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Discover Canada's tragic past with author and historian Michael Dupuis's Halifax Explosion talk

The Halifax Explosion was one of the deadliest maritime disasters in history, killing thousands and causing widespread devastation. Its impact on Canadian history and the resilience of its people in the face of tragedy make it a story that is both poignant and relevant today — and a story that will be brought to life by author, historian and former educator Michael Dupuis in an upcoming presentation.

Two-thousand people died and 6000 were left without homes when a munitions ship, the Mont-Blanc, exploded in Halifax Harbour on December 6, 1917. Dupuis's book, *[Bearing Witness: Journalists, Record Keepers And The 1917 Halifax Explosion](#)*, tells the story of the disaster through eyewitness accounts.

The event takes place from 2-3:30 p.m. on April 15 at the Isabel Turner Branch. Registration is required to attend and can be completed at <https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/7998172> or by calling 613-549-8888.

"Through the words of those who were there, Michael Dupuis will bring to life the events of the Halifax Explosion and give us perspective on how it fits into our larger history," said Jake Miller, Librarian, Adult Programming. "Michael will discuss how and why certain aspects were reported or emphasized and share fresh insight into this pivotal event."

As a historian, Dupuis has extensively researched Canadian media and labour history. His next talk with KFPL is about the Winnipeg General Strike on April 22 at 2 p.m. Learn more at <https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/7998222>.

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