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Regina Public Library selects 2017-18 Writer in Residence

Regina Public Library (RPL) is pleased to announce the selection of Andrew Battershill as its 2017-2018 Writer in Residence.

“As always, we had a great pool of applicants to choose from,” Library Director and CEO Jeff Barber said. “Andrew stood out as an accomplished author and editor, and will bring his own unique perspective to our Writer in Residence program.”

Battershill’s first book, *Pillow*, was longlisted for the Giller Prize and shortlisted for the Kobo Emerging Writer Award. His second novel, *Marry, Bang, Kill*, is scheduled for release in 2018. Battershill was also the co-founder of the literary humour quarterly *Dragnet Magazine*, and is the Fiction Editor of *This Magazine*.

He currently resides in Vancouver with his wife, the poet and essayist Suzannah Showler, and will relocate to Regina to begin his residency on August 23, 2017.

RPL will welcome its new Writer in Residence at a launch event coinciding with International Literacy Day on September 8, 2017.

Regina Public Library was the first public library in Canada to offer a Writer in Residence program in 1978. Since then it has welcomed 28 additional residencies to provide services to the local writing community. For more information on the program, visit www.reginalibrary.ca.

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