

## Book Explorers - Blue Spruce Authors

Let's celebrate the Forest of Reading and Blue Spruce nominees. Read the nominees' books and participate in some, or all, of the activities listed below. (*The Forest of Reading is an initiative of the Ontario Library Association, created to encourage a love of reading, Canadian authors and literature.*)

### Description:

1. Select a story from the Blue Spruce-nominated titles listed below in the Links to eResources and read an online copy.
2. Talk about the book with someone at home, on the phone or online and discuss your favourite parts.
3. Select one or try all the activities below:
  - a. Draw a picture based on a scene or character from the book.
  - b. Build a scene from the book using LEGO, blocks, paper towel rolls, newspaper — anything goes.
  - c. Create and describe a character that you think would make a good addition to the story.
4. Select another book and start again.

### Materials Needed:

An online copy of the book you would like to read – check out OverDrive on hpl.ca. You can get a library card [here](#), if you don't already have one.

**For 3a** - Paper and drawing materials (markers, crayons, pencil crayons, pens, pencils, paints, etc.)

**For 3b** – LEGO, blocks, boxes, toilet paper rolls, newspapers, etc.

**For 3c** - Paper and writing or drawing materials (computer, tablet, markers, crayons, pencil crayons, pens, pencils, paints, etc.)

## Links to eResources:

[Me, Toma and the Concrete Garden – Andrew Larsen](#)

[A Plan for Pops – Heather Smith](#)

[Reptile Club – Maureen Fergus](#)

[Sleep, Sheep! – Kerry Lyn Sparrow](#)

[Mustafa – Marie-Louise Gay](#)

[That's Not Hockey! – Andree Poulin](#)

[Sloth at the Zoom – Helaine Becker](#) (Available through Tumblebooks)

If you would like to share one or all your creations, please take a picture and post it to social media using the hashtag, #HPLmakesomething.



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