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## Museum & Archives Culture Days Programs

### *New programming style for the new North Vancouver Museum*

North Vancouver, BC – A new museum will be springing up in the heart of the Shipyards district in Lower Lonsdale in the fall of 2020. To prepare for this exciting launch, North Vancouver Museum and Archives (NVMA) hired programmer, Pamela Roberts to reach out to community groups throughout the North Shore to see what kinds of programs resonate with residents. "This was no small feat! But I am pleased with the feedback I received. From locals who are new to Canada, to those who have made the North Shore home for several generations, there are plenty of subjects and stories the public would like to learn more about." says Pamela.

Several new programs are being launched just in time for BC Culture Days. "North Vancouver is a diverse community rich in cultural history. My goal has been to create public programs to reflect this, focusing on stories, issues and content relevant to this area," added Pamela. One of the topics offered is wildfires with local BC experts, Dr. Lori Daniels, Professor at UBC Forestry Department, Bruce Blackwell, Professional Forester and Biologist, B.A. Blackwell & Associates and the First Nations Emergency Services Society.

"The topic of wildfires is very relevant to the North Shore. We believe offering topics such as this will help build safer and connected communities. In addition to a presentation, participants will be encouraged to share in the conversation", says Pamela.

As well as adult programming, Pamela has also developed a lively and engaging children's program with Canadian Book Club Awards 2018 Finalist, Julie Flynn. Julie will be sharing her book, "Finn and the Magic Backpack", while exploring an old-fashioned backpack. Lynn Canyon Ecology activities will add hands-on activities to the event.

All programs are free but require registration as there are limited spaces available.

#### **Lectures and "Hot Topics" Discussion: Living with Wildfires**

Climate change is creating hotter, longer wildfire seasons. What are the long-term solutions and how can we play our part in keeping our communities safe? Join us for a lively presentation and round table discussion with local experts, Dr. Lori Daniels, Professor at UBC Forestry Department, Bruce Blackwell, Professional Forester and Biologist, B.A. Blackwell & Associates and the First Nations Emergency Services Society.

When: Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 3 to 5 p.m. (doors open 2.45 p.m.)

Please register at 604. 990. 3700 ex. 8016

## **Finn and the Magic Backpack with Author Julie Flynn**

Join us for a magical journey across the North Shore Mountains with Canadian Book Club Awards 2018 Finalist, Julie Flynn as she reads from her inspiring children's book, *Finn and the Magic Backpack*. Finn is a young boy who dreams of becoming an adventurer. Experience Finn's excitement and awe as he hikes to Deep Cove and discovers the ten essentials needed to stay safe in the backcountry.

- o Explore our heritage backpacks to discover what explorers once carried in the mountains.
- o Get 'hands-on with nature' with Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre staff.

This event is most suitable for children aged 3 to 8. Places are limited. Please register in advance by calling 604. 990. 3700 ex. 8016

When: Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 to 4 p.m. (readings at 2.15 p.m. and 3 p.m.)

The North Vancouver Museum & Archives is located in the Community History Centre at 3203 Institute Road, North Vancouver.

Further information: call 604.990.3700 ext. 8016 or visit [nvma.ca](http://nvma.ca).

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## **About North Shore Museum & Archives (NVMA)**

NVMA was founded in 1972 as the. Since 1996 it has been governed by the North Vancouver Museum & Archives Commission, a joint civic properties commission operated under the auspices of the City and the District of North Vancouver. NVMA acts as the “sole custodian of the City and District cultural, archival and museum collections.”

## **About the New Museum**

In the fall of 2020, NVMA will be opening doors of its new Museum at 115 West Esplanade, in a City-owned amenity space. The purpose-built museum will offer 16,000 square feet of new exhibits, an education centre for schools, and an exciting new venue for events in the heart of Lower Lonsdale.

Learn more: <https://nvma.ca/extraordinarymuseum/>

