



### Kids Can “Build It” at the 2015 Summer Reading Club!

**NANAIMO, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015** – Kids everywhere are being invited to visit their local library to read, build, craft and create some fun at this year’s Summer Reading Club! The theme for 2015, “Build It”, encourages children ages 0-12 to visit their local library branch this summer to help them build their reading skills.

Registration is **free** at your local branch or by visiting us [online](http://virl.bc.ca/kids) at [virl.bc.ca/kids](http://virl.bc.ca/kids)! Summer Reading Club officially kicks off on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs until August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Children registered receive a **free** Summer Reading Club package with goodies including a reading record, a bookmark, a VIRL tattoo, stickers and a tape measure. Every time a child (or guardian) fills in seven lines of their reading record, they are entered into a **weekly prize draw**. Readers who finish their reading record will be eligible to receive a special Summer Reading Club medal and be entered into a grand prize draw!

This summer at Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL), the Summer Reading Club also coincides with a new initiative offered by the library called **Read Down Your Fines**. Children participating in Summer Reading Club will have the opportunity to remove any fines they may have by reading them down. For every reading record page a child completes during Summer Reading Club, they are eligible to have up to \$5 in fines (up to \$35 total) removed from their library card. The Read Down Your Fines initiative was approved by the Board of Trustees in 2014 as another way to encourage children to visit their library and continue reading!

Participants can register for Summer Reading Club by visiting their local branch. You can also register [online](http://virl.readingrecord.net) at [virl.readingrecord.net](http://virl.readingrecord.net), or to learn more, at [virl.bc.ca/kids](http://virl.bc.ca/kids)!

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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. Administrative offices are located in Nanaimo.

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