

## News Release

### Work begins on new Nanaimo North Branch

**NANAIMO February 5, 2013** – Work has begun on Vancouver Island Regional Library's newest branch (Nanaimo North) to be located at 6250 Hammond Bay Road. Century Group Inc. of Victoria is the general contractor.

"This is an important milestone for the residents of north Nanaimo, and for Vancouver Island Regional Library," says Ronna-Rae Leonard, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "The Nanaimo North branch will be our biggest at 17,600 square feet and will serve residents in north Nanaimo, Lantzville and Nanoose."

**A photo op at the library site will take place on Thursday, February 7 at 2 pm with Board Chair Ronna-Rae Leonard, VIRL trustees Diane Brennan and George Holme and Executive Director Rosemary Bonanno.**

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

Designed by Victoria architects Chow Low Hammond, the Nanaimo North branch 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

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