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News Release

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

NANAIMO, February 11, 2014 – Canadians have a right to decide for themselves what they choose to read. Banned books and free expression may not make the headlines, but they affect the lives of every Canadian.

Vancouver Island Regional Library is celebrating Freedom to Read week and supporting the right of information across its branches with multiple events and offering “challenged works” on display. To learn more about Freedom to Read week and to spread the word, visit virl.bc.ca/ftw. You can also participate by visiting your local library!

Freedom to Read week (February 22nd – 28th) is an annual event that encourages people to reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

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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