



nvdpl NORTH VANCOUVER DISTRICT
Public Library

2025
Annual Report



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Our libraries are located on the traditional territories of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and selilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations. Their ancestors have lived here for countless generations.

We are grateful for the opportunity to connect community, share knowledge and inspire stories on unceded Coast Salish Territory.

Message from the Mayor



North Vancouver District Public Library's three full-service locations, one express library, and new self-serve kiosk served our community with energy and impact throughout the past year. In 2025, nearly 1.8 million in-person and online visits were recorded, with more than 5,300 items borrowed each day.

Library use continues to grow, with circulation reaching its highest level in over 15 years, exceeding pre-pandemic totals. More than 1.94 million items were circulated in 2025, with an average of 19 items per resident, which is one of the highest rates in British Columbia.

This year marked several exciting milestones. The opening of the Lynn Creek kiosk, the first of its kind in Canada, introduced a new, accessible way for residents to connect with new books, media, and digital audiobooks for children at the Lynn Creek Community Recreation Centre.

The library also hosted the North Shore Writers Festival at Lynn Valley Library, welcoming over 500 attendees.

Young readers were actively engaged, with Summer Reading Club participation reaching its highest level in over 10 years and representing the largest share of municipal participation in the province.

NVDPL staff continue to provide exceptional service—answering more than 162,000 questions in 2025, an average of 443 each day. They also delivered over 1,500 programs, reaching more than

31,000 participants of all ages, including book clubs, author talks, health and wellness seminars, and creative programs that support learning, connection, and community engagement.

NVDPL consistently ranks among the top libraries in British Columbia in key areas, including circulation, visits, and Summer Reading Club participation per capita.

Open seven days a week, 355 days a year, the library supports residents at every stage of life, from promoting early literacy, creating safe spaces for teens, providing calm study and work environments, to programs and services that foster connection.

On behalf of District of North Vancouver Council and residents, I extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to the NVDPL staff, volunteers, and Board. Your commitment to education, innovation, and service continues to enrich our community, and we look forward to continuing to grow and learn together.



Mike Little

Mayor, District of North Vancouver



Message from the Director and Board Chair



Jacqueline van Dyk
Director of Library Services



James Mitchell
2025 Board Chair

Every day, more than 2,100 people walk through our doors to learn, connect, create, and find support. In a time when so many services come with a cost, the library remains free, accessible, and open to everyone at every stage of life.

In 2025, we continued to find new ways to meet our community where they are. We expanded access with the new Lynn Creek kiosk, making it easier for more residents to borrow and return in the Lower Lynn area. We introduced new collections, including cognitive care puzzles, LEGO kits, and air quality monitor kits, and continued to grow our digital and physical offerings. We celebrated creativity through initiatives like our community bookmark design contest, partnered with North Shore libraries to create a library card program for students at Squamish Nation's Xwemélch'stn Etsimxwawtxw Capilano Little Ones School, and we connected people with ideas and each other at over 1,500 programs.

We also saw record use, lending over 1.9 million items and registering 4,376 children in the BC Summer Reading Club—some of the highest numbers per capita in BC and at NVDPL over the last 15 years—building literacy skills, confidence, and a lifelong love of reading.

These numbers tell an important story, but they don't tell all of it. Every checkout, program, or visit represents a connection made, a barrier removed, or a skill learned.

This report highlights just some of the work we accomplished in 2025. And none of this work happens alone.

We are grateful to the District of North Vancouver for their continued support and investment, and to the Province of BC, the Friends of the Library, and our donors for helping enhance services and programs.

To our Board of Trustees, thank you for your thoughtful leadership and commitment to the library's future. To our volunteers, thank you for sharing your time, talents, and enthusiasm so generously.

We're grateful for our amazing staff for bringing curiosity, kindness, expertise, and care to everything they do. You create the welcoming experiences that people remember and return for.

And finally, thank you to our community. Whether you visited once or every week, borrowed a book, attended a program, or simply found a quiet place to be, you are what makes the library such a vital part of this community!



Jacqueline van Dyk, Director of Library Services



James Mitchell, 2025 Board Chair

2025 by the Numbers



46,025
cardholders



1,822,356
visits in person and online



6,809
new library cards issued



4,376
Summer Reading Club participants



162,450
reference questions answered



**1,566 programs with
30,684 attendees**



476,594
digital items



1,465,523
physical items



1,942,117
total circulation

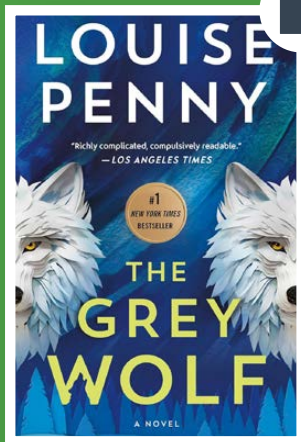


31,863
computer sessions

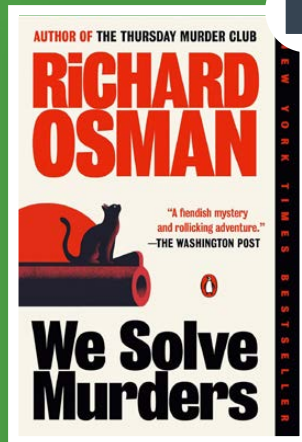


Most Borrowed in 2025

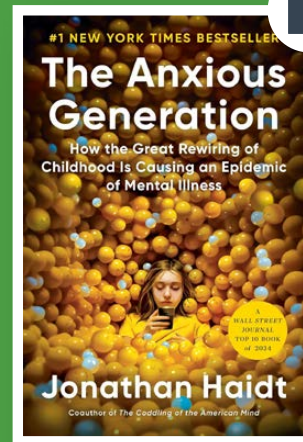
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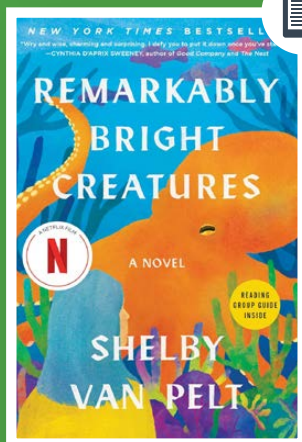
The Grey Wolf
Louise Penny



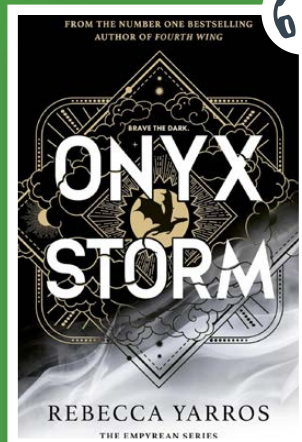
We Solve Murders
Richard Osman



The Anxious Generation
Jonathan Haidt



Remarkably Bright Creatures
Shelby Van Pelt



Onyx Storm
Rebecca Yarros



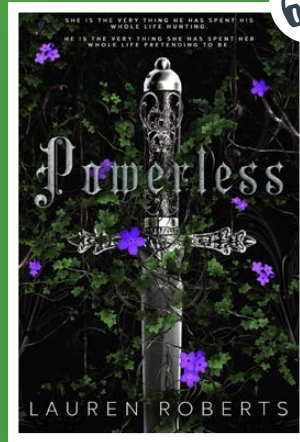
Wicked

A selection of your favourite reads this year.

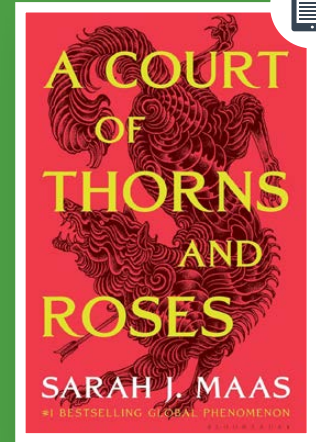
TEENS



Sunrise on the Reaping
Suzanne Collins



Powerless
Lauren Roberts

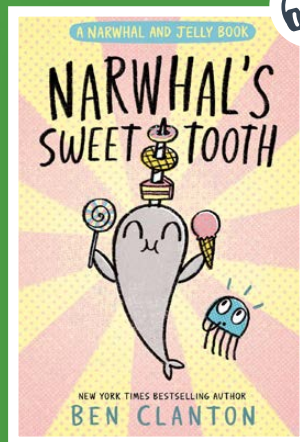


A Court of Thorns and Roses
Sarah J. Maas

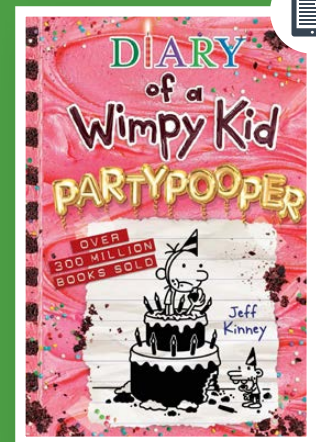
CHILDREN



Besties: Set Sail
Kayla Miller and Jeffrey Canino

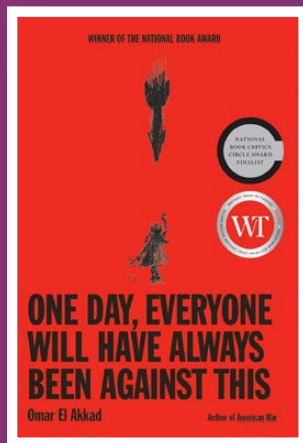


Narwhal's Sweet Tooth
Ben Clanton

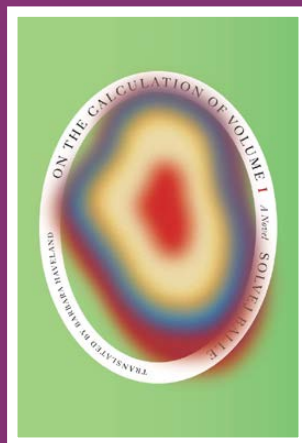


Partypooper
Jeff Kinney

Staff Favourites in 2025



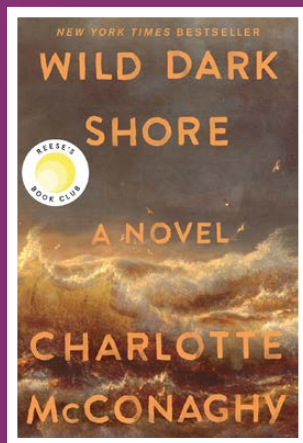
One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This
Omar El Akkad



On the Calculation of Volume 1
Solvej Balle



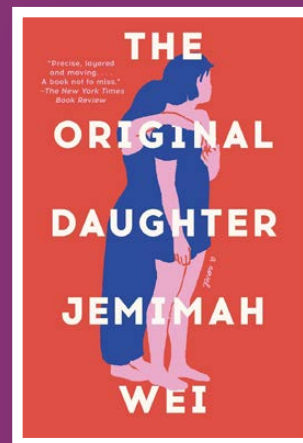
The Wedding People
Alison Espach



Wild Dark Shore
Charlotte McConaghy

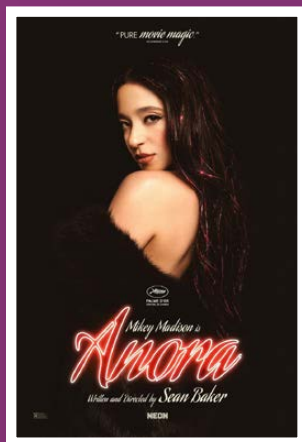


Atmosphere
Taylor Jenkins Reid



The Original Daughter
Jemimah Wei

A few of our recently released favourites!



Anora



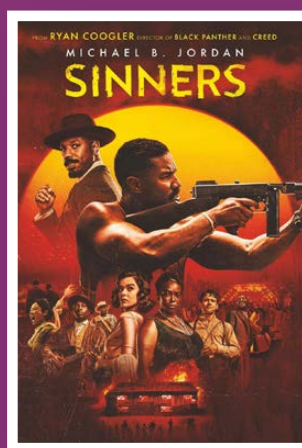
F1: The Movie



One Battle After Another



Severance



Sinners



The Seed of the Sacred Fig





Community Comments

“ NVDPL is a sacred space where you meet your neighbours. You know it's open to everyone and you don't need to book an appointment. This is my place to go.



“ We are very grateful for our favourite place on the North Shore.



“ Keep changing people’s mind about the world one book at a time!

“ During my visit, I saw 3 people I knew from different areas of my life. It was good to think of the library as a welcoming space for people of different ages and walks of life.



“ I can’t imagine a world without libraries—they are an essential service!





Connect.

A Library Card that Connects Community

We partnered with our friends at North Vancouver City Library and West Vancouver Memorial Library to make it easier for more families and children at Squamish Nation's Xwemélch'stn Etsimxwawtxw Capilano Little Ones School to access library services. Through a shared library card, students can now seamlessly borrow materials across all three North Shore Libraries. This small change reflects a commitment to access that isn't limited by geography or systems, reduces administrative barriers, and makes it easier for students to connect with the library.

The first time my daughter read was at NVDPL. We didn't know she'd taught herself to read and she grabbed a book, sat down, and started reading aloud.



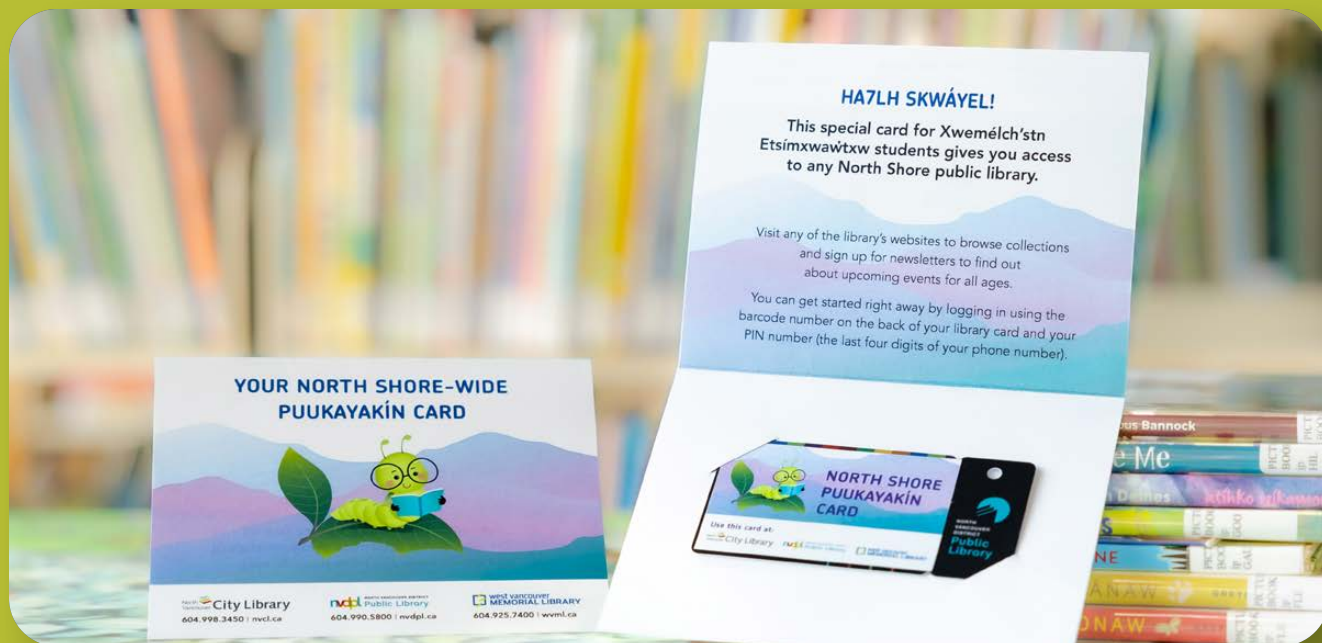
25 Years of the North Shore Writers Festival

The North Shore Writers Festival marked its 25th year with more than 500 people gathering at Lynn Valley Library for three days of panels, workshops, and conversation. Delivered in partnership with North Vancouver City Library and West Vancouver Memorial Library, the festival continues to grow as a shared space for readers and writers to connect, learn, and exchange ideas.

The program opened with a traditional welcome from Tsitsáyx̱emaat Rebecca Duncan and featured a wide range of sessions, from discussions on covering the Vancouver Canucks to practical workshops for independent authors, to engaging presentations for young readers.

Offered free to our community thanks to the Friends of the North Vancouver District Public Library, the festival reflects the role libraries play in our community, creating space for local voices, supporting creativity, and bringing people together around a shared interest.

The energy throughout the weekend was evident as people gathered to connect with friends and new faces, exchange ideas, and celebrate a shared love of books. The festival provided a space for readers to engage with authors, discover new stories, and strengthen connections within our community.



Share.

Introducing: The NVDPL Kiosk

Accessing books in the Lynn Creek area just got a little easier! As our community grows and changes, we adapt how and where we deliver service. In 2025, we expanded what library access can look like with the launch of the North Shore's first automated library kiosk at Lynn Creek Community Recreation Centre.

Since NVDPL serves residents from Deep Cove to the Lower Capilano area, we are always looking for flexible ways to meet people where they are. The new service helps close a geographic gap, bringing books and movies closer to home for Lynn Creek residents.

While this new technology doesn't replace the experience of visiting a full NVDPL branch, the kiosk offers convenient on-the-go access to browse, borrow, and pick up holds. In its first eight months, locals checked out over 4,200 items, illustrating it's helping meet a real need for library access and helping make the library more visible, accessible, and responsive to our community.

Books & More

Book will always be at the heart of what we offer, but NVDPL staff are always expanding what people can expect from their local library. In 2025 we expanded our collection, adding four unique items that create new ways for people to engage with their library.

New additions included air quality monitor kits, helping residents better understand and improve the environments where they spend most of their time. We introduced LEGO build kits, created in response to community requests and supported through donations, making hands-on play more accessible for families. We expanded our video game collection with the addition of Nintendo Switch games, adding another way for families to have fun. We also launched new Ukrainian Caring Community Kits that support cultural connection, developed in collaboration with a community member.

These collections may look different from what people expect to find at a library, but that's the point! They open up access to tools and experiences that people might not otherwise be able to afford. With more than 1.9 million items borrowed in 2025, it's clear that NVDPL is building a collection that responds to what our community wants and needs most.



Inspire.

Early Literacy in Action

Summer reading is about more than keeping up with books—it helps prevent the “summer slide” when children can lose literacy skills over summer break. The library plays an important role in keeping kids reading, learning, and engaged all summer long.

In 2025, a record 4,376 children took part in the BC Summer Reading Club at NVDPL! With the theme “Colour Your Summer” kids eagerly signed up, tracked their reading over 50 days, and celebrated milestones with stickers and book prizes.

For many families, the program becomes a part of their summer routine. And those regular library visits help kids keep their reading skills sharp while enjoying a free, welcoming place to spend time while school is out.

Record participation in 2025 shows just how much local kids love this program, and the library’s role in supporting literacy beyond the classroom. Through programs like this, sponsored by the Province of BC, NVDPL helps spark a lifelong love of reading and builds skills and memories that stay with children well into adulthood.

Created by Community

Inspiration at the library isn’t just about what people discover when they visit or what content they consume...it’s also about what they can create! In 2025, we invited the community to share their ideas and creativity in new ways.

To celebrate Library Month, we launched a bookmark design contest inspired by the theme “Libraries for Life”. Open to all ages and skill levels, the contest received 77 original submissions across four age categories. Entries showcased imagination, talent, and a clear love of NVDPL. Library staff helped select winners, and with so much creativity and talent in every age group, we chose an additional runner-up and honourable mention recognition in each category. The winning designs were professionally printed and shared at all branches, giving patrons the chance to take home artwork created by their community.

We also supported the creative talents of emerging voices through our Teen Writing Contest, giving young writers a platform to express themselves and build confidence. Partnering with North Vancouver City Library, we asked teens to submit original stories on the theme “The Butterfly Effect” and received 30 amazing stories.

These are just a few of the many ways NVDPL builds community through creativity.







2025 Statement of Operations

Operating

Revenue	2025	2024
District of North Vancouver contribution*	\$ 9,041,264	8,561,455
Government grants	244,786	242,803
Donations	97,394	42,631
Book fines, photocopy charges & sundry	165,879	182,083
Total Revenue	9,549,323	9,028,972
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	6,675,141	6,129,018
Facility rent, operations & maintenance	1,021,919	931,700
Administrative costs & professional services	1,064,020	753,169
Library subscriptions & digital materials	451,129	357,010
Depreciation & loss on disposal of capital assets	836,767	778,183
Total Expenses	10,048,976	8,949,080
Annual surplus	\$ (499,653)	79,892

* The District of North Vancouver revenue includes both Operating and Capital funding.

Capital

Expenses	2025	2024
Library collection	\$ 771,990	613,750
Information technology, furniture & vehicle	222,314	442,851
Work in progress—net change	-105,920	-117,080
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	\$ 888,384	939,521



Gratitude to our Donors

We deeply appreciate additional financial support from those who are able to contribute. Thank you to the many generous community members and organizations who provided financial contributions and in-kind gifts to the Library in 2025.

- *Adam Newsome*
- *Anonymous (2)*
- *Ann McKinnon*
- *Capilano University*
- *Catherine Madding*
- *Danielle & David Sharp-Bell*
- *David Hunter*
- *Dr. Marilyn Books*
- *Earnest Ice Cream*
- *Estate of Liberia Marcuzzi*
- *Friends of the North Vancouver District Public Library*
- *Hadi Moshayed*
- *Herman Mah*
- *Houman Keyani*
- *Kaitlin Taylor*
- *KidsBooks*
- *Linda Boronowski*
- *Linda Schwartz*
- *Maria Gardini*
- *May Louie*
- *Nicola McLaren*
- *Prabhavathi Kutty*
- *Rachel Schoeler*
- *Roger Eastwood*
- *Sam Bedry*
- *The Literacy for All Fund*
- *Variath M. Kutty*

As a registered charity, we provide tax receipts for donations of \$25 or more. To make a contribution, visit any NVDPL location or donate online at nvdpl.ca/donate

Community Partners

We love to collaborate and engage with our community! A heartfelt thank you to the incredible community partners we worked with throughout 2025:

- *Baha'is of the North Shore*
- *Capilano Community Services Society*
- *Capilano University*
- *District of North Vancouver*
- *District of North Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services*
- *Impact North Shore*
- *InterLINK BC*
- *Iranian Music Society*
- *Jane Austen Society*
- *Koala Koders*
- *Lynn Valley Community Services Society*
- *Lynn Valley Lions*
- *North Vancouver Community Band*
- *North Shore Black Bear Society*
- *North Shore Community Resources*
- *North Shore Emergency Management*
- *North Shore Neighbourhood House*
- *North Shore Artists' Guild*
- *North Van Arts*
- *North Vancouver City Library*
- *North Vancouver School District #44*
- *Parkgate Community Services Society*
- *Pride at the Pier*
- *North Vancouver RCMP*
- *Regenerate BC*
- *St. John Ambulance*
- *Tsleil-Waututh Nation (TWN) si?árh̓et School*
- *Vancouver Coastal Health*
- *West Vancouver Memorial Library*
- *WorkBC*
- *Xwemélch'stn Etsimxwawtxw*
- *Capilano Little Ones School*
- *Youth Friendly North Shore*

Interested in collaborating on a program or project? We'd love to hear from you! Get in touch at nvdpl.ca



Connect with us

Lynn Valley Library

1277 Lynn Valley Road
North Vancouver, BC, V7J 0A2
604-984-0286

Parkgate Library

3675 Banff Court
North Vancouver, BC, V7H 2Z8
604-929-3727

NVDPL Kiosk at Lynn Creek

1491 Hunter Street
North Vancouver, BC, V7J 1H3

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Capilano Library

3045 Highland Boulevard
North Vancouver, BC, V7R 2X4
604-987-4471

Lions Gate Express Library

1733 Lions Gate Lane
North Vancouver, BC, V7P 1X7
604-998-3033

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300-1277 Lynn Valley Road
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604-990-5800

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