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NEWS

EDEN MILLS WRITERS' FESTIVAL GOES ONLINE

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More than 60 writers will take part in the 2020 Eden Mills Writers' Festival (EMWF), which was recently reimagined and launched as the In Your Own Backyard online event, to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The festival will be ongoing until October.

Programming highlights for the series include book clubs, panel discussions, author showcases, presentations for children, and more.

Highlights of the event include:

- Emma Donoghue will join the EMWF for the second book club in the series in partnership with Idea Exchange. Donoghue's novel, "The Pull of Stars," is a pre-scient story set in Dublin, 1918, detailing three days in a maternity ward at the height of the Great Flu.

- On Being Alive, a panel discussion fea-



Dan Harasymchuk photo

The Eden Mills Writers' Festival will go on this year as an online event to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic.

turing Dakshana Bascaramurty, John Gould and Ray Roberston (hosted by Steven W. Beattie, Quill and Quire), investigates whether honest conversations about death could lead us to live happier and more meaningful lives.

- Samantha Bailey leads a discussion about strong, complicated and compelling female characters at the heart of the newest thrillers by bestselling authors Robyn Harding, Roz Nay and Amy Stuart.

The festival also includes poets and non-fiction writers as well as a showcase of Guelph-based authors and a session dedicated to students of the University of Guelph's creative writing MFA program.

Events are free and accessible via Zoom.

The full schedule of events and registration is available at EMWF.ca.

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Why is access to children at times restricted to Supervised Access?

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In custody and access matters, the courts are always trying to determine what is in the best interests of the children. Supervised access is an extreme remedy when a court believes unrestricted access to one of the parents may pose a risk to the well being of the children.

Unfortunately, some parents get so consumed by the war between their former partner they fail to recognize the harm brought upon children exposed to the fight. In extreme cases, where an access parent appears be unable to change their offensive behaviour, a court will order supervised access at a supervised access centre. Here, the parents never deal with each other in front of the children. Access in a centre is closely monitored by one of the centres employees to ensure nothing inappropriate is being done or said to the children.

Supervised access is also appropriate in extreme cases involving, alcoholism, substance abuse, alienation, physical or sexual abuse, mental illness, refusal to follow court restrictions and any other behaviour believed by the court as harmful if children are exposed.

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Leathertown Lumber COVID-19 Store Policy



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WE ARE NOW OPEN!
Monday to Friday 8am-4pm

Leathertown Lumber would like to thank all of our customers for their patience during the first phase of the Covid-19 pandemic.

An increase in demand and new hurdles in the processing of orders has resulted in increased lead times which we know have been frustrating. Thanks again for your patience.

At this point we are announcing the reopening of the store following the guidelines put forth by the government of Ontario. Strict physical distancing will be in effect, along with reduced store capacity. Please be patient and kind to our staff who have worked very hard to make the last three months work for you.

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