

Prolific Vic High grad unveils latest work at the Royal B.C. Museum

David Day, a Victoria High School grad of 1966, will give a sneak peek of his latest book coming out in October, "*Decoding Wonderland: Ancient Wisdom, a Forbidden Education and Real-Life Drama in Lewis Carroll's Alice,*" at a lecture on Thursday February 5.

The presentation, co-sponsored by the Royal B.C. Museum, Greater Victoria Public Libraries and the University of Victoria Libraries, is free of charge and is scheduled for 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Clifford Carl Hall in the Royal B.C. Museum, 675 Belleville St. However, seating is limited and registration is required. Go to <http://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/decoding-wonderland/> and click on "Buy Tickets" to obtain free tickets.

After graduating from Vic High, Day worked as a logger on Vancouver Island before graduating from UVic's Department of Creative Writing in 1976. In 1978, he moved to London, England, and began work at a professional writer.

He has published more than 40 books on poetry, ecology, history, fantasy, mythology, fiction and children's poetry and fiction. His books have garnered many literary awards, sold more than four million copies and have been chosen as "Books of the Year" by *Time Magazine*, *New Scientist*, *Parents Magazine* and the *Observer*. Day's six books about J.R.R. Tolkien and his work account for about three million sales in 20 languages.

His writing career began as an editor at Victoria High and he also contributed sports articles to the *Victoria Times*.

On Wednesday February 4, Day will receive the UVic Libraries' 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award at an awards ceremony at the Hotel Grand Pacific.