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Parading Around Lynn Valley

NVDPL staff really took the 2019 Summer Reading Club theme of "Imagine the Possibilities" to heart this year when planning for the Lynn Valley Day parade on June 22. Typically, staff, volunteers and trustees get decked out in Summer Reading Club gear to walk in the parade and promote summer reading, but this year NVDPL staff imagined the possibility of doing something more...forming a North Vancouver book cart drill team! It was a wildly funny, completely unexpected, and very much-enjoyed first attempt at doing "something more".

11 NVDPL staff joined forces with Board Chair Kristine Mactaggart Wright and husband Kevin Wright, Vice Chair Lara Greguric and husband Mike Belfry, and Paws 4 Stories volunteer Celeste Pelc and Jo the Black Lab, to walk in the parade. Even North Vancouver District Mayor Mike Little joined in for the final few blocks!

Staff at the Library tent were approached by lots of people passing on their praise after the parade was over, including a regular patron about 11 years old. Here's how that conversation went:

- Patron:** "You were seriously the best in the parade- all the twirling and whirling!"
- NVDPL:** "Even better than the bagpipers?"
- Patron:** "Well, you know they're just a bunch of squeaky noise really. No offense but the library is pretty much the best place in Lynn Valley!"

We can't wait to build on this new tradition for an out of this world dance routine to support the Summer Reading Club's "Space" theme in 2020.

Feedback we've heard online:

- "The dancing librarians were the best!!!"
- "This was the best float of the parade! Seriously! Hope everyone went as bonkers screaming in fandom when you asked "Whooooo's got a LIBRARY CARD" as we did!!!!"
- "You guys are so awesome! Your trolley dance made you the talk of the 2019 Lynn Valley Day parade."
- "This is the stuff of my dreams!"
- "I love it! Thanks for making the parade so great!!!"
- "The best parade entry of the year"



Getting ready to walk in the parade!



Lara Greguric, Kristine Mactaggart Wright, and Kevin Wright pose during the parade.



Library staff getting ready to form a star and twirl around!

Check out more photos on the back!

