

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Keep It Fictional Book Chat

Date and Time: Saturday, June 1 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: Library Facebook Page

Book lovers! Join our librarians for an hour of book recommendations as we suggest books for the topic of the week.

- Our video book chats will be available on our [Facebook page](#) and our [YouTube channel](#) every Saturday at 10am.
- [Subscribe to our podcast](#) and listen to our book chat on your favourite podcast app.

Want our staff to recommend some books for you? Fill out our [personalized reading suggestion form](#).

Monday, June 3, 2024

Felting Group for Adults

Date and Time: Monday, June 3 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

For all felting enthusiasts! We will provide all of the supplies and a special project to make, you bring your creativity! Some experience with felting required.

Anime and Manga Club

Date and Time: Monday, June 3 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Love all things anime and manga? Join us for crafts, games, and discussing our favourite series like *Naruto*, *One Piece*, *Demon Slayer*, and more! No prior reading or viewing is required.

Please note: You have to register for each Anime and Manga Club session separately.

- [May 6](#)
- [June 3](#)
- [June 17](#)

Teen Advisory Group

Date and Time: Monday, June 3 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Volunteer to be part of our Teen Advisory Group! Meet new people and share your ideas for displays and events at the Library.

How to apply to become a member of the Teen Advisory Group:

Volunteer applications are available on [our Teen Volunteer Page](#).

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Storytime

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 4 10:00 am - 10:30 am

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

An active family storytime with songs, music, puppets, stories, silliness, and more! Early literacy fun suitable for all ages.

Storytime is held every Tuesday until June 11.

Please note: There will be no drop-in storytime on May 14. There will be [a registered Fire Station Storytime](#) in stead.

English Practice Group - Beginners

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 4 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

This class is for beginners. We will practice English speaking and listening together. In partnership with [SHARE Family & Community Services](#).

English Practice Group - Beginners is held every Tuesday.

Please choose only one English Practice Group: the Tuesday class or the Thursday class.

Babytime

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 4 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Songs, rhymes, bounces, and fun for caregivers and babies.

Babytime is held every Tuesday until June 11.

English Learners' Book Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 4 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, V3H 5C3

Do you love books and want to practice your English? Join this group where you will read and discuss a book written for adult learners together. In partnership with [SHARE Family & Community Services](#).

This class is suitable for intermediate and advanced learners.

How to register:

- English Learners' Book Club is a six-week program, held every Tuesday from May 14 to June 18.
- Register once for all six meetings.
- Please choose only one book club: Tuesdays or Wednesdays.
- You will get your book club book at the first meeting.

Book Buddies - In-person

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 4 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Need extra time to practice reading? Children will work with a trained teen volunteer to improve their reading skills.

This is an in-person program.

How to register:

- Registration starts on April 20, 2024 at 9am.
- This is a six-week program, held every Tuesday from May 7 to June 11. Please ensure you can attend all six weeks.
- Register once for all six sessions.

D&D for Kids #2

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 4 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Play a dungeon crawl adventure! Join other kids as you vanquish monsters and search for treasure. We will be playing Level 5 characters. You can bring your own character and dice or they will be supplied for you.

Note: Choose only one of the six D&D sessions:

- #1: [Tuesdays, May 14 and 21](#)
- #2: Tuesdays, May 28, June 4 and 11

- [#3: Wednesdays, June 5 and 12](#)
- [#4: Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14](#)

How to register:

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- This program takes place on Tuesdays, May 28, June 4, and June 11. Please ensure you can attend all three weeks.
- Register once for all three sessions.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Storytime

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 5 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

An active family storytime with songs, music, puppets, stories, silliness, and more! Early literacy fun suitable for all ages.

Storytime is held every Wednesday until June 12.

Please note: There will be no drop-in storytime on May 15. There will be a [registered Fire Station Storytime](#) in stead.

English Practice Group - Intermediate/Advanced

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 5 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Are you looking for ways to keep your community connection while improving your English? Participate in our English Practice Group! Practice your English speaking and listening skills, develop friendships, and learn more about Tri-Cities, Canada, and available community resources. In partnership with [SHARE Family & Community Services](#).

This class is suitable for intermediate or advanced learners.

English Practice Group - Intermediate/Advanced is held every Wednesday.

English Learners' Book Club

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 5 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, V3H 5C3

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This class is suitable for intermediate and advanced learners.

How to register:

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- Register once for all six meetings.
- Please choose only one book club: Tuesdays or Wednesdays.
- You will get your book club book at the first meeting.

Chess Club for Kids

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 5 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Have a kid that loves to play chess? Join a fun chess club to learn new techniques and play against other kids.

Suitable for children with basic understanding of chess rules.

How to register:

- Registration starts on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 9am.
- Register for each week of Chess Club separately.

D&D for Kids #3

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 5 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Play a dungeon crawl adventure! Join other kids as you vanquish monsters and search for treasure. We will be playing Level 5 characters. You can bring your own character and dice or they will be supplied for you.

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- #4: Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14

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- Register once for all two sessions.

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Babytime

Date and Time: Thursday, June 6 10:00 am - 10:30 am

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Songs, rhymes, bounces, and fun for caregivers and babies.

Babytime is held every Thursday until June 13.

English Practice Group - Beginners

Date and Time: Thursday, June 6 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

This class is for beginners. We will practice English speaking and listening together. In partnership with [SHARE Family & Community Services](#).

English Practice Group - Beginners is held every Thursday.

Please choose only one English Practice Group: the Tuesday class or the Thursday class.

Teen Writing Club

Date and Time: Thursday, June 6 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

A gathering of aspiring teen writers to share writing, learn techniques, and get secrets of the professionals.

How to register:

- This is a six-week program, held on Thursdays from May 2 to June 6.
- Please ensure you can attend all six weeks.
- Register once for all six sessions.

Friday, June 7, 2024

Babytime

Date and Time: Friday, June 7 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Songs, rhymes, bounces, and fun for caregivers and babies.

Babytime is held every Friday until June 14.

Homework Help

Date and Time: Friday, June 7 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

A tutoring program that matches kids in grades 1-5 with experienced teen volunteers for homework help and support in all school subjects. Bring in assignments from any subject. Educational activities will also be provided.

How to register:

- Registration starts on April 20, 2024 at 9am.
- This is a six-week program, held every Friday, from May 3 to June 7. Please ensure you can attend all six weeks.
- Register once for all six sessions.

Saturday, June 8, 2024

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Pride Storytime

Date and Time: Saturday, June 8 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, V3H 5C3

Celebrate Pride Month at the Library with a special Storytime for families! Enjoy songs, music, rhymes, stories, silliness, and more. Early literacy fun for all ages.

Pride Month Crafts

Date and Time: Saturday, June 8 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, V3H 5C3

Join us after Storytime at 10:30am for Pride Month Crafts for families and kids of all ages! Celebrate Pride by making rainbows of all shapes and sizes. Please note, children must be supervised by a caregiver.

Monday, June 10, 2024

Rainbow Bracelet Making

Date and Time: Monday, June 10 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Join us for a special Pride month edition of bracelet making! Celebrate Pride by making rainbow friendship bracelets at the Library. All supplies will be provided.

Pajama Storytime

Date and Time: Monday, June 10 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, V3H 5C3

Put your PJs on and come down to the Library for a fun storytime with puppets, songs, and more! Bring your favourite stuffed animal to the Children's Area to enjoy some fun before bedtime.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Storytime

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 11 10:00 am - 10:30 am

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

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Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Storytime

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English Practice Group - Intermediate/Advanced

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Date and Time: Wednesday, June 12 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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D&D for Kids #3

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Thursday, June 13, 2024

Babytime

Date and Time: Thursday, June 13 10:00 am - 10:30 am

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Babytime is held every Thursday until June 13.

English Practice Group - Beginners

Date and Time: Thursday, June 13 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

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English Practice Group - Beginners is held every Thursday.

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D&D for Kids #4

Date and Time: Thursday, June 13 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

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- Register once for all two sessions.

Friday, June 14, 2024

Babytime

Date and Time: Friday, June 14 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Songs, rhymes, bounces, and fun for caregivers and babies.

Babytime is held every Friday until June 14.

Take Better Pictures

Date and Time: Friday, June 14 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Learn to take better pictures in this hands-on workshop with a professional photographer. Learn the tips and tricks of the trade on how to compose, frame and edit your photos.

D&D for Kids #4

Date and Time: Friday, June 14 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

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Saturday, June 15, 2024

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Authors Fair and Readings

Date and Time: Saturday, June 15 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Join us for a day of celebrating our local author community with an Authors Fair and author readings. Browse local author tables, talk with other writers and readers, and pick up a new book, or five; or stop by the Fireside Reading Room to hear readings from local authors of all genres.

Schedule for the day as follows:

1:00pm - Neil McKinnon
1:10pm - Carmy Stubbs
1:20pm - Janis Bridger
1:30pm - David Secunda
1:40pm - Nika Askari
1:50pm - Melody Fowler
2:00pm - Gabrielle Lefay
2:10pm - Alf Dumont
2:20pm - Bonnie Jacoby
2:30pm - W.L. Hawkin
2:40pm - Karen Hein
2:50pm - Gisela Woldenga

Author Bios

Neil McKinnon

Neil McKinnon was raised in Saskatchewan. He served in the RCN and has been a businessman, archaeologist, university lecturer, and freelance writer. He has worked in China, Japan, Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. and holds a B.Sc in math and BA and MA in archaeology. His articles have appeared in Canadian, Mexican and U.S. publications. He has two previous books. *Tuckahoe Slidebottle* was short-listed for the Stephen Leacock Medal and the Alberta Short Fiction Award. *The Greatest Lover of Last Tuesday* was published in 2015. *A Ticket to the Grand Show* is his first nonfiction book. He has served on literary juries and edited/published academically.

He and Judy live in Port Coquitlam and have been married for 59 years. They have produced two globe-trotting daughters and inherited two brilliant grandchildren.

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Carmy Stubbs

Carmy Stubbs is a lover of the Word and its power for transformation and healing. Through her poetry, short stories, writings, and illustrations, she explores the creative force of the Heart and the finding of one's True Voice. Carmy is the author of the novel *The Six Knowings of ASAIRA*, a metaphysical fantasy, where all her loves - the poems, the magic, the storytelling, and the search for the Divine - weave themselves alchemically through text and illustration.

She lives in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, with her husband, Antonio, and their little dog, Milo.

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YouTube (Storytelling & Poetry with Carmy Stubbs): [@carmystubbs123](https://www.youtube.com/c/carmystubbs123)

Janis Bridger

As a child, Janis wanted to be a nurse, paleontologist, accountant, and monster truck driver. She didn't become any of those and traveled through the South Pacific and Europe instead, before earning a diploma in professional photography and working in the dark for a few years. She eventually found her way to teaching and stumbled into a teacher-librarian position. She continues to share her passion for books, social justice, and outdoor education with her students. *Obaasan's Boots* is Janis' first book, co-written with her cousin, Lara Okihiro, about their Japanese Canadian family's experience during WWII.

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David Secunda

Originally a visual artist specializing in fibre arts, David Secunda transformed into a performance artist as he experimented in ritual style performance art at art show openings and conferences such as the International Sculpture Symposium in 1978. Through the 1980's, David performed physical theatre, experimented with giant woven fibre masks and puppets, and toured nationally and internationally with Imago and Theatre of Giants. In 1989, he became a theatre arts teacher in Coquitlam, directing musicals, and many of Shakespeare's plays. Since retiring from teaching, he has appeared in several plays including *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*.

Since 2017, David has been directing, co-writing, and collaborating with his daughter, Joylyn Secunda on their one-person touring comedies, *The Moaning Yoni* and *The Routine*. David has written many performance pieces for his touring groups and plays for students. His novels, *Fluid* and *Balancing Act*, both coming-of-age stories, explore the creative process during tumultuous times.

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Nika Askari

Nika Askari is a young author of thirteen years old. She is currently studying at Moody Middle School, but she has a lot of adventures and mysterious magic ideas in her imagination. These ideas led her to write her fiction adventure book, *The Enchanting Tale of the Haunted Mansion*. If you like a series of action & adventure and you want to support the young author, check out her book!

Melody Fowler

Melody, a free-spirited soul from Vancouver, retired three years ago from the corporate world to pursue her passions for writing and painting full-time. Her diverse career spanning law firms, a crown corporation, and a psychologist's office gifted her with a unique perspective on the human condition, which she skillfully weaves into her writing.

Alongside her husband Arric, Melody co-authored the multi-award-winning novel *How We Healed*, a fictionalized account inspired by Arric's grandmother's life and their conversations with her, imparting profound life lessons. Additionally, her poetry collection *Life Lyrics* offers an intimate glimpse into her observations about herself and others, with the intimacy of a diary.

Melody now resides outside Vancouver with her husband Arric, where their backyard, affectionately dubbed the "Fowler Vineyard," continues to produce exceptional wines and jellies.

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Gabrielle Lefay

Gabrielle Lefay – a pseudonym – has lived on the west coast of BC all her life and feels very fortunate to now live in Port Moody. Gabrielle studied English literature then creative writing at university. She put aside writing for several years while raising kids, renovating houses, running a family business, and working as a clinic manager in integrative health. *The Shield of Light: A Fairy Tale for Our Times* is her first novel.

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Alf Dumont

Alf served in the United Church of Canada for over forty years. Some of his positions included minister at Tottenham-Rich Hill United Church Pastoral Charge (1975-1977) and Beverley Hills United Church (1978-1984), and Keeper of the Circle or Principal of the Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre (1984-1988), a theological training centre for First Nations people entering ministry in the United Church of Canada. Alf was the first speaker of the All Native Circle Conference, a non-geographic conference of First Nations congregations from 1988-1992. He returned to pastoral ministry in 1992, serving St. John's United Church in Alliston until 2012. During this time, he also held a position as Adjunct First Nations Staff at Emmanuel College.

Alf retired in 2012, moving with his wife Barb to Coquitlam. Since retiring, Alf has been an Elder at the Indigenous Services Centre at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT). Alf works to help build bridges of understanding between Christian and traditional Ojibwa spiritual ways, both at BCIT and with United Churches in British Columbia.

Bonnie Jacoby

Bonnie Jacoby writes adventurous fantasy and futuristic science fiction for teens. As a resident of the beautiful Pacific Northwest, Bonnie's love for nature is reflected in her stories, transporting readers to worlds that are both familiar and fantastical.

Her debut book, *Dreams of a Dragon Girl*, is a magical fantasy with hidden dragons, where a young girl discovers her own strengths and stands up for those in need.

Bonnie's tales are about respecting all beings, no matter how different they may seem.

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W.L. Hawkin

W. L. Hawkin writes “myth, magic, and mayhem.” Her *Hollystone Mysteries* feature a coven of Vancouver witches who solve murders using ritual magic and a little help from the gods. The books—*To Charm a Killer*, *To Sleep with Stones*, *To Render a Raven*, *To Kill a King*, and *To Dance with Destiny*—follow Estrada, a free-spirited magician and coven high priest. Her standalone novel, *LURE*, won a National Indie Excellence Award. In her latest release, *Writing with your Muse*, she explains her creative process and teaches techniques to inspire writers. Find Wendy at Blue Haven Press.

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Instagram: [@w.l.hawkin](https://www.instagram.com/w.l.hawkin)

Karen Hein

Karen has been writing poetry and prose since she was in grade four. Some of her interests include children's stories, music, art, nature and the elusive human nature. She has been attending college and is striving towards her dreams of working more from home. Her company, The Troupe de Poetry, is off to a promising start.

Karen believes that mental wellness is possible for everyone and strives to make a difference in her community. She is currently working on her memoirs, her next book of poetry, some children's stories, and her journals. She now resides in Port Coquitlam, where she is surrounded and supported by many close friends and her family.

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Gisela Woldenga

Gisela Woldenga was born in Germany and has been living in Canada since 1954. She started writing as a child, as soon as she could read, but really started getting into it in the 1990's when she joined a writer's group in Port Moody.

Gisela has published nine books, four for adults, and five for children, along with many short stories and poems, and is currently working on her tenth.

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Tri-Cities Writers Festival Keynote: Michael Christie

Date and Time: Saturday, June 15 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody V3H 5C3

Join award-winning author Michael Christie for a closing keynote of the Tri-Cities Writers Festival and Q&A.

Michael Christie is the author of the novel *If I Fall, If I Die*, which was longlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize, the Kirkus Prize, was selected as a New York Times Editors' Choice Pick, and was on numerous best-of 2015 lists. His linked collection of stories, *The Beggar's Garden*, was longlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize, shortlisted for the Writers' Trust Prize for Fiction, and won the Vancouver Book Award. His essays and book reviews have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Globe & Mail*.

Greenwood, his most recent novel, was longlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize. Rights have been sold in seven countries.

A former carpenter and homeless shelter worker, he lives with his two children in Victoria, British Columbia, the unceded territory of the Lkwungen speaking people, and the Songhees, Esquimalt, and WSÁNEC First Nations. Visit Michael online at <https://www.michaelchristie.net/>

Monday, June 17, 2024

Baby Garden Party

Date and Time: Monday, June 17 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

A special spring party just for the babies! Crafts, songs, activities, and photobooths. Bring your baby in their best spring outfit and be prepared to have fun.

PMPL Book Club

Date and Time: Monday, June 17 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, BC V3H 5C3

Are you looking for a place to discuss books? Join us for a monthly book club where we'll read and talk about timely, popular, and engaging books.

May book: *Greenwood* by Michael Christie

June book: TBA

Once you have registered, staff will contact you when the book is ready for pickup.

Anime and Manga Club

Date and Time: Monday, June 17 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Love all things anime and manga? Join us for crafts, games, and discussing our favourite series like *Naruto*, *One Piece*, *Demon Slayer*, and more! No prior reading or viewing is required.

Please note: You have to register for each Anime and Manga Club session separately.

- [May 6](#)
- [June 3](#)
- June 17

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

English Practice Group - Beginners

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 18 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

This class is for beginners. We will practice English speaking and listening together. In partnership with [SHARE Family & Community Services](#).

English Practice Group - Beginners is held every Tuesday.

Please choose only one English Practice Group: the Tuesday class or the Thursday class.

English Learners' Book Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 18 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, V3H 5C3

Do you love books and want to practice your English? Join this group where you will read and discuss a book written for adult learners together. In partnership with [SHARE Family & Community Services](#).

This class is suitable for intermediate and advanced learners.

How to register:

- English Learners' Book Club is a six-week program, held every Tuesday from May 14 to June 18.
- Register once for all six meetings.
- Please choose only one book club: Tuesdays or Wednesdays.
- You will get your book club book at the first meeting.

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

English Practice Group - Intermediate/Advanced

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 19 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Are you looking for ways to keep your community connection while improving your English? Participate in our English Practice Group! Practice your English speaking and listening skills, develop friendships, and learn more about Tri-Cities, Canada, and available community resources. In partnership with [SHARE Family & Community Services](#).

This class is suitable for intermediate or advanced learners.

English Practice Group - Intermediate/Advanced is held every Wednesday.

English Learners' Book Club

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 19 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, V3H 5C3

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Writers in Our Midst #26: Short Stories

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 19 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody V3H 5C3

Writers in our Midst (WiOM) is a popular reading series of fiction, poetry, and performance. This family-friendly affair is back with WiOM #26. Join us for a short story edition of WiOM and a chance to hear and meet local authors.

Authors participating in this WiOM are:

Margarita Escobar

Margarita Escobar is a former ICU nurse and a midwife. She writes in English and Spanish. In 2023, she published her short story collection, *Under a Weeping Willow*. Each tale traverses the intricacies of the human condition with themes of love in all its forms: courage and hope, loss and grief and what it means to grow older.

Lozano Gilabert

[Lozano Gilabert](#) studied and worked as a psychotherapist for nearly twelve years before becoming a writer. Lozano Gilabert spent many Friday evenings at one of Mexico's main psychiatric hospitals interviewing patients. Some say his stories are based on what was learned through those interviews.

Lozano Gilabert's family haunt Port Moody.

Winona Kent

[Winona Kent](#) is the award-winning author of ten novels (including her soft-boiled musical mystery *Jason Davy* series – the next book is due out in September 2024) and an anthology of short stories (*Ten Stories That Worried My Mother*). She lives in New Westminster.

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Mallee Stanley

Having lived overseas in Africa, Asia, and Australia for over forty years, Mallee Stanley's writing has an international flavour. She has completed five historical fictions set in East Africa, Sri Lanka, India, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, and Canada with themes dealing with racism, injustice, and patriarchy.

Mallee will present a different story that doesn't deal with any of her usual themes.

Carmy Stubbs

Carmy Stubbs, reader, writer, storyteller and poet, is a lover of the Word and its power for transformation. She is the author of *The Six Knowings of ASAIRA*, and sometimes our fans write the best reviews, so I thought share with you the blurb from a beta reader Tomas S. "An incredibly imaginative and creative book, the story unfolds like a piece of paper that's been folded an infinite number of times... it keeps opening into new scenarios and stories, surprising you as it curves round to meet itself."

She lives in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, with her husband, Antonio, and the newest member of the family, their little doggy, Milo.

Rohini Sunderam

Rohini Sunderam is a Port Coquitlam writer of Indian origin. She is a semi-retired advertising copywriter whose articles and stories have appeared in *The Statesman*, *The Globe & Mail*, and *The Halifax Chronicle Herald*, and several Bahrain-based publications. She is the author of several books including *Desert Flower*, *Corpoetry*, *Five Lives One Day in Bahrain*, and *Twelve Roses for Love*

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Dylan Wertz

Dylan Wertz has been a television writer and producer for the past twenty years. He is currently working on a book of short stories about life in small town Saskatchewan in the '90s. He lives in Port Moody, BC with his lovely wife and two rotten kids.

Gisela Woldenga

[Gisela Woldenga](#) is an author and an actress living in Coquitlam. She is the author of numerous short stories, children's stories, poems, and nine recent fiction novels. She is a long time member of the [Tri-City Wordsmiths](#) and the Port Moody Creative Writing Group.

Thursday, June 20, 2024

English Practice Group - Beginners

Date and Time: Thursday, June 20 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

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English Practice Group - Beginners is held every Thursday.

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Friday, June 21, 2024

National Indigenous Peoples Day Storytime

Date and Time: Friday, June 21 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day with a special storytime for all ages with Kung Jaadee.

Kung Jaadee (Roberta Kennedy) is a professional storyteller, educator and published author belonging to the X_̱aayda (Haida), x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) and Sḵw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish) First Nations. Her Haida name, Kung Jaadee, means 'Moon Woman' and was presented to her at her great uncle's memorial feast by her cousin Crystal Robinson.

Kung Jaadee will read from her book, sing traditional Haida songs, and share nursery rhymes and teach children to count in Xaad Kil.

Paint by Numbers for Adults

Date and Time: Friday, June 21 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Looking to de-stress in a creative way? Join us for relaxing painting at the Library! Artists of all skill levels are welcome. Supplies will be provided.

Crochet Circle for Adults

Date and Time: Friday, June 21 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Join our circle of crochet enthusiasts to share and learn new techniques. Bring your supplies to work on your own project.

For crocheters who are familiar with the basic stitches.

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Keep It Fictional Book Chat

Date and Time: Saturday, June 22 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: Library Facebook Page

Book lovers! Join our librarians for an hour of book recommendations as we suggest books for the topic of the week.

- Our video book chats will be available on our [Facebook page](#) and our [YouTube channel](#) every Saturday at 10am.
- [Subscribe to our podcast](#) and listen to our book chat on your favourite podcast app.

Want our staff to recommend some books for you? Fill out our [personalized reading suggestion form](#).

Monday, June 24, 2024

The PMPL Singers

Date and Time: Monday, June 24 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Come sing with us! We'll learn new songs together and join our voices and our community. No previous singing experience needed.

Kids' Comic Club

Date and Time: Monday, June 24 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Calling all comics enthusiasts! Join a unique book club just for comics. Read the book beforehand and then come ready to discuss.

Staff will notify you when to pick up your book from the Library.

May book: *The Moth Keeper* by K. O'Neill

June book: *Mexikid* by Pedro Martin

How to register:

- Registration starts on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 9am.
- Register for May and June separately.

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

English Practice Group - Beginners

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 25 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

This class is for beginners. We will practice English speaking and listening together. In partnership with [SHARE Family & Community Services](#).

English Practice Group - Beginners is held every Tuesday.

Please choose only one English Practice Group: the Tuesday class or the Thursday class.

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

English Practice Group - Intermediate/Advanced

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 26 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Are you looking for ways to keep your community connection while improving your English? Participate in our English Practice Group! Practice your English speaking and listening skills, develop friendships, and learn more about Tri-Cities, Canada, and available community resources. In partnership with [SHARE Family & Community Services](#).

This class is suitable for intermediate or advanced learners.

English Practice Group - Intermediate/Advanced is held every Wednesday.

Adult Colouring

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 26 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Looking to de-stress? Join us for a relaxing colouring session. All supplies provided.

Stamp Making for Adults

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 26 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Learn to carve your own, personalized stamp. All materials provided.

Thursday, June 27, 2024

English Practice Group - Beginners

Date and Time: Thursday, June 27 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

This class is for beginners. We will practice English speaking and listening together. In partnership with [SHARE Family & Community Services](#).

English Practice Group - Beginners is held every Thursday.

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Friday, June 28, 2024

Paint By Stickers for Adults

Date and Time: Friday, June 28 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Paint by number but without the mess! Make your own sticker masterpiece in this relaxing program. All supplies will be provided.

Intro to Felting for Adults

Date and Time: Friday, June 28 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

Learn how to felt in this hands-on workshop.

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Keep It Fictional Book Chat

Date and Time: Saturday, June 29 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: Library Facebook Page

Book lovers! Join our librarians for an hour of book recommendations as we suggest books for the topic of the week.

- Our video book chats will be available on our [Facebook page](#) and our [YouTube channel](#) every Saturday at 10am.
- [Subscribe to our podcast](#) and listen to our book chat on your favourite podcast app.

Want our staff to recommend some books for you? Fill out our [personalized reading suggestion form](#).

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