



You are cordially invited to

***WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY/  
GIORNATA MONDIALE DEL LIBRO E DEL DIRITTO D'AUTORE***

Monday, April 24, 2006 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA – 496 Huron St., Toronto

**Free admission**

**PROGRAM FOR APRIL 24, 2006**

- 3:30 pm** | Opening. The public can visit the stands prepared by the publishing houses, to buy books in Italian, provided by **Librital**. One of the stands will be dedicated to children's literature. Italian videos for children will be screened.
- 5:30 pm** | Round table "**Italian Books**". Participants of the round table: **Antonio Ricci** (York University), **Bill Harnum** and **Ron Schoeffel** (University of Toronto Press), **Antonio Mollica** (Soleil Publishing), **Antonio D'Alfonso** (Guernica Editions), and **Mario Ciccorigli** (Librital).
- 7:00 pm** | Screening of the film "**I giorni dell'abbandono**" (with English subtitles) by **Roberto Faenza**, based on the book by **Elena Ferrante**. (Summary: Olga's life is shattered when her husband abandons her. This prompts her to fall into a period of self-degradation and self-destructive behaviors.)

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In 1995 UNESCO proclaimed "World Book and Copyright Day", underlining how books have always been a strong instrument for the circulation and conservation of culture. It is indeed important for the development of awareness of worldwide cultural traditions and it could give life, with its influence, to behaviour based on comprehension, tolerance and dialogue. The date chosen represents a homage to the three of the most important authors of all times, who passed away on that day in 1616: William Shakespeare, Miguel de Cervantes, and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega.

As of April 23 there will be a series of events worldwide dedicated to literature. These events are not only a moment of homage to books, but they aim at being a worldwide promotional instrument for literature, editorial activities and a correct protection of intellectual works.

For the 2006 edition of "World Book and Copyright Day" promoted by UNESCO, the Istituto Italiano di Cultura organizes a series of events for the promotion of literature on **April 24, 2006**. On this day there will be stands dedicated to Italian language publications by Italian authors. There will also be a stand dedicated to children's books. Small surprises await our youngest visitors.

The Istituto will be open from 3:30 to 8:00 pm so as to give everyone the opportunity to visit the stands and buy books.