

Residency: Indigenous cultural and knowledge sharing

Call for expressions of interest

North Vancouver City Library is seeking an Indigenous collective or individual to share their knowledge, craft and culture through a residency program. This is a 6 to 10 month program between January 2025 and December 2025 (with details to be confirmed with the selected collective/individual).

The Indigenous collective or individual in residence will be welcomed by the library family and will help the library in its work to strengthen relationships, honour local Indigenous cultures and promote inter-cultural understanding. Through the residency, they will share knowledge and culture in public programs for all ages, participate in relationship-building with library staff, and connect with community members.

City Library would like to hear from you if you are:

- An Indigenous collective or individual with knowledge and culture to share, who is part of or has strong community connections to Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) or sə́lílwətaʔ (Tseil Waututh Nation)
- Enthusiastic about developing, presenting and sharing your knowledge, craft and culture through in-person events at the library
- Willing to commit to participating in other library events

During the residency, the collective/individual will have the following responsibilities and time to:

- Lead informative and compelling programs and events for community members of all ages, in collaboration with library staff
- Develop (a) unique and culturally relevant project(s) that can be shared with the community through the library. This could be shared through a demonstration, exhibit or whatever fits with the vision for the project(s).
- Participate in the promotion of programs, including media opportunities to promote the residency

City Library is open to delivering a variety of activities for all ages, based on the collective or individual's areas of creative practice, expertise and knowledge. Examples could include:

- Demonstration of Indigenous artistic practices
- Native plant walks
- Culture and language sharing

One of City Library's strategic priorities is to honour Indigenous perspectives. Through this residency program, we want Indigenous community members to see themselves respectfully reflected in library spaces and services, and to position the library as a partner authentically committed to reconciliation and decolonizing practices.

How to apply

Please showcase your experience and highlight your accomplishments. You may do this in a variety of ways, such as:

- A written proposal and cover letter
- A portfolio of your work
- A video introduction of yourself and your achievements

Please ensure you include the following:

- A brief description of your area of creative practice or knowledge and the project(s) you intend to pursue during your residency, including how a residency at North Vancouver City Library and access to its resources will benefit your project(s).
- A brief outline of the public events you will offer during the residency.
- A brief explanation of how you envision your residency will make a lasting contribution to North Vancouver City Library and the City's diverse community.
- Contact information for references, including one from an Elder or Nation Councillor from Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) or sə́lílwətaʔ (Tsleil Waututh Nation).

Questions or expressions of interest can be sent to starcea@nvcl.ca or mailed to:

Indigenous cultural and knowledge sharing residency search committee
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Compensation

\$25,000 to deliver approximately 160 hours of programming and engagement (including all costs for supplies, honoraria, administration and coordination, travel, etc.).

Schedule

The schedule is flexible based on the capacity and availability of the successful residency applicant, with all work taking place between January and December 2025.

Closing date

November 30, 2024

North Vancouver City Library is committed to recruiting and hiring candidates that reflect the community we serve. We welcome applications from all Indigenous collectives and individuals who have knowledge and culture to share.

Accommodations are available on request for candidates in all parts of the selection process.

About us:

North Vancouver City Library is located in the heart of the City of North Vancouver. As a valued public service, our library is a centre for discovery and dialogue, providing a gateway to lifelong learning and community connection through a balance of digital, traditional and emerging library services. Our decision-making is guided by deeply held values: <https://www.nvcl.ca/about>