



Prince Rupert Public Library Employment Opportunity

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The Prince Rupert Library is looking for our next Indigenous Storyteller in Residence for Fall 2026!

This initiative seeks to honour local culture and add to the actions we continually strive to make towards decolonizing our practices and centring local Indigenous knowledge systems. It is the intention of the program to promote intercultural understanding and communication through storytelling that may take form in any number of artistic expressions, be it oral, writing, visual art, music, or other formats both traditional and contemporary. All art tells a story and all artists are storytellers. This residency is open to all Indigenous artists with strong community connections to *Lax Kxeen*, Prince Rupert and its surrounding areas who wish to share their knowledge of community and culture.

The Indigenous Storyteller in Residence position is part-time and will run from September 2026 to December 2026. Hours of work and scheduling will be determined based on candidate availability.

This role requires 50 percent of the Storyteller's time be spent on library programs or projects, with the remaining 50 percent of the time spent working on the Resident's personal creative project.

If you are:

- An Indigenous storyteller - be it artist, writer, or performer - in any medium including digital media, print, carving, music, or theatre, and live or have strong community connections to *Lax Kxeen* or the surrounding area.
- Enthusiastic about developing, presenting, and sharing your knowledge and culture through events at the Prince Rupert Library and in community.
- Available on a part-time basis in Prince Rupert from September 1, 2026 to December 12, 2026.

The ideal candidate will:

- Work independently and as part of a team with library staff
- Comfortably interact with members of Prince Rupert Library's diverse membership, which includes people of all ages

Main responsibilities of the Storyteller in Residence:

The Storyteller in Residence will spend half their time working on a personal project and the other half developing and offering a library program. Their responsibilities include:

- Spending time developing a unique and culturally relevant personal project that can be shared with the Prince Rupert Library community. This may be shared in a number of ways, including through performance, social media, the library collection, a visual exhibit, or more.
- Developing and leading a compelling and informative library program or event to share their story and culture with Library patrons and/or in the community through outreach initiatives.

Compensation: \$10,000 to \$15,000 for 14 weeks on a self-employed basis. September 2026 to December 2026. Hours will be determined based on availability of the successful applicant.

How to Apply:

Expressions of interest can be emailed to **info@princerupertlibrary.ca** or mailed to:

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Please include:

- A **resume** outlining your relevant qualifications and experience
- A **cover letter** which:
 - Outlines your personal experience and description of your art,
 - Outlines the personal creative project you wish to pursue,
 - Briefly outlines the library programming you would like to offer, detailing how it will engage library patrons and aspiring storytellers and artists, and
 - A brief description of how your Residency will make a lasting contribution to the Prince Rupert Library and our community
 - Contact information for three references