



**LIBRARY REPORT—Highlights of Library happenings, programs, and more!**

**March 18-April 20**

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

**BabyTales, ToddleTales and StoryTales**

The spring session of children’s storytimes started back up at the NVDPL. These events are fun, they help socialize children, and most importantly, instill early literacy and development skills in local youth!

**Booked for Crime: A Festival of Crime**

Local crime lovers—the literary kind, of course—turned up at Capilano Library on Saturday, April 9 for an intimate festival of crime! Four of Vancouver’s hottest crime writers read from their latest works, held discussions, and interacted with the audience. Capilano Library has a large cohort of thriller and crime lovers, so it was a great fit for the Capilano Library.



*Book for Crime promotion.*

**Book Release with Frank Townsley**

Over 35 people came out to the Book Release of Frank Townsley’s beautiful new book: *British Columbia: Graced by Nature’s Palette* on Wednesday, April 13. Literary events like this put readers and writers face to face and allow for greater community connection. Frank Townsley will be returning on April 25 to sign more books for those who couldn’t make it earlier in the month.



*Frank Townsley signing autographs at his Book Release event on April 13.*

## North Shore Writers Festival—April 15 and 16

The Lynn Valley Library was filled with a lively energy throughout the April 15 and 16 weekend as the 17<sup>th</sup> annual North Shore Writers Festival took place at the NVDPL. The Community Room was packed for the weekend events, which started off with a Literary Trivia Quiz hosted by Grant Lawrence. The NVDPL's trivia team—District 3—took home first place and defended their title as North Shore Literary Trivia Quiz Champions.

Saturday morning started off with an inspiring workshop on self-publishing by best-selling ebook author Martin Crosbie, which was followed by an entertaining and hilarious talk from Lynn Johnston. The Local Author Book Fair took place throughout the day in the Library Lobby, giving these upcoming local authors a chance to meet and greet with the local community. The afternoon sessions started with a progressive interactive poetic performance from Nisga'a writer Jordan Abel, and the author sessions finished with an intimate and powerful discussion of the memoir-writing process with best-selling author Camilla Gibb in conversation with CBC's JJ Lee. Saturday's events were capped off with a free Writers and Readers Reception, which was attended by over 80 people, including Ralph Sultan, MLA for West Vancouver-Capilano.

Many of the NVDPL Board members, management, and staff attended throughout the day, and it was a tremendously successful event. The NVDPL looks forward to planning the 18<sup>th</sup> annual event, taking place in April 2017 at the North Vancouver City Library. Here's a few photos from the weekend:



*Set Up for the Trivia Quiz.*



*District 3 (NVDPLs Team) Wins!*



*The Local Authors Book Fair.*



*Lynn Johnston signs Jacqueline van Dyk's book.*



*Packed house for Lynn Johnston (L) and Camilla Gibb in Conversation with JJ Lee (R)*



*The Library Lobby filled with attendees at the Writers and Readers Reception.*



*Jacqueline van Dyk with Jenny Benedict, WVML's Chief Librarian and MLA for West Vancouver-Capilano, Ralph Sultan, at the Writers and Readers Reception.*



*NVDPL's Phil Webber, Councillor Jim Hanson, and Ken Lim at the closing reception.*

## **SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL LITERACY AND DIGITAL CREATIVITY**

### **Technology Talks with Luis Gomez**

The NVDPL offered a series of technology workshops in April as part of our commitment to helping the local community develop their digital literacy skills. These weekly 'Technology Talks with Luis Gomez' were held at the Parkgate Library and focused on different technologies, devices and programs, "from Windows 101" to "How to Use your Android Device." The Library also held One on One Technology Training at the Capilano Library, offering free, personalized help to our patrons.

## FOSTERING COMMUNITY COLLABORATION



### Capilano Universe Lecture Series 2016

The last 2016 Capilano Universe Lecture series for the NVDPL was held at the Parkgate Library on Wednesday, April 20. All attendees enjoyed the session titled "Towers of Song: The European Adventures of the Capilano University Singers." The quality of the recordings of Capilano University Choir performances during their last European tour was excellent!

All in all, it was a great session of the Capilano Universe Lecture Series at the NVDPL. We look forward to working with our community partner on next year's series!

### Refugee Resettlement on the North Shore

Libraries are hubs of information and spaces for inclusion. Working with the North Shore Multicultural Society, the Library held a relevant and timely session on Refugee Resettlement on the North Shore. The evening comprised a panel discussion, an information session, presentations from local refugees and refugee sponsors, an open discussion, and a question period. 30 people attended the evening, which put the global refugee crisis in context and also localized the subject. It was a great evening working with the North Shore Multicultural Society!



### Refugee Resettlement On the North Shore: Panel Presentation & Discussion

Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00pm  
Lynn Valley Library

Register at 604-984-0286, ext. 8144.

*Promoting the Refugee Resettlement Discussion.*

### Young Adult Job Search Club

A new monthly program has started the NVDPL, in partnership with the North Shore Multicultural Society: The Young Adult Job Search Club. The monthly club is designed to bring together local immigrant youth and help them secure employment through a series of workshops that provide advice on resume writing, interview skills, and more!

### Health Matters Lecture Series 2016

The Health Matters Lecture Series is presentation series in collaboration with Liberation Fitness, Vancouver Coastal Health, Lions Gate Cardiac Rehab and the three North Shore Library systems. There are eight lectures, taking place at six locations until June 27. The first Health Matters lecture at NVDPL went very well: 15 people came out and the presenter was excellent. We look forward to more of this informative programming over the next several months.

## NURTURING AN ENGAGED, ADAPTIVE ORGANIZATION

### Circulation Transformation Trial

The circulation transformation trial was a big success! Here's a few photos from the cardboard construction, which led to some great feedback and important adjustments:



*Manager of Welcoming Initiatives, Andrea Freeman, with Lynn Valley Circulation supervisors.*



*A portion of Lynn Valley's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor transformed!*



*Cardboard equipment brought to life by creative NVDPL staff.*