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NVDPL's History Book Wins Community Heritage Award

North Vancouver – The North Vancouver District Public Library is proud to announce that author Dave Obee has won an award for his book *Fifty! With a Fabulous Future: A History of the North Vancouver District Public Library*.

Obee, a local history writer and member of the board of Canada's History Society, received a Heritage Advocacy award at the District of North Vancouver council meeting on Monday, February 22. In celebration of BC's Heritage Week, which takes place in the third week of February, the District recognizes special projects of heritage conservation and advocacy through the appointment of Heritage Awards.

Obee wrote the book in celebration of NVDPL's 50th anniversary year. It outlines the influential history of the Library in the North Vancouver District community. What started as a small group of women in the Capilano Highlands transformed into a leading Library and one of the best-used libraries of its size in Canada. The humble beginnings, exciting stories like the 1970s sniper shooting, and the evolution into a modern, three location Library system are all highlighted in the book.

"It was great to have a chance to write about one of the most influential libraries in British Columbia. The award is a huge honour, but it would not have been possible without the many library staff members and patrons over the years," Obee said.

Director of Library Services, Jacqueline van Dyk, states "Dave Obee is a big supporter of libraries in general, and ours in particular. He spent hundreds of hours researching our library history and writing about NVDPL -- and did it all for free.

Three other Heritage Advocacy awards were given at the council meeting. The other recipients were Donna Sacuta, for her historical research of the Blair Rifle Range; North Shore Museum and Archives for the exhibit "Walter Draycott and the Great War"; and Squamish Nation Education, Squamish Language Elders, and Dr. Peter Jacobs for the "Squamish-English Dictionary."

Fifty! With a Fabulous Future: A History of the North Vancouver District Public Library is available for sale, as well as to borrow, at the North Vancouver District Public Library.

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About North Vancouver District Public Library

North Vancouver District Public Library is an integrated three-location Library system serving the District of North Vancouver. Comprised of the Lynn Valley Library, Capilano Library and Parkgate Library, North Vancouver District Public Library is the busiest library system of its size in Canada. North Vancouver District Public Library can be found online at nvdpl.ca, Facebook: [facebook.com/nvdpl](https://www.facebook.com/nvdpl), Twitter: twitter.com/nvdpl.ca, Instagram: [instagram.com/nvdpl#](https://www.instagram.com/nvdpl#)