

# What is Loan Stars?

Loan Stars is the new readers' advisory service that allows library staff across Canada to collaboratively select their favourite forthcoming titles. Using CataList ([bnccatalist.ca](http://bnccatalist.ca)) the online catalogue tool available free to libraries, librarians can nominate their favourite picks, the most popular of which will be marketed to libraries and library users alike.



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## All library staff can get involved All you need is a library email address!

What your library can do to get ready for Loan Stars:

- 1.** Sign up for updates on the [Loan Stars site \(loanstars.ca\)](http://loanstars.ca).
- 2.** Sign up for NetGalley, an online resource that allows libraries to access digital galleys, and get your hands on some books that are at least one month away from their publication dates. (The voting period for a particular title will close one month prior to its publication date. So, for example, the last day to vote on a title published March 1 will be Feb. 1).
  - [How NetGalley works \(bit.ly/1W6pypi\)](http://bit.ly/1W6pypi)
  - [Getting started \(bit.ly/1MGopQl\)](http://bit.ly/1MGopQl)
  - [Profile tips for librarians \(bit.ly/1MGorrz\)](http://bit.ly/1MGorrz)
- 3.** Sign up for CataList, a free tool that allows library staff to access the most up-to-date publisher catalogues. Only titles listed in CataList are eligible for voting.
  - Register for your [free account at bnccatalist.ca](http://bnccatalist.ca).
  - Log in to [CataList](http://CataList) to view catalogues from publishers or go straight to the [NetGalley catalogue \(bit.ly/1PIXlzU\)](http://bit.ly/1PIXlzU), which displays currently available digital galleys—check back often as these are updated weekly.
- 4.** Read away! All fiction and non-fiction adult titles are eligible and you can nominate as many as you like. (Since the first Loan Stars lists will be debuted in Spring 2016, focus on titles that come out in March, April, or later.)
- 5.** When voting begins this spring, you can click the "Vote" button in CataList to nominate your favourite books. When casting your vote, you also have the option to create or link to a review that can be used to promote the title of your choice. This is your chance to promote your favourite books!

Questions? Email [loanstars@booknetcanada.ca](mailto:loanstars@booknetcanada.ca).