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SFU Public Square celebrates 'Extra Ordinary' stories

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Superheroes get all the ink. They wear bright costumes, save the day, and afterwards have a parade held in their honour.

But it's the everyday heroes, the community builders and the neighbourhood connectors, who often don't receive the recognition they truly deserve.

On September 21, as part of their inaugural community summit [Alone Together: Connecting in the City](#), SFU Public Square and the [Vancouver Foundation](#) will celebrate [Extra Ordinary](#) stories during an evening of [Rain City Chronicles](#) storytelling and music at the [Vancouver Playhouse](#).

Twelve [storytellers](#), ranging from an eleven-year old origami and crochet enthusiast (Nathan Coburn) to the executive director of [Beauty Night Society](#) (Caroline MacGillivray), will share stories of how they have made our communities stronger.

Rain City Chronicles co-founder [Lizzy Karp](#) and The Peak's [Cory Ashworth](#) will serve as co-hosts, while musical guests include [Portage and Main](#) and [e.s.l.](#)

Extra Ordinary is one of 11 events taking place during [Alone Together: Connecting in the City](#). The university has also opened its doors during the summit to community groups with Open Space, and has asked the public the question: "What is the future of libraries?"

SFU Public Square was officially launched in June of 2012, and originated from the university's yearlong [consultation process](#), which produced SFU's strategic vision as "[The Engaged University](#)." SFU Public Square is designed to put SFU's physical, intellectual and virtual capacities to work to support public engagement and deliberation on issues of public concern.

For more information on SFU Public Square and Alone Together – Connecting in the City, please visit: <http://www.sfu.ca/publicsquare>

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