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Arthur Slade Announced as SPL's Next Writer in Residence

Saskatoon Public Library is excited to announce Arthur Slade as its 36th Writer in Residence. The residency runs Sept. 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016.

Slade is the author of 18 novels for young adults, as well as four comics and one graphic novel. His four-book series *The Hunchback Assignments* has received worldwide acclaim and was recognized with the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award (2010), while his novel *Dust* won the Governor General's Award for Children's Literature (2001).

"We're thrilled to welcome Arthur and excited to see how his residency unfolds over the next nine months," said Carol Cooley, Director of Libraries and CEO for Saskatoon Public Library. "Arthur has an extensive fan base in the Saskatoon area, and we're looking forward to working with him on a number of programs designed to engage young readers – as well as the young at heart!"

The SPL's Writer in Residence offers beginning writers with tips, encouragement and a critical eye as they strive to hone writing skills and to find their own literary voice. The Writer in Residence also works with more established writers who desire a professional appraisal of their work, and participates in various other group workshops and special events during their residency.

"I honestly can't wait to get started," said Slade. "When I was a beginning writer I would often visit the Writer in Residence and am still thankful for the advice I received. I'm so pleased I have an opportunity to pay it forward."

A welcome reception will be held in September, the details of which will be made public shortly.

Saskatoon Public Library is grateful to Canada Council for the Arts for supporting and co-funding this residency. For more information on the Writer in Residence Program, please visit our website at saskatoonlibrary.ca/writerinresidence.

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