

## News Release

### Tender awarded for construction of Nanaimo North Library Branch

**NANAIMO November 26, 2012** – The Board of Trustees for Vancouver Island Regional Library is awarding Century Group Inc. of Victoria, the tender to build the Nanaimo North Library Branch to be located at 6250 Hammond Bay Road. The total project budget is just over \$8.6 million.

The construction project includes partial demolition of the existing building that houses the administrative staff of Vancouver Island Regional Library, renovations to the portion of the building remaining, and the addition of a new 17,600 square foot library space to the renovated building.

“We are very excited to have reached this milestone in our plan to build a new library in the north of the city,” says Board Chair Ronna-Rae Leonard. “The residents of north Nanaimo have been waiting for a library for a long time. Work will begin in early 2013.”

The Nanaimo North Library is designed by Victoria architects Chow Low Hammond. It will feature large windows to take advantage of natural light, and will complement the mature evergreen trees that surround the site. Two meeting rooms will be available for public use, there will be room for programming for children and adults, and comfortable and quiet places for reading and study. Customers will be able to borrow books (including best sellers), DVDs, CDs, and magazines and download eBooks and eAudiobooks. Free internet and Wi-Fi access will also be available.

The Nanaimo North Library is anticipated to open in the late spring of 2014 and will serve residents in north Nanaimo, Lantzville and Nanoose.

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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