

The NVDPL Quarterly

Inspiring stories from this quarter at North Vancouver District Public Library.

Inspiring Story: Love lives here.



On March 27, 2021, a tragedy unfolded on the steps of Lynn Valley Library and throughout the Lynn Valley Village that will live with us forever. Seven members of our community were attacked by a person with a knife at random leaving one woman dead and six others injured. Those who were on site showed tremendous courage amid the unimaginable. The swift and heroic efforts of our amazing Lynn Valley staff, the Friends of the Library, Lynn Valley Village merchants, and our community members, ensured that victims could get critical support from first responders.



Almost a month later, our hearts remain heavy for the victims and we are grieving alongside our community for the woman who tragically lost her life. Those affected are our patrons, family, friends, neighbours - but the devastation of this attack is deeply felt by so many people across Canada, and in particular, so many in the library community. In the days and weeks that have followed, the community wrapped its love around the library and the Village. So many people are reclaiming the area and showing that love lives here.

The library has received hundreds of cards, notes, and comments from our local community and beyond - from Ottawa to Chicago to Spain. We will continue to move forward alongside our community on this healing journey. This is just the beginning of a long road.

NVDPL staff will prepare a more comprehensive report at a later date.