Library Board

The North Vancouver City Library Board prepares and upholds the purpose, vision and values of the library through a strategic plan. The Board represents the citizens' interests, advocates for the library and upholds the Canadian Library Association's Statement of Intellectual Freedom.

Contact the Board

Board meetings

Meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the fourth Thursday of the month. To confirm dates and times, please visit our calendar. If you would like minutes from previous years, information about upcoming Board meetings, or have questions about the contents of meeting packages, please contact administration@nvcl.ca.

Agendas and minutes		
Nov. 26, 2026	Agenda(107 KB)	
Sept. 24, 2026	Agenda(100 KB)	
June 25, 2026	Agenda(103 KB)	Minutes(2 MB)
May 28, 2026	Agenda(104 KB)	Minutes(2 MB)
April 16, 2026	Agenda(103 KB)	Minutes(2 MB)
March 12, 2026	Agenda(102 KB)	Minutes(2 MB)

Agendas and minutes		
Feb. 26, 2026	Agenda(117 KB)	Minutes(1 MB)
Jan. 22, 2026	Agenda(99 KB)	Minutes(1 MB)
Nov. 27, 2025	Agenda(119 KB)	Minutes(4 MB)
Oct. 23, 2025	Agenda(116 KB)	Minutes(2 MB)
Sept. 25, 2025	Agenda(104 KB)	Minutes(2 MB)
June 26, 2025	Agenda(95 KB)	Minutes(3 MB)

Upcoming board meetings

There are no upcoming events for this category.

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Current board members

Brendan Harvey (he/him), Board Chair

Brendan is an employment and human rights lawyer on the North Shore, called to the bar in 2014. Brendan believes that accessible public libraries are an important part of a strong community, providing a public gathering space, accessible learning resources, and access to various means of entertainment and education for everyone. An avid outdoor enthusiast, you can find Brendan in any season hiking the North Shore mountains or exploring closer to home along the Spirit Trail and beyond.

“I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to, and help to expand on, the City’s library system.”

Rubina Jamal, Vice Chair

Rubina has lived on the North Shore since she immigrated with her family in 1993. She is a graduate of the London School of Economics and practiced law in Kenya and British Columbia. Rubina cares deeply about our relationship to food: for the past decade, she has advocated for changes in the food system and worked with community-based organizations to improve access to healthy food. She has served on several boards, including for Royal Roads University and the BC Association of Farmers' Markets.

"I am excited to be engaged in the community through the library."

Anna Hardy, Finance Chair

Anna's 20-year career spans multiple federal departments, Crown corporations and private sector organizations. She currently leads outreach on currency-related issues for the Bank of Canada in Western Canada. Anna is passionate about volunteering and has served on various City advisory committees. She has also volunteered with North Shore Community Resources, driving seniors to appointments, delivering presents for the Family Services Christmas Bureau, writing grant applications, and distributing hot lunches at her local elementary school. Anna loves to read, and her favourite app on her phone is *Libby*.

Angela Girard, City Council Representative

Bio coming soon!

Hazel Allan (she/her), Trustee

Hazel is a strategic communications professional with a focus on digital content, stakeholder engagement, and issues management. She has worked in a number of sectors including Indigenous government, non-profits, healthcare and defence. A recent North Shore resident, Hazel is an avid traveler and has been fortunate to live (and use libraries) in several countries around the globe.

"I'm so pleased to join the Board and look forward to advocating for the library and the services it offers the City's residents."

Duncan Brown, Trustee

Duncan has extensive experience working in national and global labour organizations, multi-stakeholder industry organizations, pension and benefit plans, and non-profit and charitable organizations. He has collaborated with labour, community, and women's organizations and has overseen decent work projects on every continent. Duncan holds degrees in communications and law. He recently completed a six-year term on the Capilano University Board of Governors, serving as Board Chair, and is currently President of the North Shore Tennis Society. He is an avid reader, hiker, cyclist, tennis player, and world traveler.

"I learned the value of books and libraries at a young age from my mother, who worked at municipal and school libraries here in North Vancouver."

Amir Hazfi, Trustee

Amir is a federal government employee who spends time volunteering with the Whistler Film Festival, Bonsai Club and the North Vancouver Writers Club. He is also regularly involved with the North Shore Multicultural Society and Presentation House Theatre. He is excited to learn about the ways the library is a dynamic and integral part of people’s lives on the North Shore.

“My family and I use the North Vancouver City Library as a part of our home so I believe everybody has a role — I do my best to keep our home cozy and functional.”

Shelley Sandhu, Trustee

Shelley is a senior human resources and labour relations professional, and holds the Chartered Professional in Human Resources designation. Her many years of leadership experience spans the public sector, Crown corporations, academic institutions, health care, and not-for-profit sector. Encouraged by her parents to engage in community service from a young age, Shelley values libraries as essential at every stage of life. Shelley is a lifelong North Shore resident, and City Library

continues to play an important role in her family's life.

"I value the opportunity to contribute to a library system that supports lifelong learning, community connection, and equitable access for all in our city."

Parveen Somji, Trustee

Parveen was born in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania where she completed her primary schooling. She has had a varied career working as a nurse, midwife, ward sister, nursing instructor, support worker and chef. She's active on many library committees and volunteer organizations on the North Shore including the North Shore Folkfest Society, the North Shore Homelessness Task Force and many others. She also participates in many celebratory community events including North Shore parades and the Caribbean Day Festival.

"My role as a trustee made it possible for me to use the resources at the library and expand my knowledge profoundly. I really enjoy working with such dedicated and passionate team of trustees."

Stephanie Lee, Student Advisory Trustee

Bio coming soon!

The student advisory trustee is appointed annually and serves for the academic year, typically September to June. Student trustees attend board meetings and share items of note on behalf of youth at the library.

Serving on the board

North Vancouver City Library is governed by the Library Act and managed by the North Vancouver City Library Board.

The board consists of nine voting trustees, including one representative from City of North Vancouver council. There is one non-voting student representative.

Trustees are appointed by council in December of each year. A trustee’s term-of-office is two years to a maximum of eight consecutive years. The council representative is appointed to a one?year term. The chief librarian is the ex-officio secretary to the board.

The board has overall fiscal responsibility for the library. Other primary responsibilities include determining strategic priorities, developing policies, and hiring the chief librarian.

Apply to serve on the board

Applications to serve on the board are accepted by the City of North Vancouver during the public notice period, typically toward the end of the year.

The board seeks to reflect the diversity of the community. We expect our trustees to be team players, excellent communicators, and conscientious and reliable attendees. Strong connections in our community are an asset. Specific skills (ex: financial or business knowledge, policy development, governance experience, strategic planning and assessment experience, human resource management) are helpful, but not a requirement.

Library Board of Trustees FAQ(57 KB)