**2018 Literacy Coalition of New Brunswick PGI Dinner and Auction**

This year’s gala event honours acclaimed Canadian novelist, screenwriter and poet Senator David Adams Richards.

**Thursday, April 26, 2018**

**Reception and Silent Auction 6p.m.**

**Dinner 6:45p.m.**

**Delta Fredericton Ballroom**

Event tickets are $150 individually, or $1,200 for a table of eight. Purchase yours now by contacting **Lynda Homer at (506) 457-1227** or lcnb@nbliteracy.ca with the subject line “Ticket Request – PGI Dinner”

**About our 2018 Literacy Champion**

Born and raised in Newcastle, NB, David Adams Richards is a celebrated novelist, essayist, screenwriter and poet. Inspired by a deep commitment to the Miramichi River valley, Richards’ works are considered must-read materials for lovers of Canadian literature.

One of only three Canadians ever to receive a Governor General’s Literary Award for both fiction and non-fiction works, (*Nights Below Station Street*, 1988, and *Lines on the Water: A Fisherman’s Life on the Miramichi,* 1998), Richards has won every major literary award in Canada, including the Giller Prize for his bestselling book *Mercy Among the Children*.

Richards’ contribution to the literary fabric of the country is significant (he has authored more than 30 books, in addition to many successful screenplays). His long list of accolades is paralleled by his commitment to advocating for the arts, and sharing his extensive experience and insights with aspiring writers. He has held writer-in-residence positions at UNB and Mount Allison, and was STU’s first artist in residence in 2011. He also holds honorary doctorates from all three universities. There are two awards given annually in his name, one by the Writers Union of New Brunswick and the other by Saint Thomas University.

Appointed to the upper chamber in September 2017, [Senator Richards](https://sencanada.ca/en/senators/richards-david/) is also a member of the Order of New Brunswick and the Order of Canada for his contribution to literature.