Inspiring Stories

Highlights, feature stories, and photos from this quarter at NVDPL.
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North Shore Teen Film Festival

In April, NVDPL hosted its first-ever North Shore Teen Film Festival at Lynn Valley Library. The day featured a mobile filmmaking workshop, a talk with local filmmaker, actor and comedian Breanne Williamson, and a screening of 19 short films created by 70 local youth, showcasing genres ranging from horror to mockumentary and film noir.

Teens were excited to see their work celebrated by an audience, while snacks and festival swag helped create a welcoming space for young filmmakers to connect and feel encouraged in their creative pursuits. By providing opportunities for youth to learn, create, and showcase their work, NVDPL helps foster creativity, confidence, and community connections.



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New Indigenous Artwork at Lynn Valley Library



In May, NVDPL celebrated the unveiling of two new Indigenous murals in the children's area at Lynn Valley Library, created by artists Olivia George and Kolten Khasalus Grant. Kolten's *Rise Above* features the Twin Sisters, a rising sun and hummingbirds, representing the library and the Lynn Valley community. Olivia's *The Boy and the She-wolf* tells a story of a young boy and a she-wolf moving together, highlighting kinship, respect, and connection to the land.

The May 19 ceremony brought together Elders, cultural guides, brushers, drummers, singers and witnesses from Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation to honour the artists and their work. The ceremony included cedar brushing, a cleansing practice marking the completion of the artists' work and acknowledging that the artwork now belongs to the community. The event also celebrated the growing relationships between NVDPL, the artists, and the Nations.