to date on festival news, or download our [festival app](#) to stay connected.

### **About Telling Tales:**

Stories connect us to our past, our future, and each other. Through stories we bond with our family, our friends, and our heroes. We learn, we dream and we grow. Telling Tales celebrates stories. We do this by bringing together Canadian authors, illustrators, musicians and storytellers with their audience – our children. Telling Tales is a free, one-day, outdoor Festival, and a year round commitment to promoting literacy and inspiring a love of reading.

**For further background information about the festival, see accompanying fact sheet.**

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