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Here Is Our History: Now Tell Us Yours!

(Montreal, October 1, 2017) – In keeping with the values of inclusiveness espoused by Marguerite Bourgeoys, a key figure in Montreal's history, and in co-operation with **Action réfugiés Montréal**, the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel and Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum corporation has launched a **book drive** to help immigrants feel more at home and introduce them to Quebec culture.

On October 1, as part of the Journées de la culture, Montrealers were invited to the launch of the book drive on the theme of *Here Is Our History: Now Tell Us Yours!* with host and Honorary Chair Frantz Benjamin, a poet, Montreal City Council Chair and City Councillor for the Saint-Michel district. Wine will be served between 4 and 6 p.m. in the Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum lobby, at 400 Saint-Paul Street Est (Champ-de-Mars metro).



At the same time, an exhibition entitled *Voisins/Neighbours* will be on display in the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel from October 1 to November 26, 2017. In it, multidisciplinary artist **Ari Bayuaji** also turns his gaze on the values of inclusiveness and sharing that are the legacy of Marguerite Bourgeoys.

If you are interested in donating books, feel free to contact Line Richer at 514 282-8670, ext. 223 or lricher@marguerite-bourgeoys.com. Note that everyone who donates a book will receive a 10% discount on admission to the Museum and the new temporary exhibition, *Coup de Théâtre: I Founded Montreal!*

WHAT KIND OF BOOKS ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Novels taking place in Montreal, short stories, tourist guides, coffee table books, recipe books, poetry or cartoons), in English or French. Topics of interest: Montreal, its history, lifestyles, neighbourhoods, etc. Also **books for children**, a literary genre in which Quebec excels, so that young newcomers have access to the same books as all Quebeckers.