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## **Books donated to Library thanks to FCM's *Canada by the Books* initiative**

**HALTON HILLS, ON** – The President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Halton Regional Councillor, Clark Somerville was pleased to donate children's books from municipal leaders across the country to the Acton Branch of the Halton Hills Public Library. Fifty books were donated including picture books, board books and chapter books, with an estimated value of over \$700.

***Canada by the Books*** asks FCM members to donate children's books written by authors from their home communities that reflect their part of Canada. The books are then donated to a local library.

"What better gift can we give than the gift of reading a great Canadian book," said Clark Somerville, FCM President. "Since the launch of the *Canada by the Books* program, FCM has handed out hundreds of books by local authors to school and public libraries in nine communities."

"I want to thank Councillor Somerville and the FCM Board for an amazing gift to the children of Halton Hills," said Geoff Cannon, Director of Library Services. "They can now travel across Canada through the stories shared by these great authors."

"I'm delighted that FCM has selected the Acton Branch for this donation of outstanding books and very much appreciate their support of the Library's goals to foster early literacy skills and a life-long love of reading", said Jane Diamanti, Commissioner of Community Services. "It demonstrates a commitment to the future of our children and the development of strong and healthy communities".



Left to right: Tim Tierney, Councillor Ottawa, Chair of Ontario caucus, Bob Long, Councillor Township of Langley BC, Vice Chair of BC Caucus, Laurent Tetrault, Councillor Rural Municipality of La Broquerie, MB, Past President, Manitoba Association of Francophone Municipalities, Clark Somerville, Halton Regional Councillor, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Jane Diamanti, Commissioner of Community Services, Geoff Cannon, Director of Library Services

**For further information on the books, including a list of donated titles, please contact:**

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