



Facts and Figures

Founded in 1988 by Founding Artistic Director Alma Lee

Our mission: The Vancouver Writers Fest brings readers and writers together to reimagine our lives and our world, through story and vibrant dialogue.

Six days in October on Granville Island, a cultural oasis in the heart of Vancouver, Canada.

Events at the 2015 Festival: 90

Growth of number of events from 2010 to 2015: + 34%

Authors from Canada and around the world appearing at the 2015 Festival: 110

2015 Festival attendees: 17,000.

Growth of Festival attendance from 2010 to 2015: + 31%

Average Festival attendance capacity from 2010 to 2015: 85%

Number of children and youth ages 5-18 participating in the VWF's Spreading the Word education program: 7,000

Festival events aimed at children and youth in 2015: 36, including four in French

Number of children and youth who received subsidized tickets or bus transportation to attend the 2015 Festival: 320

Author visits to inner-city schools in the Lower Mainland, offered free of charge to schools: 17

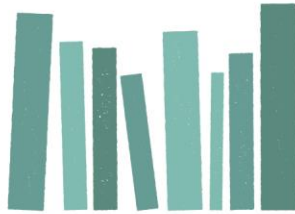
Number of week-long writer residencies in outlying BC communities, providing youth and adults the opportunity to meet and learn from authors: 2

Average year-round event attendance (including year-round programming and the Festival): 20,000-25,000

Growth in book sales over the past 2 years: + 25%

2016 Festival book sales anticipated to exceed \$100,000

The Vancouver International Writers Festival Society currently has an accumulated surplus of \$100,000



Igniting a passion for books and ideas.

All authors who appear at the Vancouver Writers Fest receive an honorarium for each event in which they appear.

Number of free, year-round events featuring writers such as Bernhard Schlink, Joyce Carol Oates, William Gibson and Yann Martel since 2011: 59

The Vancouver Writers Fest has presented authors from more than 40 different countries, including:

- Algeria
- Brazil
- China
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Iceland
- Iraq
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Korea
- Lebanon
- Malaysia
- Morocco
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Somalia
- South Africa
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Vietnam

Partnerships & Community Engagement - Since 1988, the Festival has partnered with many local and national organizations, including:

- Vancouver Public Library
- Vancouver Poetry House
- The Dhahan Prize for Punjabi Literature
- The Vancouver School Board
- Simon Fraser University - World Literature
- University of British Columbia - Creative Writing Department
- *Ricepaper* magazine
- The Scotiabank Giller Prize
- VWF staff also serve on grant juries for all levels of government for major literary prizes

Youngest published author presented at the Festival: 19. Oldest published author at the Festival: 87.

The Vancouver Writers Fest was voted 'Best Literary Event' in *The Georgia Straight's* Best of Vancouver: Reader's Choice Awards two years in a row (2014 and 2015).

In 2010, the Vancouver Writers Fest was selected as the Best Large Literary Festival by the Canadian Tourism Commission.

Experience the magic of the Vancouver Writers Fest with our Festival Experience video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzTfeD_HP9g