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Red Deer Public Library
Meet Author and Illustrator Ruth Ohi!

Fox and Squirrel and *Chicken, Pig, Cow* fans, get ready to meet, hear stories and draw with author Ruth Ohi **Saturday, September 29** at Red Deer Public Library's Downtown Branch for a family-focused Alberta Culture Days Event.

Ruth is an incredibly successful Canadian author of 20, and illustrator of more than 60, children's picture books.

"We are beyond delighted to have such a popular author, talented illustrator and all around great person to be our special event for the Olson Memorial Celebration of Books this year," says Red Deer Public Library Youth Services Coordinator Deb Isbister.

The public are invited to meet Ruth at two events: a Saturday morning storytime at 11 a.m., and, unique to this year's tour, an afternoon youth workshop at 2 p.m., intended to get kids Grade 3 and up interested in the craft of writing and illustrating children's books, a part of Ruth's presentation she enjoys most.

"I love meeting the kids," Ruth says. "I love when their faces light up when they help me doodle or begin making their own artwork during the hands-on segment."

"I think meeting authors and illustrators enables kids to make the connection that we are just like them and this can deepen the relationship between a child and books," she adds.

"Loving one book can lead to reading more!"

Interviews with Ruth before these events are available via email.

Media are welcome to attend both programs and photographers are encouraged to join us!

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You can also contact Deb for more information about the Olson Memorial Celebration of Books.