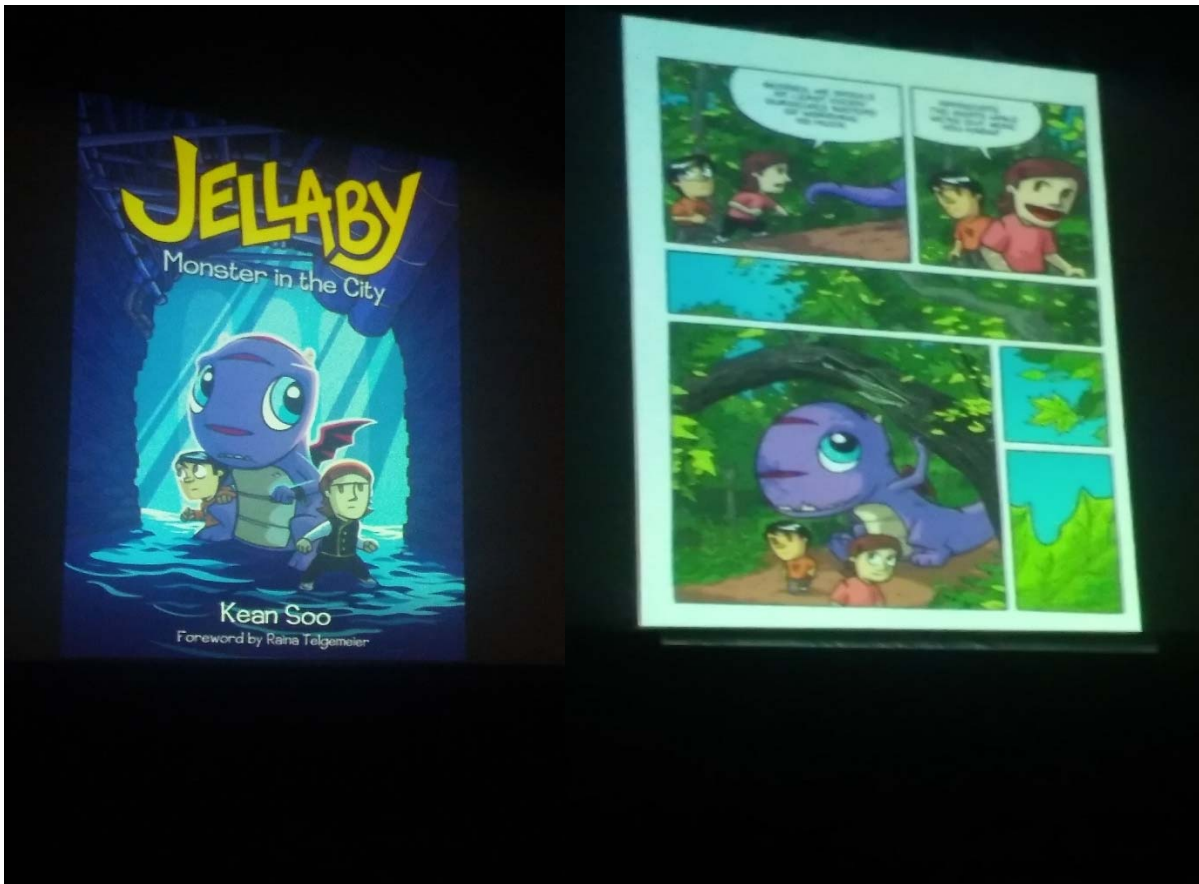


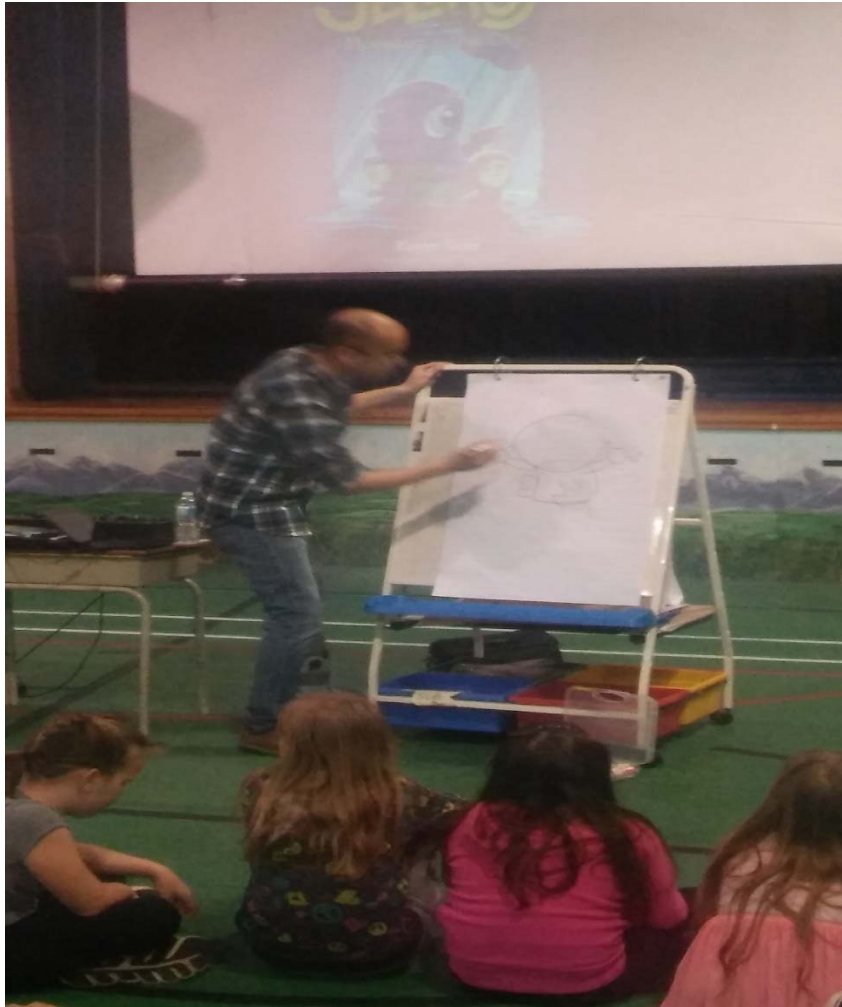
``Three Canadian Authors from British Columbia and Ontario visit Five RSB Elementary Schools to present One-Hour Literacy Workshops``

Last week was TD Canada Reading Week. The RVCLC applied for and organized literacy five presentations by authors Robin Stevenson, Kean Soo and-or Tiffany Stone.

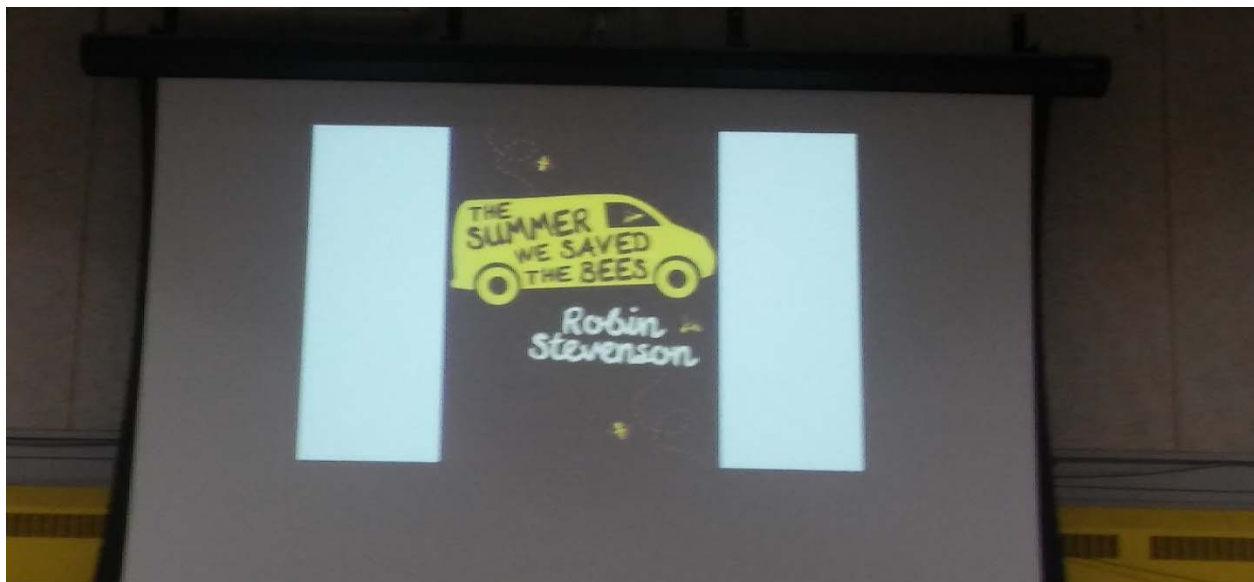
A total of 470 students from grades K to 6 participated in one of the five one-hour presentations animated by one of the above mentioned authors.

At **Mountainview School**, Kean Soo demonstrated to fifty grade 3-6 students how he draws and writes his books like his latest one , ``Jellaby``. He has published 6 books. He explained how he was originally an engineer but after two years, his passion for drawing and writing books led him to his present career.





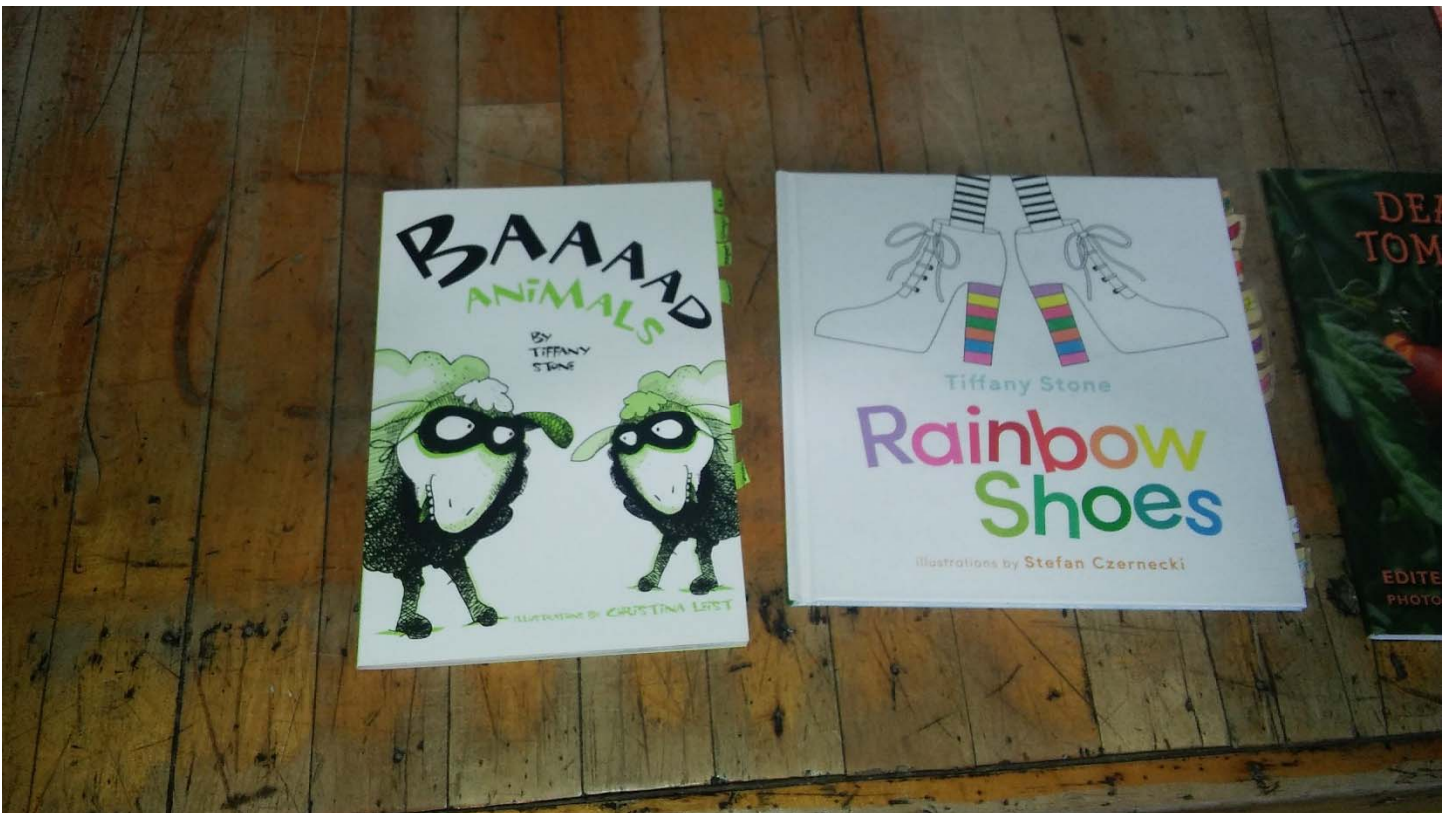
At William Latta (154 students in grades 4-6) and at Courtland Park Intl. (80 students in grades 4-5) author Robin Stevenson visited. She has over 19 books published. For about 10 years she was a social worker and began writing during her first maternity leave. I attended her Courtland Park presentation. She explained how she creates a story and described in detail the steps. She then allowed the students to interactively make up a story and help her to build the characters and setting of the story with her. She read from her book, "The Summer We Saved the Bees". She created this book in collaboration with her friend in BC who is a bee farmer. Students and teachers learned why bees are at risk today, the difference between them and wasps and how they are important for nature and the environment. Students swarmed Robin for her autograph once the session was over.





Last but not least, we had Tiffany Stone. She presented to 100 students at Cedar Street and 100 students at Mount Bruno Schools. She has 9 books published. Her presentation included using props, puppets and audience participants to share stories and poems that were fun and often rhymed. Her presentation was interactive and quite theatrical.





At each school, two \$20 bookstore gift cards (10 cards in all for a total of \$200) were drawn for and 10 lucky students won and will be able to purchase books to read. This was possible due to donations from: A citizen in Otterburn Park, Women's Participation Committee, RVCLC-MTV Community Library and the RVCLC.

Visiting authors cost money. We would like to thank the South Shore Reading Council for their \$250 grant to pay for one of the authors. We would like to thank TD Canada Childrens' Week and Carol-Ann Hoyte for their \$200 grant to pay towards another author. Thank you to our five Principals for their collaboration and leadership. Thank you to Carol-Ann Hoyte for her coordination of the TD Reading Week in Quebec.

Please consider looking up the following links to learn more about the authors' books and awards:

<http://www.bookweek.ca/authors/robin-stevenson>

<http://www.bookweek.ca/kean-soo>

<http://www.bookweek.ca/tiffany-stone>

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