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### **GVPL announces Emerging Local Authors Collection**

VICTORIA, BC – Greater Victoria Public Library is pleased to announce the establishment of an Emerging Local Authors Collection. The Emerging Local Authors Collection will highlight self-published, independent or small press print works (fiction, poetry and non-fiction) by local authors.

The Emerging Local Authors Collection will be an annual showcase of fiction, poetry and non-fiction by emerging local authors for readers of all ages. The collection will be housed at the Central Library in a well-signed, distinct location to encourage browsing. The authors and their books will also be featured on our website for one year.

“Our hope is that the Emerging Local Author Collection will help bring the work of these emerging authors to a wider audience,” said Rina Hadziev, Coordinator of Collections & Technical Services at GVPL. “In recent years, it has become easier to get published but it can still be a challenge for less established authors to get their work into the hands of readers.”

We are currently seeking authors for inclusion in the inaugural Emerging Local Authors collection. Eligibility criteria includes:

- A print work written in French or English
- Published between 2010-2014
- Bound for rigors of circulation (professional quality)
- Author must reside in the South Island during their book’s publication year

Full eligibility criteria and an application form is online at [gvpl.ca](http://gvpl.ca). The deadline for submissions is **January 17, 2015**.

#### **About Greater Victoria Public Library**

Greater Victoria Public Library aims to inspire literacy, lifelong learning and community enrichment for all. GVPL provides services and collections in 10 libraries and online at [gvpl.ca](http://gvpl.ca) to more than 300,000 residents in 10 municipalities.

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