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NANAIMO May 1, 2013 – Library on Cortes Island closer to reality

Vancouver Island Regional Library is pleased to report that the opening of a new branch on Cortes Island is one step closer to reality.

In April the Strathcona Regional District approved a bylaw re-zoning the land on which the Linnaea School is located to allow a public library to operate at that location. The Roque Room in the former Linnaea School will be leased from the Linnaea Farm Society and operated as a library.

“We have been working to relocate the Cortes Branch since last year and are very happy this next milestone has been reached,” says Bruce Jolliffe, Chair of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees. “We will now begin work on converting the Roque Room to a library branch that is appealing, comfortable, inviting and safe for the residents of Cortes Island.”

Features of the new branch include: a designated children’s computer area with educational, fun-filled software that promotes literacy; study tables; public access computers; and comfortable lounge seating. The new branch will have a collection of approximately 5,000 items, of which 50% will be brand new.

The Cortes Island branch will open once renovations are complete.

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