



News Release

Tender awarded for construction of Cowichan Lake Library Branch

NANAIMO November 30, 2012 – The Board of Trustees for Vancouver Island Regional Library is awarding Heatherbrae Construction the tender to build the new library in Lake Cowichan. The construction budget is \$1 million.

The new library will be more than twice as big as the current branch and will include an increase in public access computers, new children's literacy computer stations, comfortable lounge seating, study space, meeting rooms and a designated area for children's programs. A larger branch also means more room for books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs and CDs.

"We very much appreciate our partnership with the Town of Lake Cowichan," says Vancouver Island Regional Library Board Chair Ronna-Rae Leonard. "Their donation of the land on which the new library will be located has been the catalyst we needed to expand library services for the citizens of Lake Cowichan."

"It is exciting to know our new library will be under construction soon", says Ross Forrest, Mayor of Lake Cowichan. "This new facility will be a great addition to our entire community. The need for a larger more modern library will be also fulfilled. As well, a new beautiful building will be pivotal in our downtown revitalization efforts. On behalf of Council and the residents, I would like to congratulate the Library Board of Trustees and its staff for their diligent efforts in making the new library a reality."

Construction of the new library in Lake Cowichan will begin early in 2013.

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 over one million and include books, magazines, CD's and DVD's.

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