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The Forest of Reading® 2011 Evergreen™ Award Winner

The Ontario Library Association (OLA) is pleased to announce *ROOM*, by Emma Donoghue, as the winner of the 2011 Evergreen™ Award. Published by HarperCollins Canada, this novel has already received several awards, as well as being named one of the best five fiction titles of 2010 by *The New York Times*. Selected from a list of 10 nominees, readers voted for this riveting novel as their top pick.

“I’m absolutely delighted that *ROOM* has been honoured with the Forest of Reading® Evergreen™ Award. Librarians have been behind *ROOM* from the start, persuading so many readers to take a chance on a novel with such a disturbing premise – so I am thrilled that with this award, *ROOM* will be part of such a valuable initiative to promote reading,” award-winning author Emma Donoghue said.

Due to an extended engagement in Italy, Ms Donoghue is not able to attend the conference in person, but we are expecting to have a video acceptance speech to share with delegates.

Shonna Froebel, Chair of the Evergreen™ Committee, will lead an interactive book discussion based on *ROOM*. Pick up a copy of the reading map and learn about related books and themes. What genre does the book fall into? What factors does the novel have? What books might be 'read-alikes' for it? Share, learn, and enjoy *ROOM* together!

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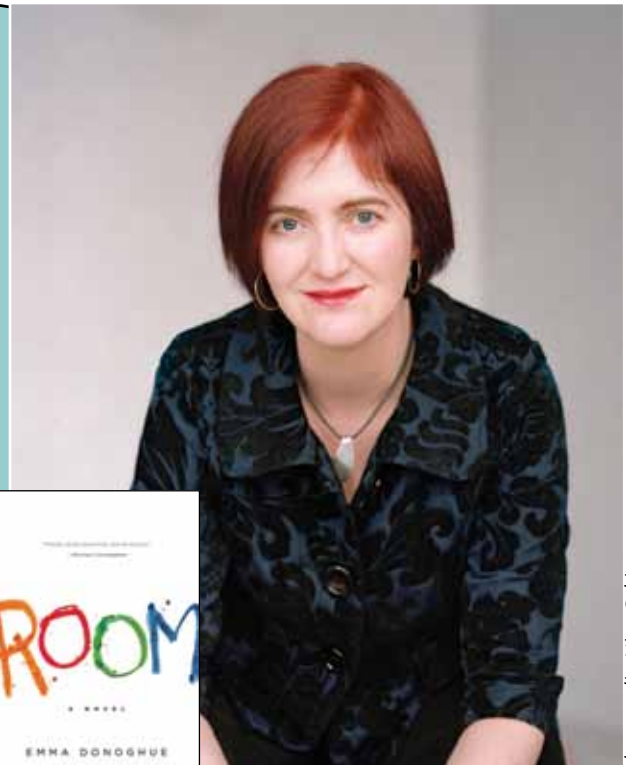
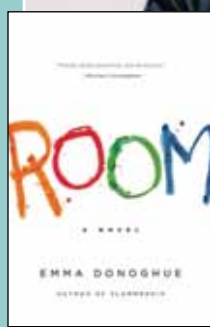


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Children's services, Teen services

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES EXPO

The OPLA Child and Youth Services Committee announces the third annual Children's & Teen Services EXPO – a celebration of children and teen services and programs and an opportunity to showcase library success stories.

We will:

- Highlight 10 to 12 programs and services from individual libraries
- Offer opportunities for Children's and Teen Services staff to network, discuss, and share ideas on programs and services
- Celebrate the winners of the Children's or Youth Services Librarian of the Year Award, and the newest award: Advocacy in Action: Excellence in Children's or Teens Services

Convenor: Jane Salmon, Barrie PL