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Nanaimo North Branch Library Opens its Doors!

NANAIMO, June 27, 2014 –Vancouver Island Regional Library is pleased to announce that the new Nanaimo North branch on 6250 Hammond Bay Road has opened its doors to the public today!

At 17,600 square feet, this new Nanaimo North branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library represents one of the largest public libraries on Vancouver Island and is an anticipated destination and gathering space for the Nanaimo community.

Featuring a modern design, a warm and inviting interior, and floor to ceiling windows, the new Nanaimo North branch complements the natural west coast landscape of conifers that surround the building. Inside, the new library features thousands of new books and magazines, CDs and DVDs, as well as a laptop bar, free WiFi throughout the building, new computer and Internet stations, a children's area, a youth/teen area, a large fireplace and lounge area, bookable meeting rooms with flat-screen TVs, and several alcoves for study, collaboration and creation.

Vancouver Island Regional Library welcomes the community to an **official opening celebration of the branch on July 12th at 1:00pm**. Children's activities, festivities, refreshments, a ribbon cutting and live music will be featured!

Hours of operation at the new Nanaimo North branch are Monday-Thursday 10:00am – 8:00pm, Friday – Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Sunday 12:30pm – 4pm.

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 39 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.

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