

# Applications open for the 2021/2022 North Shore Authors Collection

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## Local authors invited to apply by June 30

North Shore libraries are calling on local authors to submit their applications for the North Shore Authors Collection — a partnership initiative from North Vancouver City Library, North Vancouver District Public Library, and West Vancouver Memorial Library. The initiative, now in its second season, aims to shine a light on the gifted writers who live on the North Shore.

More than 110 titles by 78 local authors were showcased in the inaugural collection. “We were thrilled to see the enthusiastic response to the inaugural collection,” says North Vancouver City Library Chief Librarian Deb Hutchison Koep. “Public libraries are built on the foundation of resource sharing and supporting human potential – that our libraries can help inspire, support, and celebrate homegrown literary talent across the North Shore is so heartening.”

The North Shore Authors Collection invites authors to submit their applications by June 30 to be considered for the collection, which is set to launch in the fall of 2021. “The North Shore is home to a diverse range of emerging and established local authors.” says NVDPL’s Director of Library Services Jacqueline van Dyk. “Our libraries are seeking writers whose work reflects the rich talent, diversity and stories of our region—we are thrilled to welcome a new group of authors into the collection this year.” Once accepted, titles will be on display at each of the three participating libraries for one year starting in the fall.

The work of authors who are currently featured in the North Shore Authors Collection will remain highlighted at all three libraries until October. “I’m so impressed by the writing talent here on the North

Shore,” says WVML Director Stephanie Hall. “I hope readers will take this opportunity to borrow a book from the collection and see the world from a local author’s point of view.”

The mission of the North Shore Authors Collection is to promote local content, including books that are traditionally published, self-published, or independently published. Authors of any age who are currently residing on the North Shore, or who lived here during the year of publication, are encouraged to submit their books for consideration. Books can be in any genre and any language but must be professionally bound for public borrowing, and published between 2011 and 2021.

More information, resources, and eligibility guidelines can be found at

[www.northshoreauthorscollection.com](http://www.northshoreauthorscollection.com)