

Call for Expressions: Indigenous Creator in Residence at NVDPL

North Vancouver District Public Library is inviting expressions of interest for a new Indigenous Creator in Residence program to recognize and support Indigenous knowledge sharing, creativity, and cultural expression at our libraries.

We welcome creators working in any medium – including storytelling, visual or textile arts, music, film, and more – who are eager to share their work, cultural knowledge, and creative process with our community.

What you'd be doing:

Through this relationship, we hope to promote understanding of Indigenous perspectives and to create spaces and services that welcome and showcase Indigenous voices, history, and culture.

Throughout the program, the Creator in Residence will:

- Share informative community programs for community members of all ages that reflects Indigenous ways of knowing and culture, in collaboration with library staff.
- Try out new creative projects, experiment with new technologies, or develop your own ideas with support from the library.
- Be able to work on a personal creative project that could be shared with the community through the library at the end of the term.

The Library is open to all possibilities and is excited to work in collaboration with the successful applicant to develop a unique program. Examples of public programming could include, but are not limited to, a demonstration of artistic practices, workshops or artist talks, content creation, learning sessions about Indigenous ways of knowing and being, or more.

Compensation

\$5,000 for approximately 60 hours of your creative work, public programming, and library engagement (including all costs for supplies, administration and coordination, travel, etc.).

Schedule

2-4 months in duration (flexible schedule to be confirmed with selected individual) with all work taking place by March 2026.

Responsibilities

Develop your own creative projects that could be shared with the library community, develop and lead at least three compelling library programs for all ages, support the promotion of the Creator in Residence program.

Closing date

Proposals will be reviewed as they come in on an ongoing basis.

How to apply

We welcome expressions of interest from all artforms, including storytellers, artists, writer, musicians, filmmakers, and more.

Share with us a little bit about yourself and what you would like to accomplish with this opportunity in any of these formats:

- A video introduction
- A written proposal and cover letter
- A portfolio featuring previous works

Choose the approach that best represents your skills and experience.

Please include:

- A brief description of the creative project you could pursue, including how a residency at NVDPL and how access to its resources will benefit your project. Include any space and equipment requirements necessary.
- A brief outline of potential ideas for public events you could offer.
- An explanation of how your residency could make a lasting contribution to broader community knowledge.
- Contact information for references, including one from an Elder or Nation Councillor.

Questions and expressions of interest can be sent to hamlettj@nvdpl.ca or mailed to:

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We look forward to hearing from you!