



## PRESS RELEASE

### TNRL's One Book, One Community Feature Announced for 2023

**Kamloops, BC – March 17, 2023** – The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) is thrilled to launch its second One Book, One Community (OBOC) shared reading experience. *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest* is by award-winning author and renowned UBC forest ecologist, Suzanne Simard.

Simard's scientific memoir is a moving and personal journey of discovery. She brings us into the intimate world of trees, transforming the way we understand forests – not just a source of timber or pulp, but an interdependent circle of life. She teaches us how trees live social lives, communicating and caring for each other through fungal networks, sharing nutrients and information. At the center of the forest is the eldest mother tree – the one that is in tune with the rest and nurtures them.

This ground-breaking work on symbiotic plant communication has far-reaching implications for sustainability and stewardship of forests.

Dr. Simard is from an Interior BC logging family and has been a long-time resident of the region. More than 10 million people have viewed Simard's TED talks, and her work has influenced filmmakers including James Cameron and his "Tree of Souls" in *Avatar*.

Simard will deliver readings at select TNRL libraries between April 26 and 29, 2023, including an evening at the Paramount Theatre on Wednesday, April 26. Full schedule of events as follows:

**Wednesday, April 26:** Chase Library, 2-3:30pm and the Paramount Theatre in Kamloops, 6:30-8pm

**Thursday, April 27:** Ashcroft Library, 3-4pm and Logan Lake Library, 5:30-7pm

**Friday, April 28:** Merritt Library, 6-7:30pm

**Saturday, April 29:** Barriere Library, 11:30am-1pm and Clearwater Library, 2:30-4pm

For event details, or to join a book discussion group, visit: [tnrl.ca/oboc](http://tnrl.ca/oboc).

*Finding the Mother Tree* is available in various reading formats at the library or online by visiting [tnrl.ca](http://tnrl.ca)



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