11th Annual Lunenburg Literary Festival Shrouded in Mystery

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The Lunenburg Literary Festival – known as Lunenburg Lit – will return to the seaside town November 5-7, according to anonymous sources.

In a departure from previous festivals, this year's event is cloaked in mystery. South Shore Public Libraries, who sponsors the event, has revealed few details, saying only that readings and workshops will "keep readers on the edge of their seats."

Further sleuthing has uncovered the lineup.

On the night of November 6, author and journalist Stephen Kimber joins enigmatic crime writer CS Porter for an evening of dark secrets and deadly tides. Kimber's latest book, *Traitor's Game*, is "noir mystery with elements of spy fiction and police procedural." Porter describes their award-winning books *Beneath Her Skin* and *Salt on Her Tongue* as "psychological pressure cookers that ... blur the line of guilt and innocence."

For readers bold enough to attend a second evening, "Murder Between the Lines" on November 7 features three Nova Scotia mystery writers. Vicki Grant's *These Are the Fireworks* explodes a perfect marriage into chaos and intrigue. BR Myers' most recent gothic novel, *The Third Wife of Faraday House*, brings ghostly secrets to regency-era Canada. And Jane Doucet's *Blood Typed* uncovers murder and mayhem at ... a Nova Scotia literary event!

Mystery-lovers not satisfied with listening to dark tales can try their own hand. On the afternoon of November 7, a free workshop crafted by Vicki Grant will tempt writers to blend humour and pathos and "thicken the plot."

All events will be held in the parish hall of St. John's Anglican Church Parish Hall. The Hall, almost 200 years old and the original Lunenburg Courthouse, holds unsolved mysteries of its own.

An additional children's event will bring more magic than mystery. Vivian Zhou, author and illustrator of the *Atana* graphic novels, will delight schoolchildren at Bluenose Academy on November 5.

Tickets can be purchased at any branch of South Shore Public Libraries and online at the festival's website.