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## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Screenwriter in Residence Thompson-Nicola Regional Library, Kamloops**

**Full Time March – June 2021**

**Application Deadline: 16:00 pm, December 11, 2020**

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The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) invites applications for our next Writer in Residence opportunity. This residency is designed to encourage the development of the written arts in the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD), connect readers and writers, and provide the Writer with time, space, and resources to work on their own writing projects. This year we are interested in screenwriters with experience writing for episodic television or feature films.

### **About the Thompson-Nicola Regional District**

Encompassing an unparalleled geographic region in the heart of British Columbia, the TNRD offers the best of both worlds. Urban life within vibrant communities and outlying rural regions that showcase the region's beauty: pristine but rugged mountains, rolling grasslands, lush evergreen forests and both historic and modern areas, all within approximately 45,000 square kilometres. Headquartered in the City of Kamloops, the TNRD provides a wide range of local government services to a population of 132,663 located within its 11 diverse municipalities and 10 electoral areas.

### **Our Library System**

The TNRL, a department of the TNRD, provides a variety of library services through 13 branches and a Mobile Library. Located in the Central Interior of British Columbia, the TNRL provides programming, materials and resources to people of all ages. The Library team is committed to providing excellent public service for a lifetime of personal growth, learning and enjoyment.

### **The Role**

The TNRL is seeking a Screenwriter in Residence for the period of March – June, 2021. This full time position may include days, evenings, and/or weekends. This position requires 17.5 hours per week of the Writer's time to be devoted to community programming, with the remaining 17.5 hours to be spent on the Writer's personal writing projects.

The Writer will:

- Review manuscripts and provide information and advice about all aspects of writing and publishing
- Deliver writing programs, such as workshops, in library, in the broader community, and remotely
- Raise the profile of the library and the residency program through media and community engagements

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Eligible to work in Canada
- A significant body of professional writing credits for feature films, documentaries, and/or episodic TV such as narrative series or mini-series, that have been
  - broadcast on network TV,
  - released via streaming services or On Demand,
  - distributed via and exhibited in theatres, and/or
  - released direct-to-video

- Starting or planning a project intended for broadcast, direct-to-video, or theatrical release
- Enthusiasm and experience working with the public in one-on-one and group settings
- Demonstrated teaching, public speaking and program planning experience
- Familiarity with and/or active participation in writing communities
- Have an interest in, and ability to, provide consultation
- Feel comfortable fulfilling a mentorship role
- Have a demonstrated understanding of the needs of aspiring writers
- Be willing to actively participate in media opportunities to promote the residency, the library and writing culture
- Confidence with technology, including but not limited, to social media, email, and videoconferencing
- An established social media presence to be used to promote ideas and events related to the residency
- Able to reside in Kamloops or the surrounding region for the duration of the residency, or proven ability to commute to the area to provide services.
- Able to work remotely if required
- Valid Canadian driver's license

Due to the rapidly changing circumstances surrounding COVID-19, applicants are advised that this residency may take place virtually or in the physical library locations. Workspace will be available for the Writer at the Kamloops Library however travel to other locations within the TNRD is expected.

**Remuneration:**

\$4000 per month over a four-month-term. Additional funds will be available for programming support and, if required, accommodation, travel and meal expenses while travelling within the TNRD.

**Applications must include:**

- A cover letter
- Resume or CV clearly outlining completed projects and background in the field, experience working with the public, teaching experience or other forms of public presentation
- A minimum of three letters of reference or referees with contact information
- Proposals for public programs to be offered by the library during the residency
- Writing samples (e.g. completed script and/or 15-20 pages of work-in-progress)
- Description of a personal writing project or projects to be undertaken during the residency

The TNRD requires that all successful applicants undergo a Criminal Record Check. Applications not fulfilling the criteria set out in this posting will not be considered. Applications should clearly outline your qualifications, and/or abilities, and experience for this position.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please email your application package to [cschmidt@tnrd.ca](mailto:cschmidt@tnrd.ca) by **16:00 on December 11, 2020.**

For questions please contact Catherine Schmidt, Coordinator, Adult Services at [cschmidt@tnrd.ca](mailto:cschmidt@tnrd.ca) or 250-372-5145.