

LIBRARY REPORT**November 20, 2015—January 20**North Vancouver District
Public Library

Although regular programming ceased for the holidays, we still got up to a lot! Here are the highlights from November 20, 2015 to January 20, 2016.

INSPIRING AND SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY OF LEARNING AND A CULTURE OF READING**Author Talk with Holman Wang**

On Saturday, December 5, Capilano Library hosted a special presentation from Vancouver author, Holman Wang. The event, titled “Get Creative: The Force Behind Epic Yarns and Cozy Classics,” took attendees behind the scenes of his critically-acclaimed *Star Wars: Epic Yarns and Cozy Classics* book series. Leveraging the excitement about the upcoming Star Wars film, 44 (!) attendees were inspired to see how this local author created his felt characters, built sets, and produced special effects, and how Holman broke into the publishing world. It was a great all-ages event!



Holman Wang speaks at Capilano.



One of Wang's book covers, featuring his intricately made felt characters.

Introduction to Philosophy—A MOOC Course

Lynn Valley Library is proud to facilitate an Introduction to Philosophy MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) throughout the winter and spring. MOOC's are free courses offered by universities and other post-secondary institutions, and open to anyone. All you need is access to the Internet and time to complete them. The current course comes from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Attendees view lectures, learning at their own pace, then meet weekly with an NVDPL librarian or a community volunteer who facilitates a group discussion based on the course materials.

Family Literacy Fridays

Family Literacy Day is set to take place on Wednesday, January 27. In spirit of this day, the Parkgate Library will celebrate family literacy all month long with activities and events scheduled every Friday in January from 4:00pm-7:00pm.



Family Literacy Day encourages families to take a minimum of 15 minutes out of their day for family fun!

Kids Book Clubs

To promote reading and literacy of local youth, Parkgate Library and Lynn Valley Library are hosting book clubs throughout winter and spring. The Red Cedar Book Club is being held at Parkgate Library; children in grades 4-7 meet bi-weekly to discuss the nominated titles for the BC Red Cedar Book Award, conduct literacy experiments, write reviews and more. They will vote for their favourite books in the spring. The Kids Book Club at the Lynn Valley Library will meet twice a month to discuss books, enjoy snacks, and have fun with book-related activities. They celebrate a different genre each meeting to help expose children to new genres and topics.

Parent-Child Mother Goose Programs®

The extremely popular Parent-Child Mother Goose program® started back up in January at both the Capilano and Lynn Valley Libraries. Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is a group experience for parents, caregivers, and babies aged from birth to 18 months. Adults and children are introduced to the power of using rhymes, songs and stories together—which are important in building early literacy skills. Two programs are being offered during this session: One for babies up to 12 months old, and one for 12-18 month olds. Capilano's session filled up before start-date and Lynn Valley's session is booking up rapidly.



Parent-Child Mother Goose participants! At Lynn Valley Library.

PROVIDING ENGAGING SPACES TO CREATE KNOWLEDGE AND SHARE STORIES

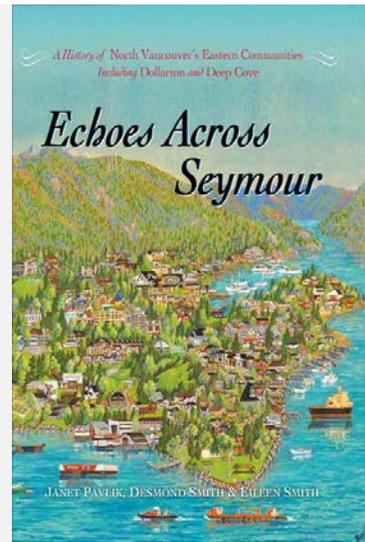
The Library is committed to providing engaging spaces to create knowledge and share stories. The following programs are an example of the NVDPL supporting this area of our Framework.

Death Café

The Death Café continues to be a popular event at the Lynn Valley Library. Participants enjoy light snacks and refreshments, and facilitators lead discussions on, the often taboo subject, death. The Library is a safe space for discussing realities pertaining to death and dying and residents benefit from the comradery and social aspect of this discussion group.

Deep Cove Heritage Society's Fundraising Event

The Parkgate Library partnered with the local community organization, Deep Cove Heritage Society, on a special fundraiser and networking event called "Visit the Neighbourhoods of Seymour" on Thursday, December 3. The event highlighted the Seymour Neighbourhood of North Vancouver and featured a multi-media presentation with Heritage photos, a 50 year history of the Seymour area, the Parkgate community story, and a book signing with local authors of *Echoes Across Seymour*. All funds raised benefited the Deep Cove Heritage Society and go towards preserving the history of North Vancouver.



Echoes Across Seymour book cover.

Holiday Open Houses—December 8 and 11

Parkgate, Capilano and Lynn Valley hosted individual holiday open houses to celebrate the holiday season with their regular patrons. The very well attended events feature live music, tasty treats, warm beverages, and the chance to meet members of the community and chat with the helpful NVDPL staff. Lynn Valley also hosted a drop-in Winter Wonderland Family Storytime during their open house; with 35 attendees, it was a lively time. Much fun was had by all at each of these events!



Practicum student, Laura, at the Lynn Valley Library Open House.

SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL LITERACY AND DIGITAL CREATIVITY

Here's what's new in the "tech world" of NVDPL.

Tech Tutors

This weekly technology tutoring program started back up at Capilano Library on January 12. The ongoing program pairs teen volunteers with those looking to advance their technology skills—from help with their devices and the internet, to using programs on computers.



Ease into Ebooks

To continue helping patrons become computer and device literate, the Lynn Valley Library hosted an Ease into Ebooks program on Wednesday, January 20. The course was scheduled strategically after the holidays to encourage DNV residents to bring their new e-reading devices and discover the digital resources available to them through the NVDPL.

Now Offering IndieFlix

The Library is proud to offer a new digital resource to NVDPL patrons: IndieFlix. This service, which launched at the end of 2015, allows cardholders unlimited streaming access of award-winning feature films, shorts, and documentaries.

The IndieFlix logo is on the left, featuring the word "indieflix" in a stylized font with "indie" in white on a dark blue background and "flix" in red on a dark blue background. To the right is a red movie theater seat with a white screen area. Below the logo and seat is a dark blue rectangular box containing white text.

New: IndieFlix
Unlimited streaming of award-winning feature films, shorts, and documentaries!
Ready to get started?
www.nvdpl.ca/get-started-indieflix

Internal TV advertisement for IndieFlix.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Efficiently working with local groups and forming partnerships with organizations allows the NVDPL to leverage resources. Here are a few events highlighting this important part of NVDPL programming.

Job Search Skills and Networking Club

After the popularity of the Newcomer Networking events in 2015, the Job Search Skills and Networking Club is now taking place on a monthly basis at the Lynn Valley Library. The events, planned with the support of Training Innovations, target newcomers and those requiring additional skills and knowledge to secure employment. Each workshop discusses a relevant topic—November was on Networking to Success, and December’s session was on Workplace Communication. The Library, in conjunction with local organizations, helps facilitate the development of practical life skills to those in our community.

Chief Joe Mathias Centre’s Community Christmas Party

Capilano staffers Jacqueline Beliso and Michelle Callaghan attended the Chief Joe Mathias Centre’s Community Christmas party on Saturday, December 19. They set up a library table with stories, activities, and information and had a really great time connecting with the local First Nation. This is an ongoing community connection with CJMC and it’s been steadily growing over the last several years. At the end of the visit, the NVDPL was gifted a beautiful piece of first nations art, which will be going up on display at Capilano after it is framed.



The Chief Joe Mathias Children’s Christmas Party on December 19.

SFU Philosophers’ Café

Over the past several years, the Lynn Valley Library has worked with SFU on a discussion series called the SFU Philosophers’ Café. The last few months have featured topics including income distribution in Canada, restorative justice and punishment in Canada, and the fiscal burden of Canadian newcomers. The SFU Philosophers’ Café program will cease in 2016 but the Library is working to replace this monthly discussion group with a new program of the like called Talkabout. More details on this coming soon!

Holiday Trees at Lynn Valley and Parkgate Libraries

The NVDPL celebrated the Holidays with the Parkgate Community Services Society and the Lynn Valley Community Association by participating in the annual “Parade of Trees” event, which included a lighting ceremony at each location. Lynn Valley Village visitors were encouraged to vote for the best decorated tree. It was a great way to celebrate the holidays and much fun was had by all in the planning and decorating of the library-themed tree!



The “Holiday Fairytale” Tree, featuring children’s book cover decorations, fairies, and NVDPL blue!

Health and Wellness Month

The NVDPL partnered together with the North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission to present Health and Wellness Month throughout January. The month-long series features 9 events which take place in the Lynn Valley Community room and across North Vancouver. There are workshops and activity classes—all of which are free—that help encourage residents to live an active and healthy lifestyle.

NVDPL helped plan the events and we provided all marketing and communications support. Additional support for the events came from the North Vancouver City Library and the Canadian Mental Health Association. To date, the events are well-received and are receiving high participation rates.

This partnership opportunity utilizes the skills and expertise of many community organizations, helping maximize use of public funds. The NVDPL looks forward to helping in the 2017 Health and Wellness Series.



NS News image of Barb Pichler walking the trails of North Vancouver. One of two walking events in the Health and Wellness Month series.

NURTURING AN ENGAGED, ADAPTIVE ORGANIZATION

The 2nd All Staff Development Workshop

Starting in 2014, NVDPL hosts an annual All Staff Development workshop to encourage cross-system communication and collaboration and celebrate the achievements of the year. All locations of the Library closed for the morning and 75 staff members attended the event which took place at the Seymour Golf and Country Club. Library Director Jacqueline van Dyk spoke on the achievements of individual staff members, welcomed all of the new staff members, as well as celebrated milestone year achievements and retirements. The results of the year-end Staff Survey, which was conducted in the month previous, were shared with staff. The group was then led through a workshop from facilitator Beth Page, a professional change management consultant. Following the community-building exercises and meaningful group discussions about library programs and services, all staff enjoyed a catered lunch and connected with their colleagues—new and old! Here are a few photos from the day.



The NVDPL Board Trustee Retreat

Board members attended the annual Board Retreat on Saturday, November 28 at the North Vancouver Museum and Archives. The day was facilitated by Michael Shoop and board members discussed progress and aspirations for the various priority areas of the Library. A more in-depth summary report is available in the January 28th Board Package (Item 5.2.4).