

Join Suzanne Steppie at NYLA 2024: Discover Max's Secret Story—A Magical Journey of Hope and Resilience!



Syracuse, New York Nov 4, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Maple Leaf Publishing Canada is thrilled to announce the presentation of *Max's Secret Story*, a captivating new children's book by author Suzanne Steppie, at the New York Library Association (NYLA) Trade Fair on November 7-8, 2024, at The Oncenter, Syracuse. This event promises to be an extraordinary opportunity for librarians, publishers, distributors, and readers to connect with the enchanting world created by Steppie, who has quickly established herself as a voice for hope and resilience in children's literature.

Unlocking the Magic of "Max's Secret Story"

In [Max's Secret Story](#), readers embark on an unforgettable adventure alongside ten-year-old Scotty and the mysterious traveler Max, who brings tales of courage, transformation, and hope through a magical quarter. Set against the backdrop of Scotty's life—a boy navigating the challenges of being wheelchair-bound after an accident—this beautifully written narrative introduces young readers to themes of overcoming adversity and discovering the extraordinary within the ordinary.

Scotty, like many children, finds solace in his imagination and cherished objects, particularly a special leather satchel gifted by his grandmother. When a seemingly ordinary quarter rolls out of the satchel, it becomes a portal to a world of stories that inspires Scotty to look beyond his circumstances. Max, the scruffy yet wise traveler, represents the voice of experience, guiding Scotty through tales of resilience embodied in characters like Clemson—a man who learns the power of hope through a simple act of kindness.

A Story That Resonates

Suzanne Steppie's storytelling is a masterclass in crafting relatable narratives for children. Early reviews of [Max's Secret Story](#) have praised it for its heartwarming message and engaging plot. One reader shared, "This book is awesome! Scotty gets to meet a magical traveler named Max through a special quarter. Max tells him a story about a man named Clemson who overcame many challenges. I learned that even when things are tough, there's always hope."

By presenting this book at the NYLA Trade Fair, Maple Leaf Publishing aims to connect with decision-makers and librarians who understand the importance of providing children with stories that reflect their lives while encouraging empathy and resilience.

Meet the Author: Suzanne Steppie

Suzanne Steppie is a passionate advocate for children's literature, with a focus on uplifting stories that resonate with those who are disadvantaged and disabled. With 30 years of experience as a nurse and her current work in a homeless shelter, Steppie has dedicated her career to supporting marginalized populations. She believes that storytelling can be a powerful tool for healing and understanding, and her work is a testament to that belief.

During the NYLA Trade Fair, attendees will have the unique opportunity to explore [Suzanne Steppie's book](#), hear her insights about the creative process behind *Max's Secret Story*, and delve into the deeper messages woven into her narrative.

An Invitation to Discover

Join us at The Oncenter in Syracuse on November 7-8, 2024, to discover *Max's Secret Story* and engage in meaningful conversations about children's literature. This is a prime opportunity for librarians, publishers, and readers to explore a book that is not just a story, but a bridge to understanding the complexities of hope, friendship, and the human spirit.

Whether you're a librarian seeking the next great addition to your collection, a publisher on the lookout for compelling narratives, or a reader eager to explore a world of magic and resilience, *Max's Secret Story* promises to ignite imagination and spark conversations.

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