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**Readers and Writers Unite:  
The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual North Shore Writers Festival**

NORTH Vancouver, BC—The North Shore’s three library systems are proud to announce the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual North Shore Writers Festival, which is taking place April 15 and 16 at the Lynn Valley Library (1277 Lynn Valley Road, North Vancouver). Another fantastic lineup is planned with start-studded headliners, as well as returning events like the Literary Trivia Quiz and a feature session on self-publishing.

Over the two-day festival, festival goers can delight in chatting with other local literary lovers, enjoy informative workshops, see presentations from Canadian literary stars, and of course—compete for glory in the Literary Trivia Quiz. Headlining this year’s festivities are local Nisga’a writer, Jordan Abel; beloved comic creator of *For Better or for Worse*, Lynn Johnston; and author of the best-selling memoir *This is Happy*, Camilla Gibb. The event lineup is bolstered with the session “How to Become a Successful Indie Author” with best-selling self-published author, Martin Crosbie, and North Shore Writers Association Members Rod Baker and Diana Stevan. Grant Lawrence returns to host the Literary Trivia Quiz, and JJ Lee joins the lineup in conversation with Camilla Gibb, in addition to being the host of the Writers and Readers Reception. To cap it all off, attendees will enjoy a free opening reception—featuring music, free appetizers, tempting refreshments, and delightful conversations with fellow festival goers.

All sessions are free but make sure to arrive early to secure seating! Here’s the full schedule of this year’s activities:

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15 | 7:30pm-9:30pm**

- 4th Annual Literary Trivia Quiz Night with Host Grant Lawrence | Doors at 7:00pm  
Test your mental mettle! Register teams of six or fewer at [nswftrivia@gmail.com](mailto:nswftrivia@gmail.com). Cash bar.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16 | 10:00am-6:30pm**

- How to Become A Successful Indie Author | 10:00am-11:30am
- Local Author Book Fair | 11:00am-2:00pm
- For Better or for Worse: Lynn Johnston’s Comic Art | 11:45am-1:00pm
- Lunch Break Lounge | 1:15pm-2:30pm
- The Power of Poetics: Jordan Abel | 2:45pm-3:45pm



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- The Art of Turning Personal Stories into Universal Truths: Camilla Gibb in Conversation with JJ Lee | 4:00pm-5:15pm
- Writers + Readers Reception Hosted by JJ Lee | 5:30pm-7:00pm

The North Shore Writers Festival is organized jointly by the three library systems on the North Shore: North Vancouver City Library, North Vancouver District Public Library and West Vancouver Memorial Library. For full festival information and event details, please visit [northshorewritersfestival.com](http://northshorewritersfestival.com). Find the festival on Facebook at [facebook.com/nswritersfestival](https://facebook.com/nswritersfestival) and on Twitter @nswritersfest.

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