

LIBRARY REPORT



May 23 to June 18

May and June have been exciting months at the NVDPL as we gear up for Summer Reading Clubs and all of the exciting activities and programs happening this summer. More than ever the Library events and programs are focused on supporting its Strategic Framework. Over the last month, we've participated in some unique and engaging events!

INSPIRING AND SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY OF LEARNING AND A CULTURE OF READING



NVDPL Builders walking in the 2015 Lynn Valley Days Parade.

Left: Children's Librarian Tara Forman & Library Director, Jacqueline Van Dyk

Top Right: the NVDPL van

Bottom Right: Linda Munro, Jacqueline Van Dyk, Barbara Kelly, and more, walk in the parade

The Lynn Valley Days Parade

On Saturday, May 30, the Library took part in Lynn Valley Days celebrations from 10am to 3pm. The annual event is a fantastic collaboration between all different organizations—it kicks off with a Friday night gala on Lynn Valley Field, followed by an engaging parade, and activities throughout the day on Lynn Valley Field. The event brings local citizens and businesses out to intermingle and have some well-deserved fun outside of the normal environments.

NVDPL staff, Library Director Jacqueline Van Dyk, Manager of Community Engagement Barbara Kelly, Board member Linda Munro, and their families attended the parade! The crew walked alongside the NVDPL van and everyone dressed up as builders and construction workers to promote the BC Build It! Summer Reading Club.

We heard many shouts of "I love the Library" throughout the parade. Some people passed on feedback about how great they thought the costumes were and it was great the NVDPL was doing community outreach to help kids get excited about reading.

Overall it was a very successful day, with lots of flyers heading out into the hands of our community, reminding them to come build it this summer at their local library branch!

Summer Reading Club Begins!

Summer Reading Programs kicked off at the Library on June 13. There are 3 programs—one to suit every age—running this summer at the NVDPL. There are lots of prizes to be won and fun to be had until September 19.

Build It Summer Reading Club Launch—June 13

The 2015 Summer Reading Club kicked off on June 13 with fun-filled activities at each of the branches. Staff decorated fabulous displays, set out light snacks and beverages, signed up kids for the Summer Reading Club, and enjoyed making crafts with eager children.

Local dignitaries were happy to help out with “sign up duties” and participated at each of the NVDPL’s libraries: Capilano Library’s event was attended by MLA Ralph Sultan; Parkgate Library’s event was attended by MLA Jane Thornthwaite; and Lynn Valley Library’s event was attended by acting Mayor, Councillor Jim Hanson.

We registered 369 kids in ONE DAY and the number keeps on growing! The fun continues with weekly activities starting in July, and a Build It Summer Reading Club celebration scheduled for August 15.



Children’s Librarian, Anna Redman, handing a Reading Booklet to the first sign up at Capilano!



MLA Jane Thornthwaite assists with sign up duties at Parkgate Library.



Councillor Jim Hanson works the sign up desk at Lynn Valley.

Adult Summer Reading Club

The Adult Summer Reading Club returns to the NVDPL for its second year! We’re encouraging adults to continue their reading throughout the summer and participate in Reading Club Bingo. Participants read a book from one of the Bingo categories, and fill in spots on their bingo card as they go. If they can complete 1 line, they’re entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to a local bookstore.

Teen Summer Reading Club

The BC Teen Reading Club kicked off June 13 at the NVDPL. The online-run program encourages teens to get online at www.teenrc.ca and get into a book. The program recommends books by genre, encourages online discussions between youth and authors, and more.

PROVIDING ENGAGING SPACES TO CREATE KNOWLEDGE AND SHARE STORIES

From access to information via technology and books, to informative programming, to engaging the arts, the NVDPL works towards providing engaging spaces to create knowledge and share stories each month. Throughout May and June, the Libraries celebrated a new art exhibit and hosted some unique programs.

District Art Gallery Opening Reception

The District Art Gallery, presented by the NV Arts Council, at the Lynn Valley Library is a unique art gallery experience. Every three months a new local artist is displayed throughout the Library, adding a new kind of beauty and colour to the walls. To celebrate the start of a new exhibition, the North Vancouver Community Arts Council and the Friends of the NVDPL work together on a free opening reception accompanied by delicious juice and light snacks. Visitors and patrons can discuss the art, mingle, and talk directly with the artists—an exquisite way to activate the Library space on a Saturday afternoon.



Artwork from new exhibiting artist Yue Baoyu is on display until August 4th at Lynn Valley Library.

Job Skills Clinic Series and Networking Event

Working in partnership with Training Innovations, the Library put on a series of Job Skills clinics to help newcomers and locals develop their professional skills. The Networking with Local Businesses event held on June 17, was attended by 120 people, HR managers from over 8 local businesses, as well as dignitaries MLA Jane Thornthwaite and MLA Ralph Sultan.

The Lynn Valley Community room was abuzz with connections forming across all groups. See the **Inspiring Stories** for a more in-depth look at this impactful and important event.

Approaching Learning in a Different Way

Children's Library Technician, Jayme Flexhaug, recently commented on an inspiring experience she shared with a young girl and her nanny. After watching the girl lose interest in learning the ABCs on an iPad, she discussed some alternative, multi-faceted learning strategies with the child's nanny. Jayme picked out a book and used some alternative teaching methods to coach the girl through the book. The young girl quickly caught on, took the book home to show her parents her amazing accomplishment, and the nanny vowed to sign the little one up for Summer Reading Club so she could practice her ABCs. Tremendous work by Jayme, illustrating the NVDPL is committed at all levels to working towards supporting our Strategic Framework.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Exceptional programming throughout May and June that highlighted the NVDPL's commitment to foster community collaboration includes a special photography and history series on the local landscape, and the Friends of the Library Book Sale.

A History of Indian arm

Paul Taylor, Librarian at Parkgate Library, recently discussed his appreciation for David Cook's presentation, A History of Indian Arm, which was held May 27. The presentation is an illustrated journey through the cultural and natural history of the local landscape. Paul is supportive of this programming as it is centred on local information and knowledge, and enhanced by the knowledge and expertise of the local audience members. Paul comments that "David Cook encourages participation from attendees, many of whom are local residents, and are 'sponges for new knowledge'." This type of programming opens up the dialogue and room for discussion among community members, fostering a sense of community collaboration. The July session of this program is already full.



An image of the beautiful local landscape.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library put on another fantastic book sale to raise funds for the NVDPL. The event was held in the Lynn Valley Community room from June 5-7 and books were flying off the table. The Friends, made up of a group of dedicated and local community members, collaboratively came together to successfully raise over \$2000 for the Library.



Books waiting to be sold!

NURTURING AN ENGAGED, ADAPTIVE ORGANIZATION

It was an exciting month as Lynn Valley Library received some new chairs for patrons. The first floor spaces have also been adjusted to include new electronic outlets, showing we are evaluating and measuring the impacts of our services and ensuring the needs of our community are met.

New Chairs

More seating, more electronic charging stations and some bright new colour have been added to Lynn Valley.



Images of the new chairs, couches, and charging stations.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Due to unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances, statistical information regarding NVDPL programming for May and June are unavailable at this time.

The September Report will include statistics for June, July, and August.