



North Vancouver District
Public Library

Inspiring Stories

April 2015

North Shore Writers Festival

The 16th annual North Shore Writers Festival took place on Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18.

This event is an annual celebration of readers and writers, funded by the Friends organizations of the three North Shore public libraries, and sponsored by the North Shore News and Black Bond Books. The festival is organized by the three North Shore public libraries and each year the festival location rotates among them. This year the festival took place at West Vancouver Memorial Library, and next year the festival will be hosted by NVDPL at the Lynn Valley Library.



The winning trivia team from NVDPL!

The festival lineup

This year's festival featured a host of Canadian literary stars, including John Vaillant, Aislinn Hunter, Doretta Lau, Zsuzsi Gartner and Heather O'Neill; CBC radio personalities and authors, Grant Lawrence and JJ Lee; a book fair showcasing local authors (which featured our very own Sanford Osler); and a trio of poets. Plus, we hosted a trivia night competition (from which the NVDPL team emerged victorious!), a lunch break lounge (complete with literary fortunes being told) and a closing reception.



Writers attend a plot development workshop

What we're hearing online

- "It was a wonderful event"
- "Love JJ Lee. Great writer & speaker"
- "Inspiring discussion with Doretta Lau and Aislinn Hunter"
- "There's a bar. In a library. How often does that happen?"
- "Love the trivia"

Outcomes of the event

All of the events took place in high-traffic areas of the West Vancouver Memorial Library, which helped increase awareness of the North Shore Writers Festival and all three North Shore library systems. Patrons were pleased with the high quality of workshops and events- and of course, the complimentary food & beverages.

From engaging workshops and panel discussions to trivia and a reception, there was something for everyone at this jam-packed literary weekend! **The North Shore Writers Festival continues to grow and build momentum!**



Attendees enjoy a wine & cheese reception

NVDPL looks forward to another successful event at the Lynn Valley Library in 2016!

Community Comments

"Today I don't have any suggestions but would like to thank the staff for your very welcoming and organized library. It is always nice to see the fireplace glowing and I also enjoy the special window display."

What our patrons are saying about NVDPL