

News Release

Official opening of Gabriola Island Library Branch

NANAIMO, October 19, 2012 – Residents of Gabriola Island celebrate the official opening of their new library branch on Saturday, October 20. The new 3155 sq. ft. facility located at Folklife Village is almost twice the size of the former branch.

“Our new library provides a welcoming, airy and bright, community space with room for more books, CDs, DVDs, newspapers, magazines, and computers,” says Ronna-Rae Leonard, Chair of the Board of Trustees for Vancouver Island Regional Library.

The new library features:

- Natural light and vaulted ceilings
- Designated reading area with comfortable lounge chairs
- An increase in computer stations
- A more spacious children’s section with colourful, age-appropriate furniture and children’s literacy computer stations
- More flexible space for programming
- Study areas
- An express check-out station and customer holds pickup area
- Wireless access

“I know the residents of Gabriola Island will be pleased the library’s collection has increased to 15,000 items to respond to increased demand for service from Gabriola’s over 2,800 registered borrowers,” says Rosemary Bonanno, Executive Director of Vancouver Island Regional Library.

Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is the fourth largest library system in British Columbia. We serve over 430,000 people on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii, and Bella Coola on the Central Coast through 38 branch libraries, a virtual branch, and a books by mail service. VIRL’s holdings number one million and include books, magazines, CD’s and DVD’s. Administrative offices are located in Nanaimo.

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