



APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION LAUNCHES FRENCH VERSION OF ROCKY THE RACCOON EXPLORES THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT CHILDREN'S BOOK

- **Bilingual Kid's Zone launched simultaneously on GeoscienceINFO.com**

June 30, 2026, Toronto, Ontario: The APGO Education Foundation ("APGOEF") is pleased to announce the launch of the French version of its successful children's book "Rocky the Raccoon Explores the Niagara Escarpment". Simultaneously, APGOEF has launched a French Kid's Zone on GeoscienceINFO.com <https://zonejeunesse.geoscienceinfo.com/> where the book can be viewed digitally along with the downloadable teacher's guide. Paper copies of the French book can be purchased on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.ca/dp/106951831X>.

Rocky is a curious racoon exploring the amazing world of rocks and fossils in the Niagara Escarpment. He meets his new friend Lily the Crinoid who takes him on a journey to learn about what life was like more than 400 million years ago. The Rocky the Raccoon book aligns with the Grade 4 Ontario Curriculum and is accompanied by a Teacher's Guide including hands-on activities, posters, quizzes and more to make learning about rocks fun and accessible for everyone.

Dr. Katie Maloney, P.Ge., principal author of Rocky the Raccoon commented: "We are excited that Rocky the Raccoon Explores the Niagara Escarpment is now available in both French and English to ensure it is accessible to teachers and families across Canada. Dr. Estelle Allan, the translator has done a wonderful job with the French version, and we are looking forward to Rocky's next adventure which will bring him to Toronto."

Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Ge., Chair of the Foundation, said: "This is the first step in our longer term plan to make our products on GeoscienceINFO.com particularly our virtual field trips available in both French and English so that they can be enjoyed in both official languages. This is in response to many requests we have had from bilingual communities across Ontario especially in Ottawa, Sudbury and Thunder Bay."



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About the APGO Education Foundation

The APGO Education Foundation is a registered charitable organization under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, registration number 84604 5052 RR0001. The purpose of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the area of geoscience – see <https://apgoef.ca>. [GeoscienceINFO.com](https://apgoef.ca), developed by the Foundation, is an innovative one-stop spot for the public to gather information about the earth beneath their feet. This website provides interesting information on all facets of geoscience. A particularly exciting feature of GeoscienceINFO.com is the highlighting of virtual field trips in different areas in Ontario. This enables viewers to experience and learn about the geology of an area in person or while traversing it digitally in ESRI ArcGIS Online™ and StoryMaps™.

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