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## **SPL names Di Brandt as new Writer in Residence**

Saskatoon Public Library (SPL) is excited to announce that Di Brandt will serve as Saskatoon Public Library's 41st Writer in Residence.

Brandt's residency with SPL will start on Sep 1 and conclude at the end of May 2022. The Winnipeg-based author will begin meeting with writers remotely, though she will have in-person events and consultations later in her residency. Dates will be subject to public health guidelines and reopening plans—more details will be available in the coming months.

"I'm so delighted to have been chosen as the incoming Writer in Residence at the SPL for the coming year! It's an honour, and I look forward to taking part in the lively lovely literary scene of Saskatoon," said Brandt. "I especially look forward to reconnecting with esteemed literary colleagues there, and finding out what's cooking among emerging writers."

Brandt is an award-winning writer who has published a number of acclaimed poetry collections, as well as fiction, essays, translation, literary criticism and multimedia works. She has won the Gerald Lampert Award for best first book of poetry in Canada, the McNally Robinson Manitoba Book of the Year Award, and the Foreword Gold Medal for Fiction, amongst many other honours.

Brandt served as Winnipeg's inaugural Poet Laureate from 2018 to 2019 where she developed, among other things, the public poetry installation *Winnipeg Words* in collaboration with the Winnipeg Arts Council's Public Art program.

SPL's Writer in Residence acts as a mentor to writers in the community, reviewing manuscripts and providing publishing advice. The program was established in 1981 and is supported by Canada Council for the Arts. Learn more at <https://saskatoonlibrary.ca/services/wir>.

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