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## Literary & Talks

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Word Whips: The North Shore Edition

Writing prompts are provided with 10-15 minutes provided to write each prompt. See what you can whip up. With hosts Fran Bourassa and Suzy Malcolm.

- Starbucks, Indigo Books, 1025 Marine Dr., NorthVan - 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of every month (not meeting in July or August) - 778-835-6775

2010 Haiku Invitational

While the cherry blossoms bloom, you are invited to write your haiku with fresh inspiration. Submit your cherry blossom haiku online until May 31. - [www.vcbf.ca](#)

The Future of the Bloedel Conservatory

Heritage Vancouver welcomes guest speakers and invites you to an evening of discussion where we imagine a new future for the Bloedel Conservatory and how to preserve this and other important heritage buildings. - Museum of Vancouver, 1100 Chestnut St. - March 18, 7 p.m. - \$5

Book Signing: General Rick Hillier

Signing copies of his first book, "A Soldier First," a hard-hitting, honest account of Hillier's role, told in his own words. - Chapters Robson, 788 Robson St. - March 18, 6 p.m. - 604-649-4797

Negotiating the Social Bond of Poetics: A Reading and Critical Workshop Series

A reading and critical workshop series featuring readings by Rachel Zolf. - W2 Perel Gallery, 112 W. Hastings St. - March 19 and March 20, Reading on March 19, 8 p.m. Workshop on March 20, 12 p.m. - [www.kswnet.org](#)

Meet the Author: Norman D. Watt

Author signs copies of his new book, "Off the Beaten Path: A Hiking Guide to Vancouver's North Shore." - Black Bond Books, 1199 Lynn Valley Rd., North Van - March 20, 1-3 p.m. - 604-981-9611

Building History

Join an expert for an informative presentation on Surrey's architectural historic resources and what it takes to restore residential, commercial and institutional buildings. - Historic Stewart Farm, 13723 Crescent Rd., Surrey - March 20, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - \$10, Pre-register at 604-592-6956

Meet the Author: Norman D. Watt

Author signs copies of his new book, "Off the Beaten Path: A Hiking Guide to Vancouver's North Shore." - Save-On-Foods, Park & Tilford, 333 Brooksbank Ave., North Van - March 21, 1-3 p.m. - 604-983-3033

Unheralded Artists of B.C. Book Launch

Writers Claudia Cornwall and Eve Lazurus read from "The Life & Art of Frank Molnar, Jack Hardman and LeRoy Jensen." - Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby - March 21, 3-4:30 p.m. - Free, 604-297-4422

Backstage with Jackson

In recognition of World Theatre Day, Vancouver's own Jackson Davis, of "The Beachcombers," hosts a series of intimate, no-holds barred discussions with people who shape theatre in this city. - Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch - March 21, Panel discussions start at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. - Free, 604-331-3738, [www.vpl.ca](#)

Evelyn C. White & Joanne Bealy: Blacks on Salt Spring Island

In celebration of the diversity of B.C., authors read from their new book, "Every Goodbye Ain't Gone: A Photo Narrative of Black Heritage on Salt Spring Island." - Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch - March 24, 7:30 p.m. - Free, 604-331-4044, [www.vpl.ca](#)

Growing Out of Hunger

Find out how urban farmer Will Allen, CEO of Growing Power Community Food Centre, is starting a community food revolution out of his inner-city farms. - Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Dr. - March 25, 7-9 p.m. - Free, 778-782-7893, [www.stu.ca/welch+dialogue](#)

Colorectal Cancer Forum

A free info and Q&A session for patients, survivors and caregivers hosted by the B.C. Cancer Foundation. - B.C. Cancer Agency Research Centre, 675 W. 10th Ave - March 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Free, lunch and refreshments provided, Register at 604-877-6162

Understanding Your Blood: Lecture for People with Blood Cancer

Information for those affected by blood cancers. - South Granville Seniors' Centre, 1440 W. 12th Ave - March 27, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Free, Pre-register at 604-733-2873, ext. 30

Book Launch: The Inquisition Yours

Celebrate the launch of Jen Currin's new book with reading and bands. - Montmartre Cafe, 4362 Main St. - March 27, 8 p.m. - Free

Engineers Without Borders: Bridging

the Gap

7th annual international development conference featuring keynote speaker Dr. Hans Rosling. - UBC Life Sciences Centre, 2350 Health Sciences Mall - March 27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. - 604-827-3977, \$70/\$35, includes lunch

Armchair Travellers: North to Alaska and the Yukon

Join Bill Johnston from West Coast Railway Association for a look into the past gold rush days. - Surrey Museum, 17710 56A Ave., Surrey - March 27, 1 p.m. - By donation, Pre-register at 604-592-6956, [www.heritage.surrey.ca](#)

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