

1. SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION

The Local Indie Authors Collection exists to highlight the original creative work of new and independent authors in FVRL municipalities. These authors are provided with a dedicated submission process to have their work considered for addition to FVRL's lending collection. The collection scope does not include author back-catalogues, local history archives, government, and corporate publications, translations or works generated by AI.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBMISSION

Prospective authors submit an application form in order to be considered for inclusion. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis for addition to the collection.

- i. **Author residency:** Prospective authors must be residents in one of the 15 municipalities served by FVRL, or an Indigenous community member within the Fraser Valley area. Authors outside these jurisdictions whose books are set in FVRL communities are eligible for consideration.
- ii. **Currency of work:** Works submitted must be newly published (i.e., copyrighted) within the previous two calendar years. For example, in 2026 we will accept 2024 or later.
- iii. **Content of work:** Works may be fiction or non-fiction. Books for any age are welcome. FVRL welcomes books in English, French, and [other languages already collected](#) by the library, with the exception of translated works.
- iv. **Format of item:** The collection currently accepts only print books and ebooks by local authors. Print books need to have [an ISBN](#) and be professionally printed and bound for borrowing. Pamphlets, binders, spiral or ring bound and looseleaf books, and accompanying materials will not be accepted. eBooks must be available for purchase from OverDrive.
- v. **Rights assigned:** The applicant must have entirely authored the work and be the legitimate rights holder, and the work must comply with Canadian legislation. Content generated by AI, either text or illustrations, will not be accepted.
- vi. **Maximum number of submissions:** We will only consider at most two submissions per author per year.

Submission is comprised of an application form only. No reader copies or donations will be accepted for consideration.

3. INCLUSION IN THE COLLECTION

Prospective works accepted for inclusion in the collection will be purchased by FVRL (typically one to two copies), and items will become property of the library. Purchasing may be handled by a vendor on behalf of FVRL. Items added will be circulated for 18 months as part of the Local Indie Authors collection, or until the condition of the item makes it unsuitable for further borrowing. Items that are damaged, lost, or missing are not necessarily replaced or reordered. Works may be withdrawn from the Local Indie Authors collection at any time.

Authors whose works are accepted into the collection are not guaranteed further opportunities for promotion or selling.

Local Indie Authors

Application Form

Complete this form and email to localauthors@fvrl.bc.ca.

Book Title

Author Name

Author's Mailing Address

City

Postal Code

Email

Phone

ISBN

Copyright Year

Price

Publisher Name

Where is your book available for purchase? (E.g., Amazon, Library Bound, ULS, OverDrive):

Author Website (Optional):

Your work is:	Fiction/Novel	Biography/Memoir	Poetry	Other
Available Formats:	Hardcover Book	Trade Paperback	eBook	
Intended Audience:	Adults	Kids	Teens	

I have read the Local Indie Authors Collection Development Policy (page 1) and confirm that:

I meet all the criteria of eligibility for submission (section 2).

I understood and agree to the terms of inclusion in the collection (section 3).

If my book is selected, I understand that FVRL may share my application information with a vendor so they can purchase my book on behalf of the library.

I certify that AI was not used in the creation of this work.

Author's Legal Name

Date

Under 19 Only: Parent or Guardian's Legal Name

Date