

Local Indie Authors Collection Development Policy



1. SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION

The Local Indie Authors Collection exists to highlight new and independent authors in FVRL municipalities. These authors are provided with a dedicated submission process to have their work considered for addition to FVRL's lending collection, and an agreed upon timeline for lending.

The collection does not exist to house author back-catalogues, extensive local history collections, or government or corporate publications. Authors whose works are accepted into the collection are not guaranteed further opportunities for promotion or selling.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND SUBMISSION CRITERIA

Prospective authors submit an application form and copy of their book in order to be considered for inclusion. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis for quarterly addition to the collection.

- i. Author residency:** Prospective authors must be residents in one of the 15 municipalities served by FVRL, or an Indigenous community member within the Fraser Valley area. Authors outside these jurisdictions whose books are about FVRL communities are also eligible for consideration. Corporate authors are not eligible for this initiative.
- ii. Currency of work:** Works submitted must be newly published (i.e., copyrighted) within the previous two calendar years. For example, in 2017 we will accept 2015 or later.
- iii. Content of work:** Works may be fiction or non-fiction. Books for any age are welcome. FVRL welcomes books in English, French and other languages already collected by the library.
- iv. Format of item:** The collection currently accepts only physical books; eBooks are an anticipated area of future growth. Works submitted must have a registered ISBN and be suitably bound for circulation.
- v. Rights assigned:** The author must be the legitimate rights holder of the work being submitted, and the work must comply with Canadian legislation.

3. SELECTION AND ACQUISITION

Works accepted for inclusion in the collection will be purchased by FVRL (typically 1-2 copies), and items will become property of the library. Items will be circulated for 18 months as part of the Local Indie Authors Collection, or until the condition of the item makes it unsuitable for further borrowing. Items that are damaged, lost or missing are not automatically replaced or reordered.

Works will be withdrawn from the Local Indie Authors collection after an 18 month term. Withdrawn items may be added to the library's regular circulating collection, sold in the library's book sale, donated to another charity or recycled where appropriate.

Selection, purchasing and withdrawal will be done centrally through FVRL's Support Services department, and no items may be added to the collection at the branch level (i.e., no branch purchases or donations).