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**2015 North Shore Writers Festival:
Where Readers and Writers Unite**

The North Shore Writers Festival is back for its 16th year on the North Shore with a fantastic lineup of events and activities for readers and writers. Sponsored by the three North Shore public libraries, the festival will be held on Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18, at West Vancouver Memorial Library, 1950 Marine Dr., West Vancouver.

This year's festival features a host of Canadian literary stars, including John Vaillant, Aislinn Hunter, Doretta Lau, Zsuzsi Gartner and Heather O'Neill; CBC radio personalities and authors, Grant Lawrence and JJ Lee; a book fair showcasing local authors; and a trio of poets. With workshops, panel discussions and readings, there's something for everyone at this jam-packed literary weekend. The festival is free with no tickets or registration required (seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.) Come for an hour or stay for the whole weekend: enjoy conversation, snacks and literary fulfillment.

Please find below a complete schedule of events. More information can be found at northshorewritersfestival.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 | 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

- ***The Jaguar's Children*: John Vaillant in conversation with Grant Lawrence**
7 p.m.– 8 p.m.

John Vaillant, the bestselling and award-winning author of *The Golden Spruce* and *The Tiger*, will discuss his fiction debut, *The Jaguar's Children*, with CBC personality and author, Grant Lawrence. **Welsh Hall**

- **3rd Annual Literary Trivia Quiz Night**
8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Test your mental mettle! Compete for prizes and glory! Email hschiller@cnv.org to register teams of six (or fewer). Doors at 8pm. Cash bar. **Main Hall**

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 | 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

- **The Hero's Journey: Theme and plot development workshop**
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Join Carol Cram, experienced instructor and published author, for an interactive workshop that will teach you how to use the concept of 'The Hero's Journey' in your own storyline. Sponsored by the North Shore Writers' Association. **Main Hall**

- **Local Author Book Fair | 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Explore local creativity and talent as local authors share their books in our book fair. **Main Hall**
- **A Trio of Poets: Panel Discussion | 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
In honour of National Poetry Month, we present a panel discussion featuring poets Kayla Czaga, Alex Leslie and Elaine Woo, moderated by Dina Del Bucchia. **Main Hall**
- **Lunch Break Lounge | 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Conversations and snacks. **Welsh Hall**
- **Where Stories Come From: Aislinn Hunter with Doretta Lau
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**
Doretta Lau and Aislinn Hunter discuss finding good writing material in the everyday world, and the art of playing with history and making things up. **Main Hall**
- **The Writer Who Is Montreal: Zsuzsi Gartner in conversation with Heather O'Neill
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.**
Zsuzsi Gartner and Heather O'Neill on twins, sex, drugs and punch-drunk language, and La Belle Ville as muse. **Main Hall**
- **Writers + Readers Reception
5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**
Join us for refreshments and mingle with fellow festival-goers. Featuring music, door prizes and the announcement of the winner of the North Shore Writers' Association's writing contest.

Hosted by CBC radio personality and writer, JJ Lee. **Welsh Hall**

About the North Shore Writers Festival

The North Shore Writers Festival is brought to you by the three public libraries on the North Shore – North Vancouver City Library, North Vancouver District Public Library and West Vancouver Memorial Library.

Learn more about the festival at northshorewritersfestival.com. Find the festival on Facebook at facebook.com/nswritersfestival, and on Twitter @nswritersfest (hashtag #NSWF).

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