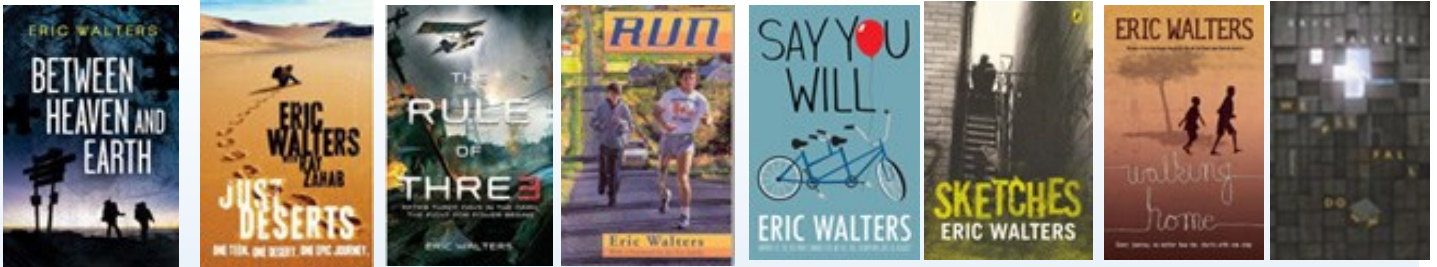


Eric Walters Teen Presentation



On November 26, 2016, thirty-six Gators attended a teen presentation at the *Mississauga Central Library* delivered by award-winning Canadian author Eric Walters. We were so impressed with the amazing life experiences Walters has had and that have inspired more than 100 novels!



Gators in the Noel Ryan Auditorium waiting for the presentation to begin



Eric Walters

Walters accompanied his talk with a highly engaging slideshow showcasing his intense experiences, such as helping impoverished families struggling to survive, hiking and camping in the Sahara desert during extreme conditions, and relentlessly climbing the death-defying Kilimanjaro. Walters' real-life involvement in extreme situations - as varied and intense as the stories he has written - acutely inform his fiction. Even events Walters hasn't experienced first-hand, such as 911, are addressed with incredible accuracy and realism due to the rigorous research he undertakes before and during the writing process.

Not only is Eric Walters an amazing writer of teen fiction, but he is also hugely philanthropic and is founder of his own charitable organization *Creation of Hope*, providing care for orphaned and disadvantaged children in Kenya. His passion for ball sports and extreme nature, his strong sense of national pride, and his deep empathy for humanity form the insight that make his works not only action-packed and captivating, but thematically poignant and even necessary to read.

Thank you *Mississauga Central Library* for giving us this enriching literacy opportunity. We can't wait to read another Eric Walters' novel!



Gators outside the *Mississauga Central Library*

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