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Readers and Writers Unite: 2017 North Shore Writers Festival returns to North Vancouver City Library

NORTH Vancouver, BC—The North Shore’s three library systems are proud to announce the 18th Annual North Shore Writers Festival, which is taking place April 7 and 8 at North Vancouver City Library (120-14 Street West). Another fantastic lineup is planned with start-studded headliners, as well as returning events like the Literary Trivia Quiz and a feature session on setting and character for the emerging author.

Over the two-day event, festival goers can delight in chatting with other local literature enthusiasts, 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 award-winning journalist and author of *A Disappearance in Damascus*, Deborah Campbell, will share her gripping account as an undercover journalist in Syria in 2007; local writer Anosh Irani will discuss his enlightening exploration of transgender issues in India, and share his inspiration for writing the riveting novel *The Parcel*, which is shortlisted for the BC Book Prize; and finally, Scotiabank Giller Prize finalist and award-winning Canadian novelist, Zoe Whittall, sits down with Shaena Lambert to discuss the compelling and acclaimed novel *The Best Kind of People*, which addresses issues of rape-culture in today’s society. Grant Lawrence returns to host the Literary Trivia Quiz, and JJ Lee joins the lineup in conversation with Anosh Irani, in addition to hosting of the Writers and Readers Reception.

All attendees are welcome to a free, light lunch. And NEW for this year is the Writers Café, where aspiring authors and novelists can bring their work for review by published authors and workshop hosts Jackie Bateman, Alexander Boldizar, and Lawrence Verigin. To cap off the weekend, attendees will enjoy a free closing reception—featuring music, free appetizers, tempting refreshments, and delightful conversations with fellow festival goers.

Here’s the full schedule of this year’s activities:



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

- 5th Annual Literary Trivia Quiz Night with Host Grant Lawrence. Test your mental mettle! Register teams of six or fewer at nswftrivia@gmail.com. Cash bar. Doors at 7:00pm.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 | 10:00am-7:00pm

- Setting and Character in Novel Writing | 10:00am-11:30am
- Love, Friendship and Loss in Damascus with Deborah Campbell | 11:45am-1:00pm
- Lunch Break Lounge | 1:00pm-2:15pm
- Writers Café | 1:00pm-2:15pm Local
- Author Book Fair | 2:00pm-5:15pm
- The Power of Redemption in *The Parcel* with Anosh Irani and JJ Lee | 2:30pm-3:30pm
- *The Best Kind of People* with Zoe Whittall and Shaena Lambert | 3:45pm-5:00pm
- Writers + Readers Reception Hosted by JJ Lee | 5:15pm-7:00pm

All sessions are free but make sure to arrive early to secure seating! All author events take place in the City Hall Atrium, across the Civic Plaza from the North Vancouver City Library. Parking is available at a rate of \$1 per hour in underground parking. Check our website for more details.

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. Find the festival on Facebook at facebook.com/nswritersfestival and on Twitter @nswritersfest.

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