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## THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL LIBRARY SHOWCASING THE WORK OF LOCAL POETS

The Kamloops Library is celebrating National Poetry Month with an evening of readings from local poets. Kamloops residents Garry Gottfriedson, Barbara Ballé, and Susan Buis will present from their past and upcoming books of poetry. Join us for this entertaining event on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Spearheaded by the [League of Canadian Poets](http://poets.ca/npm/) and established in Canada in 1998, National Poetry Month brings together schools, publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, and poets from across the country to celebrate poetry and its vital place in Canada's culture. Find events and more information at <http://poets.ca/npm/>.

Garry Gottfriedson was born into a rodeo and ranching family here in Kamloops. He's an avid horseman and is strongly rooted in his Secwépemc (Shuswap) cultural teachings. He has nine published books and his work has been anthologized and published both nationally and internationally. Garry is currently a cultural adviser and lecturer with the [Faculty of Education and Social Work at Thompson Rivers University](http://www.tru.ca) (TRU).



Barbara Ballé is a Member and a Director at Large of [The Interior Authors Group](http://www.interiorauthors.ca) (IAG). She has published a collection of 50 poems entitled "Life Jingling in My Pockets". She's also published poems and short stories in several of the IAG's Anthologies. In 2018, she won The Dr. Robert and Elma Schemenauer Award for Writing Showing an Appreciation of Nature, for her poem "Urban Crow". She is planning another collection to be published later this year.



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ELECTORAL AREAS: "A" "B" "E" "I" "J" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P"

Susan Buis teaches in the [Journalism, Communication, and New Media Department at TRU](#). Her poems and nonfiction stories have been published in many literary journals and have won several awards, with her most recent feature in [Poetry is Dead](#). Her writing has been longlisted for [CBC Canada Writes](#) several times. A chapbook entitled *Sugar for Shock*, winner of the John Lent Prize, is now available from Kalamalka Press and *Gatecrasher* will be available from Invisible Press in June 2019.



This event is free but seating is limited. To register please contact the library at 250-372-5145 or [questions@tnrd.ca](mailto:questions@tnrd.ca).

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