



North Vancouver District
Public Library

Inspiring Stories

October 2015

Celebrating Culture at Culture Cram

On Sunday, September 27, the Lynn Valley Library was booming with cultural and creative spirit. The Library participated as Cultural Hub as a part of the North Shore Culture Days festivities! Working in partnership with the North Vancouver Community Arts Council and other local organizations, the Library organized a fun-filled day of celebrating arts and culture in our community. **Over 250 people stopped by to enjoy the events.**

Librarian and Culture Cram organizer Layla Naquin relayed this story about a connection made between strangers:

A resident named José heard about our events from our friends at the NVCL. He attended the workshop as an enthusiastic guest with a passion for origami- he'd been doing it for twenty years! After chatting with Aiko and Alex, the workshop facilitator and her son, he whipped up a few of his own creations. And as the Origami workshop was exceptionally busy all day long, José even helped out with Aiko's demonstrations and assisted patrons who were learning origami!



José (right) with Origami Workshop presenter Aiko's son, Alex.

When connections like this are made, it validates the hard work the NVDPL is committed to accomplishing in the District of North Vancouver: connecting our community, fostering knowledge, and inspiring stories. And while the Library was highlighted as a Cultural Hub for Culture Days, the NVDPL actually serves as a cultural hub all year-long. The Library has the power to bring people together from different backgrounds to share their interests, stories, and skills that go beyond a love of reading. The NVDPL is a place where people can meet on common ground to build meaningful connections with one another, like José, Aiko, and Alex.

Culture Days is proof of that: **we had dancing, craft making, an informative historical exhibit, and live music all in one day.** And...at a library! It was a great day engaging Library spaces in unique and innovative ways, meeting new people, attracting new patrons to our regular programming, and strengthening relationships with community partners.



Naria of the Zoroastrian Society of BC talks at her cultural exhibit.



Masami & the North Shore Folkfest Team at belly dancing & samba.



A packed Lynn Valley Plaza for the North Shore Celtic Ensemble event!

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

“ I feel that we here on the North Shore are so fortunate indeed to have *such a lovely library* to cater to our reading needs. **THANK YOU!** ”

What our patrons are saying about NVDPL