

The Ninth Annual Bonnechere Authors Festival

The Ninth Annual Bonnechere Authors Festival features many exciting authors this year, including Roy MacGregor, Alyssa York, Marilyn Simonds & Wayne Grady, and Nick Crowe. The Festival, held on Wednesday evenings in July at St. James Church in Eganville, is a fundraiser for the adult upgrading programs of Literacy Plus.

If you are looking for the latest titles by these outstanding writers, than look no further than the Admaston/Bromley Public Library.

- * July 6th, 2011 - Roy MacGregor: *Northern Light, Roy MacGregor's Valley Christmas, The Dog and I, The Weekender* - Available at the library

Roy MacGregor is a prizewinning journalist and writer, author of many books for adults and young people. *Northern Light*, released Fall 2010, revisits and updates the story of Canadian painter Tom Thomson, who died in mysterious circumstances in Algonquin Park in 1917. The book reveals new details about Thomson's personal life and his last days, and makes a compelling case for the true site of his burial.

- * July 13th, 2011 – Alyssa York: *Fauna* - Available soon

Acclaimed Toronto author Alyssa York's third novel, *Fauna*, released in 2010, is set in a Toronto ravine, where a number of misfits and lost souls, both animal and human, find refuge with the unusual proprietor of Howell Auto Wreckers. York's last book, *Effigy*, was short-listed for the Scotia-Giller Prize in 2007 and long-listed for the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. <http://alissayork.com>

- * July 20st, 2011 – Marilyn Simonds & Wayne Grady: *Breakfast at the Exit Café: Travels in America* - Available at the library

Marilyn Simonds and Wayne Grady are celebrated writers whose engaging 2010 book, *Breakfast at the Exit Café: Travels in America*, describes their eventful 2006 winter road trip around the perimeter of the United States. Told in alternating voices, the book also reflects on culture, history and landscape, and the differences between Canada and the U.S. Marilyn, an avid gardener, will publish *A New Leaf: Growing with my Garden* in March 2011. <http://www.merilynsimonds.com>

- * July 27th, 2010 – Nick Crowe: *A Cold Night for Alligators* - Available soon

Nick Crowe's first novel, *A Cold Night for Alligators*, published February 2011, is described as "entertaining, funny, poignant, and suspenseful—an old-fashioned page-turner." The book follows 26-year-old Jasper as a freak accident sets him off on a road trip from Toronto to Florida, where he attempts to locate his missing brother and unravel a mystery hiding a devastating family secret. <http://www.randomhouse.ca/newface/crowe.php>