

Program Guide

Adults, teens & kids



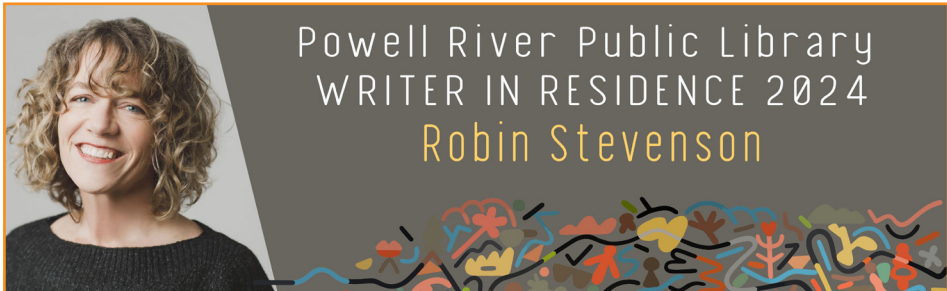
Powell River Public Library
WRITER IN RESIDENCE 2024
Robin Stevenson



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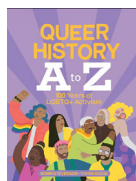
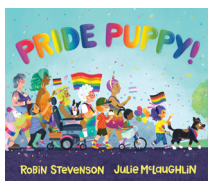


WRITER IN RESIDENCE 2024

PRPL is pleased to announce that Robin Stevenson will be the library's Writer in Residence this fall, from **September 12 to October 26**.

Robin Stevenson is the award winning author of more than thirty books of fiction and non-fiction for kids and teens. Her books have won the Silver Birch Award, the Sheila A. Egoff Award and a Stonewall Honor, and have been finalists for the Governor General's Literary Awards, the Lambda Literary Awards, and many readers choice awards.

Robin was the Book and Periodical Council of Canada's Champion of Free Expression for 2022. In 2023, she was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Literary Excellence. She lives on the west coast of Canada with her family.



During the first weeks of her residency, Robin will visit ongoing PRPL programs like Storytime, Drawn Together, Young Writers Group, and Write On. She will also present at numerous schools throughout the qathet region in October. You can catch up with Robin at one-on-one manuscript consultations, workshops, and her ongoing Writers' Café on Friday afternoons!

Full details about this year's WIR program are available in this program guide, at prpl.ca, or at the library service desk.

For more information about PRPL's
Writer in Residence Program contact:

wir@prpl.ca

Kids

Preschool Storytime

Join us at the library for a lively fare of puppetry, finger plays, action rhymes, singalong songs, and of course stories!

Anne Woznow Children's Reading Room

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am. *Drop-in.*

TinkerTrunk

Kids 8-12 choose-your-own-tech-adventure from the Makerspace Cabinet of Gadgets in these self-led, adult-supported sessions.

Rotary Makerspace

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Starting September 10. *Drop-in.*

Prime Time

Primary grades K+ unwind and connect in this weekly drop-in featuring a cool collection of high-interest play and crafting resources.

First Credit Union Community Room

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm, when school is in session.

Starting September 11. *Drop-in.*

Drawn Together

Kids meet up at the library to draw together. Sessions are interactive and collaborative with prompts and tools provided.

Meeting Room A

Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm, starting September 12. *Drop-in.*

Paper Bag Monster Mashup

Be thee monster, maiden, or minion, turn a paper bag into a wacky mask in this Halloween-themed event.

First Credit Union Community Room

Friday, October 25, 10:00 am-11:30 pm.

Drop-in.



For more information and registration contact:

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Teens

Young Writers' Group

Youth 10+. Interact, create and engage in a fun and informal writing group!

Meeting Room B

Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm, starting September 13. *Drop-in.*

Fantasy Adventure Club

Youth 12+ are invited to immerse themselves in the world of roleplaying games. Facilitated by Robin Gibson & Dan Rogers.

Meeting Rooms A & B

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:30 pm, starting September 25. *Drop-in.*

First Dibs

Teens are invited to write reviews for publication in our library catalogue for volunteer credit! To learn more contact edgar@prpl.ca or visit prpl.ca.

Adults

There is Still Survival Out There

Scholar and Order of Canada recipient Michael Robinson presents his groundbreaking study of traditional land use mapping of the Fort McKay First Nations of Northern Alberta.

First Credit Union Community Room

Friday, September 6, 7:00-8:00 pm. *Drop-in.*

Building Tomorrow

Author Paddy Le Fluffy presents his practical book about averting environmental crisis with a new sustainable economic system.

First Credit Union Community Room

Friday, September 13, 7:00-8:00 pm. *Drop-in.*

Truth & Reconciliation Screening Room

PRPL is proud to partner with the NFB in Libraries to present six short films that explore Indigenous realities and aim to bring a deeper



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understanding of the tragic legacy of the residential school system. For a full list of the films being screened, visit prpl.ca.

Meeting Room B

September 16 to 29. Continuous screening, 1pm to closing. *Drop-in*. To learn more contact szagwyn@prpl.ca

Food as Medicine and Peri-Menopause

Local author and medical herbalist Todd Caldecott will delve into the complexities of peri- and post-menopausal health exploring diet, herbs, supplements and lifestyle changes.

First Credit Union Community Room

Friday, September 20, 7:00-8:30 pm. *Drop-in*.

Wildlife Congregations- A Year by the Salish Sea

Amateur naturalist Laurel Dykstra will present a hands-on nature show-and-tell of her new book of hilarious and sometimes deeply spiritual wildlife encounters.

First Credit Union Community Room

Friday, September 21, 2:00-3:00 pm. *Drop-in*.

Preview: Three Ears Indigenous Film Festival

Local filmmakers will discuss films to be screened, including *Café Daughter*, *The Great Salish Heist*, *Wilfred Buck*, *Singing the Buffalo Back*, and *Sugarcane*.

First Credit Union Community Room

Tuesday September 24, 4:00-5:00 pm. *Drop-in*.

Reading and Discussion with Kim Spencer

Join author Kim Spencer for a reading and discussion of her award-winning debut novel, *Weird Rules to Follow*, followed by a Q&A.

First Credit Union Community Room

Thursday, September 26, 4:30-6:00 pm. *Drop-in*.

For more information contact edgar@prpl.ca.

A Story of Thriving Empowerment

Heather Conn will present her memoir *No Letter in Your Pocket*, about romantic adventures in India and her solo quest for healing from incest and sexual assault.

First Credit Union Community Room

Thursday, October 3, 2:00-3:00 pm. *Drop-in*.

For more information and registration contact:

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Write On

Get creative and share writing in a fun and informal group.

Via Zoom

Fridays, 2:00-3:00 pm. To register, contact edgar@prpl.ca.

WIR 2024

WIR Launch: Meet Robin Stevenson

Meet PRPL's newest Writer-in-Residence and hear about her journey to becoming an author, her writing process, and her experiences standing against book bans and censorship. Bring all your questions!

First Credit Union Community Room

Saturday September 14, 2:00-3:30 pm. *Drop-in.*

Kid Lit 101

An overview of the different types of books for young readers, middle grades, and young adults including fiction, non-fiction, and hi-lo books, and what expectations publishers have within each category.

First Credit Union Community Room

Tuesday, September 17, 1:30-3:00 pm. *Drop-in.*

Story Seeds

Want to write but feel unsure where to start? This workshop focuses on generating ideas – characters, premises, scenes, conflicts and more – giving participants lots of possible entry points for new stories.

First Credit Union Community Room

Saturday September 28, 2:00-3:30 pm. *Drop-in.*

Writing Support and Manuscript Review


Meet one-on-one with award-winning author Robin Stevenson! To book your consultation, visit prpl.ca or email wir@prpl.ca.

Rotary Makerspace

September 21 to October 24

Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm (except October 3) &

Saturdays 11:00 am-1:00 pm (except October 12).



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Writers' Café

Start a new piece of writing with the prompts Robin provides, or focus on your own work-in-progress—it's up to you. These weekly sessions are a time to connect with other writers and work together in a supportive community.

Meeting Room A

Fridays, September 20 - October 25, 3:00-4:00 pm. *Drop-in.*

Getting from Idea to Draft

Some writers like to jump in and write, others prefer to start with a plan...No matter what kind of writer you are, this workshop will add some tools to your toolkit.

First Credit Union Community Room

Saturday October 5, 2:00-3:30 pm. *Drop-in.*

Powerful Memories

The most powerful books are usually ones with characters that feel real, with emotions readers can connect to. In this workshop, Robin shows how writers can use childhood memories to deepen character development, craft vivid scenes, and add emotional intensity.

First Credit Union Community Room

Tuesday, October 15, 4:00-5:30 pm. *Drop-in.*

WIR On Texada

Writer in Residence visits Texada Island to offer her Powerful Memories writing workshop and discuss writing.

Texada Library

Saturday, October 12, 1:30-2:30 pm. *Drop-in.*

Dead Ends and Murky Middles: Troubleshooting Your Story

A workshop designed to help writers solve story problems, get unstuck, gain confidence, and beat writer's block!

First Credit Union Community Room

Saturday, October 19, 2:00-3:30 pm. *Drop-in.*



WIR Finale: Community Voices Open-Mic!

Join Robin Stevenson for her final event as Writer in Residence, featuring YOU! Local writers of all ages are invited to share the stories, poems and personal essays that they have been working on. Robin will lead a community conversation about the books that have enlightened and inspired us, and about the need to defend writers, books, and free expression around the world and in our own communities.

*If you wish to take part as a reader during the Open-Mic portion of the event, please come prepared to read for a maximum of five minutes. (Please note that this is an all-ages event, so readings should be selected with that in mind.)

First Credit Union Community Room

Saturday October 26, 2:00-3:30. *Drop-in.*

Looking for Tech help?

Ask our library staff or email: info@prpl.ca to find out how we can best help you.

The library provides on-on-one tech support for in depth questions by appointment with Adult Services Coordinator Mark Merlino. Email mmerlino@prpl.ca

Library Hours

Monday	10 am - 6 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 8:30 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 8:30 pm
Thursday	10 am - 6 pm
Friday	10 am - 8:30 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm
Sunday	1 - 5 pm
Closed Holidays	

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