

# **BC Libraries Present: Cory Doctorow**

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In November 2022, Cory Doctorow coined the term “enshittification” to describe the decay of digital platforms as the owners prioritize profit over the experience of their users. Cory’s argument clearly resonated and helped people realize that enshittification is everywhere, creeping into many of the services that we now rely on—so much so that the American Dialect Society named it its 2023 Word of the Year, and it was cited as an inspiration for the 2025 season of the popular dystopic TV series *Black Mirror*.

Cory Doctorow will discuss his highly anticipated new book *Enshittification* with public policy expert Vass Bednar, to help us understand why Big Tech is the way it is, and how we can disenshittify the internet.

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Cory Doctorow is a science fiction author, activist and journalist. He is the author of many books, including *The Lost Cause*, a solarpunk science-fiction novel of hope amidst the climate emergency. His nonfiction book *The Internet Con: How to Seize the Means of Computation* is a Big Tech disassembly manual. Other recent books include *Red Team Blues*, a science fiction crime thriller;

*Chokepoint Capitalism*, nonfiction about monopoly and creative labour markets; the *Little Brother* series for young adults; *In Real Life*, a graphic novel; and the picture book *Poesy the Monster Slayer*. In 2020, he was inducted into the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame.

Vass Bednar is the Managing Director of the Canadian SHIELD Institute and the co-author of *The Big Fix: How Companies Capture Markets and Harm Canadians*. Vas was the host of the Globe & Mail podcast *Lately*, about navigating life in the new economy. She was also the Executive Director of the Master of Public Policy program at McMaster University.

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