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Whisky in the Stacks: 3rd Annual Whisky Library Takes Place May 13th

NORTH Vancouver, BC— Whisky...in a library?! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 13—the third annual Whisky Library fundraiser returns to Lynn Valley Library. The annual fundraising event benefits the Trish McMordie Memorial fund, which provides funding to the Youth Services Department at the North Vancouver District Public Library.

The annual event, which has raised over \$13,000 since its start in 2015, is a social gathering featuring whisky tastings, delicious chocolate pairings, live music from Celtic band the Black Bear Rebels, delicious food from local caterers, and live literature readings from local notables who are bestowed the title of Whisky Advocates for the evening. Event attendees will also enjoy a live and silent auction, which has traditionally included items from custom gift baskets, Talon Helicopter trips, original Whisky Library Collection paintings by Lorn Curry, and more.

This year's 2017 feature readers are: North Vancouver firefighter and author of *Surviving Logan*, Erik Bjarnason; author of *Sensational Vancouver* and *Cold Case Vancouver*, Eve Lazarus; former television reporter for BCTV, owner of Oh Boy Productions, and current host of "Conversations that Matter" Stu McNish; award-winning writer of *Last of the Independents* and *Visible Dead*, Sam Wiebe; and finally, Director of Library Services and former Provincial Librarian for British Columbia, North Vancouver District Public Library's own Jacqueline van Dyk.

Why a "Whisky Library"? A collection of whisky is called a 'library,' which is fitting, given event organizer and North Shore Rescue member Allan McMordie's Scottish heritage and his late wife Trish's love for literacy and learning. Trish McMordie was a beloved elementary school teacher at Larson Elementary who passed away from cancer in 2013. Friends and family of the teacher set-up the Trish McMordie Memorial Fund in her honour, to keep her memory alive and give back to an institution that Trish loved.

Whisky Tasting tickets include five tastings of fine whiskies are \$80, while Non-Whisky Tickets are just \$40 and include one non-whisky beverage. Tickets can be purchased at any North Vancouver District Public Library location or online via WhiskyLibrary.ca

The event is coordinated in partnership with Allan McMordie, generously sponsored by the North Shore News, and supported by many other Lower Mainland organizations, including Grosvenor America, Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers, Capilano Audi, and more.

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