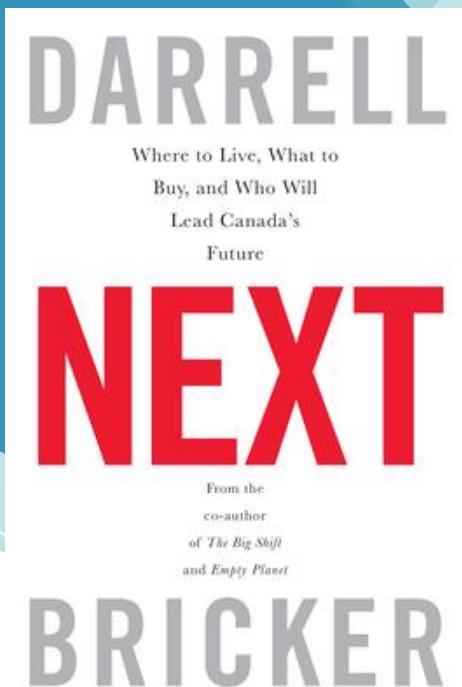




Community Reading Circle

Next: Where to Live, What to Buy, and Who Will Lead Canada's Future

Reading circles provide opportunities for people to come together to read and discuss topics of mutual interest. These discussions can result in deeper understanding, collaboration and innovation for the participants involved.

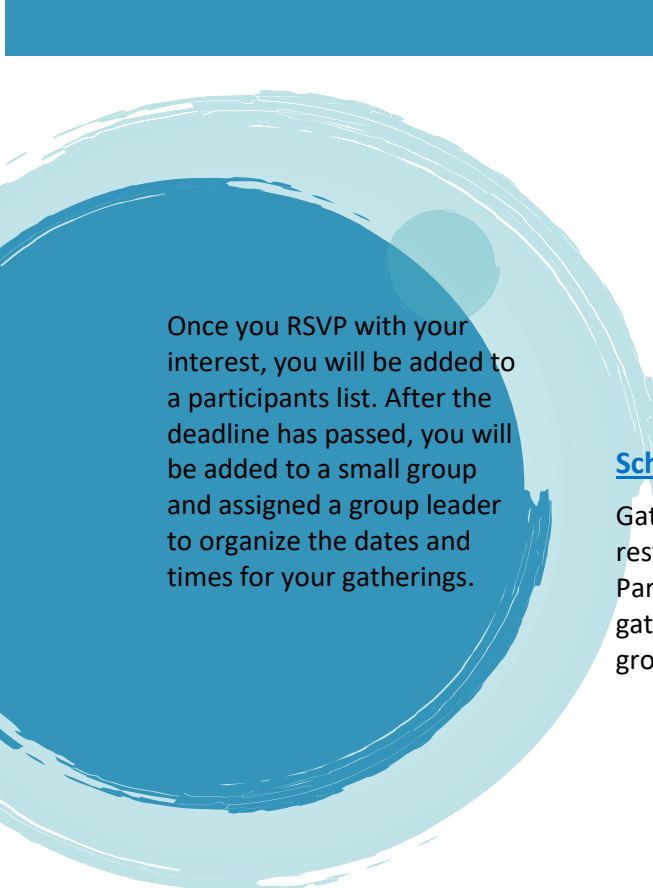
This is an invitation to participate in a reading circle on the book **Next: Where to Live, What to Buy, and Who Will Lead Canada's Future** by Darrell Bricker. In this book, Bricker distills trends on demographic data and forecasts what we can expect in the future. Bricker is the CEO of Ipsos Public Affairs and is a recognized expert on Canadian trends. Learn more about the [book here](#).



This is a collaborative learning opportunity organized by Vancouver Island University, the Vancouver Island Regional Libraries, the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance

How does this work?

- Let us know you are keen to participate via email – Nicole.vaugeois@viu.ca **by February 10th**. Please indicate which community you are located in so we can group participants.
- Either
 - [Buy the book](#)
 - [Obtain a physical copy through the VIRL](#)
- Read the book (note the schedule below)
- Attend the discussions (see notes below)
- Discuss your impressions and learnings and listen to the perspectives of others



Once you RSVP with your interest, you will be added to a participants list. After the deadline has passed, you will be added to a small group and assigned a group leader to organize the dates and times for your gatherings.

Schedule of dates

Gatherings are held at a variety of local venues including libraries or local restaurants/pubs. Locations will be determined by each group.

Participants will be put into small groups of 6 – 8 people to arrange a gathering at a time and venue that works for them. We will invite all groups to a closing event in June (pending the number of participants).

- March - Part 1 *Who we really are*
- April - Part 2 *Where we live*
- May - Part 3 *Who we'll be*
- June - Part 4 *What's next and closing event*

Format for the discussions

The discussions are informal and collegial with a focus on surfacing individual and collective learning. When reading the book, identify ideas that resonated with you, facts that surprised you, content that you wanted to explore further with others, things that you perhaps questioned and those that may be valuable for you personally or professionally.

