

About Tri-City Wordsmiths

To mark our 10th Anniversary, we are delighted you have joined us at our first-ever Readers & Writers Festival.

Tri-City Wordsmiths began meeting in April of 2013, and the organization has grown from a handful of writers to a medium-sized crowd that cheerfully meets at Port Coquitlam's Terry Fox Library six times a year.

At a typical meeting, an expert in a particular literary genre or other essential aspects of writing (such as getting published!) engages attendees in a two-hour workshop with exercises, Q&A, and discussions.

Attendance is always free, and we hope you may consider coming. See our Market Hall (Mabbett Hall) table for more information.

Thank you to our fantastic sponsors!



Port Coquitlam May Days

Readers & Writers Festival

A Tri-City Wordsmiths Event

Saturday May 6th, 2023

10am-5pm

Port Coquitlam Community Centre

2150 Wilson Ave.,

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FREE!!

Workshops

Memoir * Journalism * Poetry * Mystery Writing
Publishing * Youth & Seniors

Blue Pencil sessions

Bookfair & Market Hall

Live readings & Open Mic

Arts & Writing Activities

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TIME	JB YOUNG ROOM 2 nd Floor Workshops & Panels	LAKING ROOM 2 nd Floor Blue Pencil Sessions	MABBETT HALL Main Floor Market Hall & Book Fair	WILSON LOUNGE Main Floor
10-10:45 am	Opening & Welcome History of Tri-City Wordsmiths: Founders reflect on past and future		Readings: Frances Peck, Krista Wallace, Zhang Hui, Bonnie Jacoby, Seth McDonough, Gina Armstrong	
11-11:45 am	Memoir workshop: JJ Lee		Children's Literature with Eileen Holland, Mark David Smith, Allison Finney Delta Literary Arts Society member readings hosted by Angela LeBrec	
11:45-1 pm	LUNCH BREAK			
1-1:45 pm	Poetry Panel: Jude Neale, Bonnie Nish, Winston Lê, Rob Taylor (Moderator)	Blue Pencil (<i>by appointment</i>)	Pulp Literature Journal Launch hosted by Jennifer Landels	Seniors' Workshop <i>It's never too late to start writing (1-2 pm)</i> Gisela Woldenga
2-2:45 pm	Road to Publication: Colleen van Niekerk, Farida Somjee, Bill Arnott	Blue Pencil (<i>by appointment</i>)	PoCo Writer's Group readings hosted by Jennifer Pownall Natasha Silva reading	
3-3:45 pm	Journalism/news writing as a career choice: Richard Dal Monte and Angela Sterritt	Bill Arnott book signing, 3 pm	Crime Writers of Canada member readings	Youth Workshop <i>Poetry Slams and Telling Our Truths (3-4 pm)</i> Izzy Hébert
4-4:45 pm	Iona Wishaw discusses her latest novel, <i>To Track a Traitor</i> . Q & A to follow.	Angela Sterritt book signing, 4 pm Iona Wishaw book signing, 5 pm		