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MEDIA RELEASE

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL MONTH AT FVRL *FVRL hosts two Aboriginal Artists in Residence throughout June.*

Abbotsford, BC – Celebrate National Aboriginal History Month at Fraser Valley Regional Library this June. Join us as we welcome Aboriginal Artists in Residence – Darlene Allison and Jay Havens. The artists will visit various FVRL locations to showcase their craft, chat with the public, and present programs to registered groups of all ages!

A member of the Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation, Darlene Allison is a self-taught artist who has been creating art in many forms for over 35 years. She is a skilled artist, painter, and sculptor; however, she has focused much of her passion the past 14 years on carving. Using alabasters and soap stones, some of which she gathered herself from mountains right here in BC, Darlene will demonstrate the craft of carving.

A descendant of the Haudenosaunee Mohawk Nation, Jay Havens is an interdisciplinary artist working in the fields of visual arts, mural making and scenography. Much of his work examines stories and the ways in which stories can be told visually to act as communicators between cultures. Using local materials, culture, narrative, and Bunraku – traditional Japanese style puppets, as inspiration, Jay will share the art of visual storytelling as he crafts a large five foot puppet that will take two people to articulate.

For more information, including the complete artist tour schedule, please visit www.fvrl.ca/aboriginalartist.php or your closest FVRL location.

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ARTIST'S SCHEDULE

Please note that all appearances are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Darlene Allison

- Chilliwack Library Monday, June 2 (Special Launch Event)
- Pitt Meadows Library Wednesday, June 4
- White Rock Library Thursday, June 5
- Ladner Pioneer Library Saturday, June 7
- Maple Ridge Public Library Monday, June 9
- George Mackie Library Wednesday, June 11
- Tsawwassen Library Friday, June 13
- Terry Fox Library Monday, June 16
- Sardis Library Wednesday, June 18
- Abbotsford Community Library Friday, June 20
- Mission Library Tuesday, June 24
- City of Langley Library Wednesday, June 25

Jay Havens

- City of Langley Library Tuesday, June 3 (Special Launch Event)
- Mission Library Friday, June 6
- Agassiz Library Tuesday, June 10
- Fort Langley Library Thursday, June 12
- Clearbrook Library Saturday, June 14
- Ladner Pioneer Library Tuesday, June 17
- Hope Library Thursday, June 19
- Tsawwassen Library Saturday, June 21
- White Rock Library Monday, June 23
- Chilliwack Library Thursday, June 26
- Terry Fox Library Friday, June 27
- Maple Ridge Public Library Saturday, June 28

ABOUT FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

Fraser Valley Regional Library is the largest public library system in British Columbia, with 25 community libraries serving almost 700,000 people in its service area. Established in 1930, it is funded with taxes raised in the community it serves, plus a Government of BC operating grant. The governing Board consists of elected officials representing 15 member municipalities and regional districts. With its mission "to connect people to the world of information and ideas," FVRL plays a prominent role in the communities throughout the Fraser Valley.

FVRL MEMBER LIBRARIES

<i>Abbotsford Community</i>	<i>Agassiz</i>	<i>Aldergrove</i>
<i>Boston Bar</i>	<i>Brookwood</i>	<i>Chilliwack</i>
<i>Clearbrook</i>	<i>Fort Langley</i>	<i>George Mackie</i>
<i>Hope</i>	<i>Ladner Pioneer</i>	<i>City of Langley</i>
<i>Maple Ridge</i>	<i>Mission</i>	<i>Mount Lehman</i>
<i>Muriel Arnason</i>	<i>Murrayville</i>	<i>Pitt Meadows</i>
<i>Sardis</i>	<i>Tsawwassen</i>	<i>Terry Fox</i>
<i>Walnut Grove</i>	<i>White Rock</i>	<i>Yale</i>
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