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Alberta Book Publishers Celebrate “Alberta Book Day”

Edmonton – The members of the Book Publishers Association of Alberta (BPAA) wish to thank the Alberta Government and Minister Ron Orr for declaring November 24, 2021, as the fourth annual “Alberta Book Day.” The day celebrates the many achievements of Alberta-based book publishers, and the significant contributions they make to our province’s cultural and economic landscapes.

“With more than 30 active publishers, there is plenty to commemorate about Alberta’s book publishing industry,” says BPAA executive director, Kieran Leblanc. “We are home to Canada’s first open access publisher; our publishers and libraries work together to offer unprecedented access to local books online through the Read Alberta eBooks Collection and the ground-breaking Prairie Indigenous eBook Collection; and our publishers receive critical acclaim as they share Alberta’s Story with national and international audiences.”

“On Alberta Book Day we celebrate the economic and cultural contributions of book publishing in our province. Every book produced in Alberta adds to our unique collective culture, sharing our stories at home and abroad. The industry inspires creativity in others, enriching our lives with captivating tales and helpful information,” says Minister of Culture, Ron Orr.

The book publishing industry in Alberta is an important part of the provincial economy. The work of publishers resonates throughout a variety of other sectors, such as tourism, culture, health, and education, providing full-time, part-time, and freelance work to many individuals.

While we wish we could gather together in-person to showcase the exceptional work of our publishers, we’re thankful for this opportunity to virtually celebrate the depth and breadth of the Alberta book publishing industry.

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