

# Inspiring Stories

Highlights, feature stories, and photos from this quarter at NVDPL.  
Quarter 1: January – March 2026

## Celebrating the Freedom to Read

We read banned books! In collaboration with Simon Fraser University and Vancouver Public Library, NVDPL hosted a screening of the 2025 documentary *The Librarians* at the Rio Theatre in Vancouver on February 28, 2026. The screening took place during Freedom to Read Week, encouraging attendees to reflect on why intellectual freedom matters in libraries and communities.

In addition to the public screening, NVDPL hosted private screenings for the Board and staff, complete with popcorn and discussions about how it's more important than ever to champion the open exchange of ideas!



## Olympic Winter Games at NVDPL



NVDPL was pleased to present CBC/Radio-Canada's broadcast of the Milano Cortina Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Games. Lynn Valley, Capilano, and Parkgate Libraries streamed Olympic and Paralympic events on screens for patrons to drop in and enjoy.

In addition to passive streaming, Lynn Valley Library hosted watch parties for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, with snacks and a photo booth in StoryLab, so patrons could see themselves at the Olympic venues. Parkgate Library hosted a watch party for the teams figure skating event, with kids activities and treats for all ages.

The North Shore News reported on these watch parties, encouraging members of the public to visit their local NVDPL to enjoy the Games. Go Canada!