## **Author Visits**

The library has already hosted two engaging author events this year which highlighted local talent and the authors' books providing powerful, thought-provoking themes that resonate with the local population.



# Ellen Burt Participants: 25

One of the events featured Ellen Burt, a local author, who launched her new memoir "An Impossible Fidelity: My Quaker Childhood". Ellen offered poignant reflections on her experiences growing up in a Quaker community and shared her insights into her unique cultural heritage to a robust crowd.







### Anne Degrace & Nathan Participants: 5

Another event showcased authors Anne Degrace & Nathan who gave a preview of their upcoming graphic novel "We Were Found in Fires". Their work explores the compelling narrative of a Kootenay summer where forests are burning, activists are blockading, and a young Doukhabor woman rookie wildfire fighter joins her first crew. She faces the dual challenges of confronting her past and battling the BC interior wildfires. Nathan discussed the art and nuance of creating a graphic novel, and Anne and Nathan shared their collaborative efforts. They presented slides of some of the pages that had been drawn and the subtle messages in each one. Anne and Nathan read from some completed parts of the story arc and delved into what is yet to be drawn. Unfortunately, this event coincided with a concert at the Langham, so attendance was dismal, but we hope to have Anne and Nathan back upon completing their graphic novel.

#### Friday May 3rd

#### sneak peek of the artwork







