2025 North Shore Writers Festival

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Join the three North Shore libraries as we celebrate Canadian authors, readers and literature!

Please note: All events take place at the Lynn Valley branch of the North Vancouver District Public Library, 1277 Lynn Valley Road, North Vancouver.

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Traditional Welcome with Tsitsáyx̱emaat

Thursday, April 24, 5:30 p.m. NVDPL, Lynn Valley branch

The 2025 North Shore Writers Festival kicks off with a Traditional Welcome to the Territory with Tsitsáyx̱emaat.

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Hockey talk: Chronicling the Canucks with Daniel Wagner, Ed Willes, and Andy Prest

Thursday, April 24, 5:30 p.m. NVDPL, Lynn Valley branch

Join us for an engaging talk led by hockey writers who will take you behind the scenes of the Canucks with some of their favourite stories and memorable moments. In this discussion, the writers will share their experiences covering the game, offering unique perspectives on team dynamics and player development. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear from the voices that shape our understanding and appreciation of the game!

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Steph Kwetásel’wet Wood and Anne Shibata Casselman with Laura Lynch

Thursday, April 24, 7:15 p.m. NVDPL, Lynn Valley branch

At a pivotal moment for both the environmental and media landscape, journalists play a crucial role in keeping the public informed about climate change. In this timely event, award-winning journalists Steph Kwetásel’wet Wood (*The Narwhal*) and Anne Shibata Casselman (*Maclean’s*, *The Walrus*, *National Geographic*) will sit down with Laura Lynch (CBC) and discuss their experiences reporting on the natural world.

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Literary trivia hosted by Charles Demers

Friday, April 25, 7 p.m. NVDPL, Lynn Valley branch

Challenge your literary knowledge and vie for prizes and acclaim at the North Shore Writers Festival's literary trivia night, hosted by author and comedian Charles Demers.

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Writing picture books with Laura Farina (NSWA workshop)

Saturday, April 26, 12:30 p.m. NVDPL, Lynn Valley branch

The sonnet, the haiku ... the picture book? In this hands-on workshop, poet and picture book writer Laura Farina will walk you through the conventions of the picture book, helping you find unexpected and delightful possibilities for your own work within the constraints of this form.

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Publishing and publicity: What writers need to know (NSWA panel)

Saturday, April 26, 2 p.m. NVDPL, Lynn Valley branch

Looking for help with getting your book published and into the hands of readers? Hear Lynn Duncan, Megan Williams, and Margaret MacKinnon-Cash — three industry experts in different areas — discuss what it takes to get a manuscript traditionally or self-published, and follow through to book and author publicity.

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Unsettling fiction with Sam Wiebe, Linda Cheng, Erica McKeen, & JJ Lee

Saturday, April 26, 3:30 p.m. NVDPL, Lynn Valley branch

Horror and thrills can be an effective way for an author to unsettle the reader — but also draw them in and make the story more impactful. Join Sam Wiebe, Linda Cheng, and Erica McKeen, three authors of different genres who weave dark elements into their work, as they discuss writing unsettling fiction with JJ Lee.

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Chelene Knight in conversation with Margaret Gallagher

Saturday, April 26, 5 p.m. NVDPL, Lynn Valley branch

Join CBC’s Margaret Gallagher for a literary conversation with acclaimed author Chelene Knight! Chelene will speak about her latest book, *Safekeeping: A Writer's Guided Journal for Launching a Book with Love* and will do readings from both *Safekeeping* and *Let It Go: Free Yourself from Old Beliefs and Find a New Path to Joy*.

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2025 North Shore Writers Festival Closing Reception

Saturday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. NVDPL, Lynn Valley branch

Join for refreshments and mingle with fellow festival-goers. Featuring music, door prizes and the announcement of the winner of the North Shore Writers’ Association’s writing contest. L?ight snacks and alcohol-free refreshments will be served.