

DIRECTOR'S MID-YEAR Report

January 1 – June 30, 2025



Library Director: STEPHANIE HALL

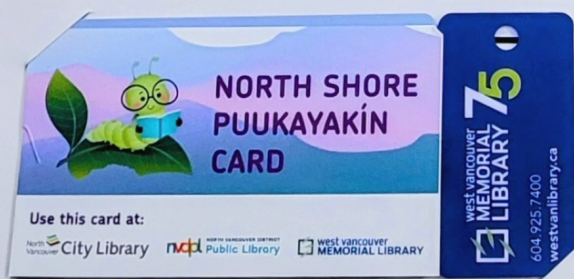
Library Board: Andrew Krawczyk (Chair), Tracy Wachmann (Vice Chair), Annabelle Donovan, Bahar Hafizi, Emma He, Heather Kaart, Wilma Marais, Patricia Morris, Alastair Nimmons, Sahar Sanajou, Sharon Thompson (Council Representative), Helen Vanee, Lorena Yu.

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This special card for Xwemélch'stn Etsímxwaw'txw students gives you access to any North Shore public library.

Visit any of the library's websites to browse collections and sign up for newsletters to find out about upcoming events for all ages.

You can get started right away by logging in using the barcode number on the back of your library card and your PIN number (the last four digits of your phone number).



INSPIRING STORIES

Just in time for summer vacation, we partnered with the **Xwemélch'stn Etsímxwaw'txw/Capilano Little Ones, North Vancouver District Public Library**, and **North Vancouver City Library** to provide Capilano Little Ones students with library cards that work at all three North Shore libraries.

We look forward to seeing all the students at the **Puukayakín** (library!)



STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS



Learning

- Renowned writer **JJ Lee** presented a four-part podcasting workshop in our Recording Studio for a cohort of **20**. One participant said:

“Personally I felt energized in learning and relearning to be techno savvy after retirement.”

- Back for its third year, our **mason bee lending program** taught participants about raising mason bees in a kind and responsible manner.

“We learned so much and were glad for the opportunity to participate... Thank you again for all your effort in supporting this wonderful community initiative.”

- Our valued partners **North Shore Emergency Management and West Vancouver Fire & Rescue** presented critical emergency preparedness and **FireSmart** principles for over **50** participants.
- **Summer Reading Club** registration kicked off in **June**. By the end of the month, close to **1,700** eager young

readers had already signed up. Clubs for early years, teens, and adults also launched again. The Youth Department also partnered with the **West Vancouver Schools Early Learning** team to automatically register all new Kindergarteners in the **Read-to-Me Summer Reading Club** program.



Inclusion

- We launched an on-demand version of our **Recording Studio Orientation** in **English, Chinese, and Persian**.
- **On February 7**, we launched new **Advanced Care Planning kits**, which include guidance on living wills and resources for discussing end-of-life wishes. Staff attended the **Seniors' Activity Centre's event** on Empowering Patients to promote the new kits and answer any questions.
- For the first time, students from **Xwemélch'stn Etsimxwawtxw /Capilano Little Ones** participated in the **Reading Link Challenge** program.

Community

- Community partnership events like **North Shore Reads, North Shore Writers Festival**, and **Adopt-a-Fish** returned.

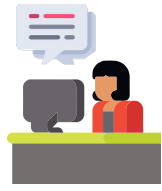
- Staff connected with the community at outreach events like the **Senior's Health Expo, National Indigenous People's Day, North Shore Pride Alliance Picnic**, and the **North Shore Newcomers Expo**.
- Plans for celebrating the **Library's 75th anniversary** launched. We asked our community to submit their historical photos and stories of **WVML**.
- The Library presented a **CBC Canada Reads** event featuring **Emma Hooper**, author of **Canada Reads** contender *Etta and Otto and Russell and James*, and the book's champion, *Heartland* actor and West Vancouver local **Michelle Morgan**, hosted by **CBC Vancouver's Amy Bell**.



- In **May**, we celebrated the publication of *West Vancouver Stories: The Wellness Edition*, the third anthology in our **Community Stories writing workshop** series led by **Lindy Pfeil**. One writer said:

“Participating in this workshop not only allowed me to tap into my creative side, but connected me in a deep and meaningful way to my community. I am so grateful for this opportunity.”

OPERATIONS



109,771
ENQUIRIES

TOTAL VISITS **513,677**
Virtual visits **316,625**
In-person visits **197,052**

466,864
CHECKOUTS

Physical **341,232**
E-content downloads **71,015**



MID YEAR

January 1 –
June 30

1,764
NEW LIBRARY CARDS



19,188
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

Adult **8,231**

Youth (Early Years, Kids, Teens) **10,957**



54,617
ONLINE
DATABASE
VIEWS



Integrity

- The **Mezzanine level** was **renovated** for seismic upgrades. We took this opportunity to also improve seating, lighting, and sound. **30,000** books were moved to facilitate this renovation.

- **Tsitsáyxemaat Rebecca Duncan** won the *British Columbia Library Association's Eureka* award for her collaboration on adding **Słwǰwú7mesh Sníchim Language Kits** to our library collection.

- On **February 14**, **Chepximiya Siyam' Chief Janice George** gave a heartfelt welcome to the virtual conversation between **Robin Wall Kimmerer** and **Jennifer Grenz**. In all, over **2,000** people were able to view the event.

"May I say how envious I am of the residents of the north shore who have easier access to such wonderful programming by the West Vancouver Public Library. The level of Indigenous programming you offer is wonderful"

WVML FOUNDATION

We were thrilled to celebrate many of our **donors** at a **reception** on **Friday, May 30**, followed by a concert by the **Vancouver Jazz Orchestra** and **Brian Charette**.

Thank you to the **donors** who joined us, to the **Foundation Directors** who made the event a success, and to **Limelight Floral Design** for generously donating flowers.



FRIENDS

The Friends want to thank everyone for the support at this year's **Shred-It** fundraiser. The generosity of those who attended and the volunteers who contributed to this event's success is so appreciated. 2025 was the most successful Shred-It since it first started in **2017**... this year, we raised **\$4,436!**

All proceeds support Library programs like **Reading Link Challenge**, **Summer Reading Club**, the **North Shore Writers Festival**, and more.

One such program, the annual **North Shore Writers Festival**, supported by the Friends of the Library groups from the three North Shore library systems, returned **April 24–26**. Over **450** attendees enjoyed the free gatherings of the literary ecosystem on the North Shore.

