



North Vancouver District
Public Library

Inspiring Stories

November 2015

Reconciliation and the Library

Over the past six months, the NVDPL has been leading the charge in regards to supporting the process of Reconciliation. From focused resource displays on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Executive Summary; to An Evening in Honour of the Community Commitment to Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation; to Journeys: An Evening of Community Storytelling; to the most recent program: Reconciliation through Indigenous Education.

FOSTERING KNOWLEDGE The NVDPL has supported Reconciliation through providing resources, information, and events to help foster and create knowledge within the community.

SHARING STORIES Our attendees are encouraged to share! There have been notable guest speakers at each of these events, who patrons are encouraged to listen to and learn from. However, these have gone hand-in-hand with open dialogue sessions where meaningful discussions have taken place. We're opening up the conversation on topics that have not often been discussed publicly among local residents.

CONNECTING COMMUNITY

Over 120 community members have attended these events: from representatives of our local First Nations, to educators, executive directors, and North Shore residents. The events are being filled to capacity, showing a real interest in and need for this type of programming. The success of these events supports future, including a possible storytelling event in February 2016, and working with Reconciliation Canada on table-top discussions and workshops over the next year.

LEADING THE WAY

The NVDPL is being seen as a leader of change. These events have attracted media attention and Library interest from across Canada. The NVDPL is being consulted by libraries wanting to develop their own programs around Reconciliation- including the 2014 Library of the Year!

You are cordially *invited* to...

An Evening in Honour of the Community Commitment to Truth, Healing & Reconciliation

Lynn Valley Library
September 10 | 6:30pm-8:30pm

Join us for a special evening acknowledging & discussing the commitment to Reconciliation. With honoured guest speaker Shelley Joseph from Reconciliation Canada, refreshments, and more.

The evening will begin with a traditional opening prayer & welcome from a Squamish Elder.

To find out about taking the pledge to read the TRC Executive Summary, ask an NVDPL Librarian or visit www.nvdpl.ca/TRC_Pledge.

Call 604-984-0286, ext. 8144 to register. Everyone is welcome. Register to be entered to win an NVDPL prize pack.

An Evening Celebrating Reconciliation

Lynn Valley Library: 2177 Lynn Valley Rd., 604-984-0286
Parkgate Library: 8675 Parkgate Cn., 604-929-3727
Capilano Library: 3045 Highland Blvd., 604-987-4471
North Vancouver District Public Library: www.nvdpl.ca

Topics in Reconciliation: Reconciliation through Indigenous Education

Lynn Valley Library
Thursday, November 19
7:00pm-8:30pm | Doors Open & refreshments at 6:30pm
Register at 604-984-0286, ext. 8144. All are welcome.

Reconciliation through Indigenous Education

What does Reconciliation through Education look like? How can we evaluate existing educational practices to promote Reconciliation? Join special guest Ian Hare, Professor of Indigenous Education in Teacher Education at UBC, to discuss the process of Reconciliation through Indigenous Education. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. This program is open to everyone. Participants of the MOC: Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education may find this of particular interest.

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Journeys: An Evening of Community Storytelling

Parkgate Library
Friday, November 6
6:30pm-8:30pm
Free. Registration required. Register at 604-929-3727, ext. 8166.

Journeys: An Evening of Community Storytelling

WE ALL HAVE A STORY TO TELL.

Celebrate Canadian Storytelling Night and join us for an evening of community storytelling, music, and art. Take a journey as local storytellers share personal stories of coming to Canada, traditional journey tales, and more. There will even be time at the end for you to share a story of your own! Listeners, storytellers, poets, musicians, artists, novelists, and listeners are all invited to delight in a cup of tea and story.

Featured Storytellers:
Dean Rath
Deepak Gandhi
Wayne Smith
Arne Anderson

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COMMUNITY COMMENTS

“ I live nearby and go to, or past, our library quite often in the week. I look in the window and there are young children busy sitting with a book. They're enjoying and sitting on that big, green snake. Lovely!! Kids are not sitting in front of a TV or computer screen. 3 cheers for all of you! I am an elderly lady now and it is wonderful to have these simple, positive evidences of the good in our society. ”

What our patrons are saying about NVDPL