



North Shore Writers Festival

April 8th - 17th, 2005

Our sixth annual festival of readings by Canadian authors – brought to you by your North Shore Public Libraries, with the assistance of the B.C. Government Writers in Libraries program of the Public Library Services Branch, the District of North Vancouver Community Investment Program, the Friends of the Libraries, Canada Council for the Arts, The Writers' Union of Canada, and the North Shore News.

Enter our poetry contest and win a gift certificate for \$100 from 32 Books. Contest information available at your library.

Sparkle Hayter



Stand-up comic, newscaster, mystery writer and all round wit Sparkle Hayter has been described as "the funniest thing to come out of Canada since the moose." In her recent *Bandit Queen Boogie* two twenty-something heroines take Europe by storm. Chick lit redefined.
Friday, April 8 7:30 pm NVCL

Patrick Lane & Russell Thornton



Patrick Lane, one of Canada's best-known poets, writes from the dark side of experience. *There is a Season: A Memoir in a Garden* documents his journey to conquer alcoholism. He is joined by North Vancouver poet Russell Thornton, whose *House Built of Rain* was short-listed for the Dorothy Livesay B.C. Book Prize.
Sunday, April 10 2:00 pm WVML

Sharon Butala



In novels, short stories and essays Sharon Butala explores the rich narratives and spiritual dimensions of her particular corner of Saskatchewan. Her newly released *Lilac Moon* ponders the myths, history and peoples of the prairies and asks the question "What makes a Westerner?"
Monday, April 11 7:30 pm WVML

Melanie Ray



Settle in to spend a few hours in medieval Europe with storyteller Melanie Ray and the love triangle dilemma of "*Tristan and Iseult*." Passion, adultery and dragons! Melanie Ray's voice is a familiar one in public libraries as she has recorded a hundred books for the provincial talking books program.
Tuesday, April 12 2:00 pm NVDPL Capilano Branch

Charles Montgomery



Journalist and habitual wanderer Charles Montgomery set out for Melanesia to retrace the steps of his great-grandfather, the Bishop of Tasmania, and to investigate the legacy of colonial missionaries in the South Pacific. *The Last Heathen* recounts his discoveries and adventures. Come hear his story and see his slides.
Tuesday, April 12 7:30 pm NVCL

Anita Rau Badami



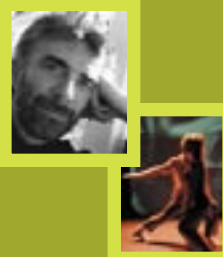
Anita Rau Badami's graceful prose and vibrant characters, in *Tamarind Mem* and *The Hero's Walk*, won her many readers. Her forthcoming novel *Can You Hear the Nightbirds Call?* is a love story set in Vancouver against a backdrop of Indian politics. Badami makes a west coast visit from her home in Montreal.
**Wednesday, April 13 7:30 pm Highlands United Church
3255 Edgemont Blvd.,
North Vancouver**

Audrey Thomas



Last year Audrey Thomas was awarded the *Terasen Lifetime Achievement Award* to honour an outstanding literary career in British Columbia. In novels such as *Isobel Gunn* and in her beautifully crafted short stories she is wise, sardonic and witty about the ways of the world.
Thursday, April 14 7:30 pm NVCL

Nick Bantock & Mascall Dance



"A night of moving words." Nick Bantock, creator of the *Griffin and Sabine* books and other innovative works of fiction, and Jennifer Mascall, internationally-known choreographer and founder of *Mascall Dance* join creative forces for a multi-disciplinary narrative experience. NSWFW World Premiere!
Friday, April 15 7:30 pm WVML

Bob Bossin



What goes into the writing of a song? Singer/songwriter Bob Bossin spills the beans on his particular art. For 40 years Bossin, founder of *Stringband*, has turned Canada's people into stories, her stories into songs and her leaders into targets. Bossin also turns his pen to essays, articles and the writing of local history.
Saturday, April 16 2:00 pm NVDPL Parkgate Branch

Crawford Kilian



Capilano College instructor and writer, Crawford Kilian, is the author of 20 books, including *Writing for the Web* and *Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy*. He has also had numerous articles published in newspapers and magazines. Half-hour, one-on-one free mentoring consultations for budding writers are available.
Pre-registration is required. Tel: 604-987-4471

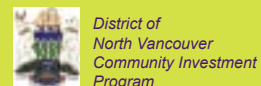
Saturday, April 9 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. NVDPL Lynn Valley Branch
Sunday, April 10 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. NVCL
Sunday, April 17 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. WVML

Book Group Discussion



Join the NSWFW BOOK GROUP - Come and discuss featured author Anita Rau Badami's *The Hero's Walk*. North Shore Librarians and Mary Trentadue of 32 Books will lead the sessions. Special Indian sweets and tea will be served. Purchase a copy from 32 Books in Edgemont Village...at a discount price. Bring it to Badami's reading on Wednesday, April 13th at Highlands United Church for a personal autograph. Pre-registration is not required.
Sunday, April 10, 7:30 pm NVCL

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