



Press Release

It's an Open House at the New Harbourfront Library!

NANAIMO, October 27th, 2015 – The public is invited to an Open House celebration at the newly refurbished Nanaimo Harbourfront branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL)!

On November 7th at 1:00pm, the Nanaimo Harbourfront Library will host an official event to celebrate the reopening of the branch which took place on October 20th. On November 7th, familiar staff will be demonstrating the branch's new [Creativity Commons](#) space, an area on the second 'storey' which boasts a comprehensive Genealogy Lab, an Espresso Book Machine (self-publishing machine), a Make & Break Lab and more! Also being featured at the Open House are the 'the Kerplunks', who will be entertaining young and old, as well as refreshments and snacks.

The public is invited to come and explore their newly refurbished Nanaimo Harbourfront branch, pick out a good read and relax by the fireplace, peruse the new collection of DVDs and audiobooks, visit with staff and meet with friends in their new but familiar Library space.

The story: On April 2nd, the Nanaimo Harbourfront branch closed while the building underwent refurbishment. The project included new flooring, paint, furniture, fixtures and library equipment throughout the building – as well as the launch of the Creativity Commons: A second 'storey' space for creativity and imagination. The Creativity Commons is also home to the highly anticipated book publishing machine, which is now available to the public.

During the closure, VIRL opened a Nanaimo Harbourfront Temporary branch at the CTV building space to provide customers a holds pick-up area. VIRL also opened a computer space with 30-minute internet access to the public while construction took place. The newly refurbished and popular downtown Library is being reopened on-schedule in the Fall of 2015.

The Nanaimo Harbourfront Library is open Monday – Thursday (10am – 8pm), Friday & Saturday (10am – 5pm), Sunday (12:30pm – 4pm).

For more information, contact us at info@virl.bc.ca or toll-free at 1-877-415-VIRL. For more information about the new Creativity Commons, contact us at creativitycommons@virl.bc.ca.

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Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is the fifth-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, CDs and DVDs. Administrative offices are located in Nanaimo.

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