

# LIBRARY REPORT



North Vancouver District  
Public Library

## NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2014

November and December wrapped up a very busy year at North Vancouver District Public Library. During these months, we concluded our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year celebrations with two large events: a fashion show and a book launch soirée. In November, we also held a very successful Giller Prize party in partnership with North Vancouver City Library. Finally, we held our first-ever all-staff workshop.

### WRAP UP OF OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR

In November and December we wrapped up our year of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations with three fabulous events: a fashion show, a book launch celebrating the publication of the Library's history book, and a final 1964 Day.

#### 50 and Fabulous: A Fashion Show Fundraiser

On Saturday, November 1, we celebrated 50 years of fashion, books and culture on the North Shore with a fashion show curated and hosted by fashion historian Ivan Sayers. We sold 128 tickets to this fabulous event, which filled United Church in Edgemont Village for a one-of-a-kind event showcasing library and fashion history. Dave Obee, author of the Library's history book, *Fifty with A Fabulous Future* opened the event with a historical slideshow outlining NVDPL and North Vancouver history. Following Dave's presentation, Ivan and his models took to the stage for the main event. Following, event attendees were treated to a sumptuous tea in the church basement. Overall the event went very well with many positive comments from attendees.



*Fashion historian Ivan Sayers and model at 50 and Fabulous: A Fashion Show Fundraiser.*

#### Book Launch Soirée

In December, the Library's history book, *Fifty! With a Fabulous Future*, written by Dave Obee, became physical reality. The newly published book was officially launched at a gala event held Saturday, December 6 in the stacks of Lynn Valley Library, which was festively decorated for the occasion with tea and fairy lights. Over sixty people attended the event, enjoying mingling, wine and appetizers and a presentation by author Dave Obee on the writing of the book and the library. The evening was concluded with book signings and door prize draws. The event was made successful thanks to the work of many library staff at all levels of the organization – a truly collaborative effort showcasing an adaptable organization.



*Councillor Robin Hicks, Mayor Richard Walton, Author David Obee, Councillor Mathew Bond, former Councillor Allan Nixon and Library Director Jacqueline van Dyk pose with the Library's newly published history book.*

### 1964 Day

We held our fifth and final 1964 Day on Tuesday, November 18. Once again, it was a lively day at each of our three branches with staff dressed up in 1960s garb, 1960s music playing in our circulation areas, themed displays, and cupcakes for patrons. Social media (Twitter and Facebook) was used throughout the day to post pictures of staff and displays. There was a lot of traffic – “likes”, retweets and Twitter conversations between followers and NVDPL.



*Staff at Capilano Library dressed up in “ugly Christmas sweater” wear, providing a festive twist to 1964 Day.*

### DECEMBER 9 ALL-STAFF WORKSHOP



*Staff getting together for the Library’s first-ever all staff workshop.*

Tuesday, December 9, was a big first for our organization as we closed our branches for half a day to allow all staff to get together for our first all-staff workshop and Christmas lunch. 72 staff members met at the Seymour Golf and Country Club to connect, learn and talk about who we are as an organization, and where we are going. The workshop, facilitated by change management consultant Beth Page, focused on the Library’s cultural values and how we can co-create, as a NVDPL team, our desired workplace culture. At the event, several staff members were presented with long-services awards, and the whole NVDPL team enjoyed a festive Christmas lunch together.

### PROGRAMMING

In addition to programs centred around Remembrance Day and the Christmas holiday, a major highlight for programming in November and December was our Giller Prize Party.

#### Giller Prize Party

On Monday, November 11, 59 people enjoyed appetizers, wine, book readings, raffle prizes and a livestream of the Giller Prize Awards Ceremony at Lynn Valley Library. The Giller Prize Party was hosted in partnership with North Vancouver City Library with sponsorship by the North Shore News. The event was a fundraiser for the North Shore Writers Festival with over \$900 raised through ticket sales and raffle sales. Many local companies donated to the event, providing appetizers and raffle items. The lively event was very well received by event attendees, who had the opportunity to connect and mingle throughout the literary-themed evening.



*The Giller Prize Party provided attendees the opportunity to connect and mingle, all while celebrating books and literature.*

## OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

- November and December were busy months for outreach. Our youth services visited the Tsleil Waututh Child and Family Development Centre, My Little School Preschool, I-HOPE Centre, Little Rascals Daycare and Montroyal Strongstart.
- NVDPL's youth services also continue to enjoy visits from local school, daycare and Guide and Scout groups: these visits involve a special storytime and the chance for visitors to learn more about library services.

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

- **Adult Programs:** In November 2014, our adult program attendance stayed by and large the same as November 2013. In December, adult program attendance increased by 39 per cent.
- **Newcomer/ELL Programs:** In November and December, we held a total of 8 Newcomer and English Language Learning (ELL) programs with an average attendance of five people. No newcomer programming stats available for 2013.
- **Teen Programs:** The teen advisory group met in November with five teens in attendance. In December 2014, the Argyle School Choir sang at our Christmas Open House with a total of 45 attendees, plus 20 teens in the choir. No teen programming stats available for 2013.
- **Children's Programs:** In November, children's program attendance went down by 22 per cent as compared to November the previous year. Despite this, attendance was still high with an average of 35 attendees at 67 programs. In December, children's programming attendance remained by and large the same as compared to the previous year.
- **Traffic:** Traffic (measured by gate counts) remained by and large the same in November and increased by 2.5 per cent in December.
- **Circulation and Holds:** Year-over-year print circulation and holds statistics decreased by 6.5 per cent and 9 per cent respectively in November, and remained by and large the same in December.
- **Digital Circulation:** Digital circulation increased in both November and December by 10 per cent and 6.5 per cent as compared to the previous year.
- **Virtual Visits:** Virtual visits decreased by 13 per cent in November and 6 per cent in December as compared to the previous year.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Plans for implementing our new self-checkouts are currently underway. Right now it looks like the launch of the new machines will happen sometime in mid-February or early March.
- We are continuing our work to make our locations more welcoming with some new chairs and furniture: currently we are in the planning and ordering process.
- In January, the Library is partnering with North Vancouver Recreation and Culture to deliver a series of free health and wellness workshops and activities at NVDPL locations as part of "Health and Wellness Month".