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News Release

Our Right to Information: Freedom to Read Week Celebrated by Vancouver Island Regional Library Branches

NANAIMO, February 18, 2014 – Banned books and free expression may not make the headlines, but they affect the right of Canadians to decide for themselves what they choose to read.

Freedom to Read week (February 23rd – March 1st) is an annual event that encourages people to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Vancouver Island Regional Library is celebrating Freedom to Read week and supporting the right of information across its branches with multiple events and a “challenged works” books section. To learn more about Freedom to Read week and to spread the word, visit www.freedomtoread.ca. You can also participate by visiting your local library: visit us at www.virl.bc.ca and click on the Freedom to Read banner to learn more!

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