

## **Evolving Together: From Collectors to Community Hubs**

Libraries and Museums have had similar trajectories—analogous evolutions in our origins as silent keepers of books and objects into our repositioning as vibrant sites meant for discovery, connection, and inspiration.

A partnership between Touchstones Nelson: Museum of Art and History and the Nelson Public Library in celebration of the Library's centenary is therefore most fitting. We honour our comparable pasts, while enthusiastically developing possibilities of even greater community interconnectedness, innovation, and knowledge sharing in the years ahead.

*Turning Pages: 100 Years of the Nelson Public Library*, is a multifaceted project of which we are thrilled to be a part. From September 12 to November 22, 2020, *Turning Pages* leaps from this book and onto the walls of Touchstones Nelson Museum's gallery space—visually showcasing the library's history and its dreams for the future.

Bringing history and word from paper to the immersive gallery space allows for elucidatory dialogue about Nelson's history as seen through literature, and the hearts and minds of library and literacy champions.

We thank the team of volunteers and staff from the Nelson Public Library and Touchstones Nelson Museum, along with the funders and donors, who have made this exhibition possible. We congratulate the Nelson Public Library on this incredible milestone, and for continued community connections over the next 100 years.

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