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# **NEWSLETTER**

Dear Partners,

October was a month filled with great reading events shared with our community.

We had the pleasure of listening to author Richard Dagenais read some of his fun books to the children at Garderie Orsheli & Olamsheli. We received the head of all libraries in Quebec in our office to talk about special collaborations coming soon, and we participated in a volunteering fair at Concordia University where some great people were interested in being part of our team of story-time animators.

The minibiblios and the stories our volunteers share with the children are just the beginning of this adventurous literacy journey. Children learn by example, and being exposed to books at the daycares, at home, and especially when they are taken to the libraries will significantly impact their personal and academic life. We love what we do and are so grateful for all the support from our dear partners over the years. Thank you for helping us change young lives, one book at a time!

Gisele Kwiatkowski, Programs Manager **minibiblioPLUS** powered by Fraser Hickson

## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

## **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

October's book of the month is "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. Discover a really touching story full of beautiful colors!

For fun and educational activities to complement your reading, click on the button below.





#### STORY-TIME WITH AN AUTHOR

We had a great reading event at Garderie Orsheli & Olamsheli with author Richard Dagenais and his fun rhyming, picture books.

Our board member John Hussey even joined us for the occasion!



#### **NEW PARTNERS**

Join us in welcoming our newest partners:

- -Garderie de jour Somerled
- -CPE Yeshiva Levi Yitzchak
- -CPE Mes Premiers Pas

Thank you for sharing the love of books with your children. Happy reading!



## **NEW MINI INTERNS**

Miss Edgar's and Miss cramp's School has partnered with us for animated storytelling. The girls have been hired as interns to create read aloud story videos for children in hospitals and daycares.

Seeing the youth getting involved in volunteer work for other children to improve early literacy in the community is so inspiring!



## **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER**



minibiblioPLUS and their philosophy of the importance of early literacy really speaks to me because as a child, my mom has always read books to me, which probably sparked my everlasting love for reading. I still remember the stories she read to me, how excited I was to hear them, and I want them to have the same pleasurable experiences as me. Every time I enter a classroom, they yell out my name with so much excitement that it makes my whole week, and it feels great knowing that they are excited to see me and to read with me. Whenever I get a new book bag, it's as if I'm a child again, and I get excited to see the new books I get to read. minibiblioPLUS is such a great community, I always feel welcomed, and they even helped me land a job! Thank you for this amazing opportunity, it will always hold a special place in my heart!

> Cyra Pantaleon Story-time Volunteer

## PROGRAM EVALUATION FORM

**minibiblioPLUS** is always looking to improve its programs, services and resources.

Please fill out this 5-minute questionnaire to help us better ourselves and to share with us your suggestions:

Fill out the form

\*The questionnaire is in French, but can be translated to English automatically by Google. Once you open it, simply right-click somewhere on the web page and select "translate to English".

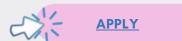


#### **VOLUNTEER**

Help us change young lives one book at a time!

**Story-time:** Animate a weekly story-time hour in person for children up to 8 years old . We provide the books, the training and the support you need.

**Deliveries**: Access to a car to deliver books to partner daycares, etc. Must be comfortable lifting 30–50 pounds.



### **SUPPORT US**

To raise literacy levels by empowering partners to instill in children a life-long love of reading and learning from birth and to enable free access to books and animation services. Donate today!



