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Nova Scotia's Public Libraries to Release *Reading Nova Scotia: 150 Books of Influence* at Halifax's Word On The Street

The Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA) and Nova Scotia's nine regional public library systems are pleased to announce the publication of **Reading Nova Scotia: 150 Books of Influence**, a commemorative booklist of 150 books that Nova Scotians – the public, librarians and cultural groups – selected because they felt these works help to define the Nova Scotian experience.

Reading Nova Scotia: 150 Books of Influence will be presented to the public by the Honourable Leo Glavine, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, at Word On The Street at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 16 in Room 301 at the Halifax Central Library. A discussion on Nova Scotia's literary heritage and future by authors Alexander MacLeod, Trevor J. Adams and Theresa Meuse, and publisher Terrilee Bulger will follow the presentation.

Reading Nova Scotia: 150 Books of Influence is the culmination of a province-wide project undertaken this past summer in honour of the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation. From late May into the summer Nova Scotians were asked to nominate books for consideration. Nominations were compiled and reviewed by a committee of Library personnel from across the province, who then made the final selections.

The books featured in the list have captured Nova Scotians' hearts and minds; they tell Nova Scotia's stories and inspire its citizens, as well as being culturally and historically significant works. The 150 books include youth and adult; fiction and non-fiction; scholarly texts; books in French, Gaelic, Mi'kmaq and/or English; and current and historical titles.

The booklist was made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage's 150 Forward Fund. The project was achieved with cooperation throughout Nova Scotia's library community, and partnerships with *One Book Nova Scotia*, the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) and the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS).

Following the Word On The Street event, **Reading Nova Scotia: 150 Books of Influence** will be available for viewing online at www.150booksns.ca or by visiting a local public library.

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