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Summer Reading Club...Out with a Bang!

NVDPL spectacularly wound up the 2016 Book a Trip Summer Reading Club at the District of North Vancouver's Party in the Park event, celebrating their 125th anniversary. It was a rainy afternoon at Cates Park/Whey-ah-Wichen on Saturday, September 17 but that didn't stop local Reading Club finishers from attending to receive their prestigious finishing medals. NVDPL's Jacqueline van Dyk and staff were joined by a group of very important locals: MLA Jane Thornthwaite, MLA Ralph Sultan, Mayor Richard Walton, Councillor and NVDPL Trustee Jim Hanson, Councillor Lisa Muri, and NVDPL Trustee Mike Little.

As the ceremony began all finishers were called to the stage, and it seemed as if the entire audience gravitated forward. Over the next 30 minutes, 205 children had their names called as they walked across the stage and shook hands with local dignitaries. The ceremony went by in a flash but the children left with some really special memories.

NVDPL's inaugural Summer Reading Club Medal Ceremony was a great success and we look forward to 2017!

Community Comments

"My daughter won't take off her medal. She loves it!"

"Almost everyone there were families. It was really smart of the District to include the medal ceremony in the event as it caused so many families to show up on a rainy day."

"I ended up down at Cates for the early part of the event. It was absolutely brilliant that the Reading Club awards were paired with this event. Great thinking- I know I saw a ton of friends down at the park to get their medals. It was so special for them. And then they stayed in the park to enjoy the facepainting, crafts and fire truck."

2016 Reading Club Facts

- Over 4,000 local children registered in the BC Summer Reading Club at NVDPL. That's 36% of the local elementary school population!
- Children at the Medal Ceremony represented a wide variety of District of North Vancouver schools
- The 2015 in-house Teen Summer Reading Club registrations DOUBLED the average for previous years in the province-wide Teen SRC.
- 109 adults participated in the 2nd annual NVDPL Adult Summer Reading Club. That's 50 MORE than last year!



Medal Ceremony Photos



MLA Ralph Sultan, Jim Hanson, Mayor Walton and MLA Jane Thornthwaite hand out medals!



Children await their turn to walk across the stage.



Mayor Walton & Jacqueline van Dyk untangle medals.



The crowd dispersing as the ceremony winds down.



2016 Medal Ceremony Officials: MLA Ralph Sultan, Alison Campbell, Mike Little, Jacqueline van Dyk, Mayor Richard Walton, MLA Jane Thornthwaite, Lisa Muri and Jim Hanson (missing from photo).