



# Nanaimo North Branch Recognized at Vancouver Island Commercial Building Awards Night

**NANAIMO, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015** – Vancouver Island Regional Library received honours at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Vancouver Island Commercial Building Awards on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in recognition of the library's newest branch, Nanaimo North, which officially opened in July, 2014.

The *Award of Excellence – Community Institutional Renovation* recognizes outstanding workmanship and design in commercial buildings. Each year, winners are selected by a panel of independent judges from various professional and development industries.

According to the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB), the Commercial Building Awards celebrate the best in commercial and industrial construction north of the Malahat.

The Nanaimo North branch began construction in 2010 to serve the emergent need for library services and civic space in the growing north-Nanaimo community. At 17,600 square feet, the new Nanaimo North branch represents one of the largest public libraries on Vancouver Island and features a warm and inviting interior and design like no other library on the Island. The branch offers peaceful alcoves for study, fireplace and lounge areas for reading and group collaboration, and high-tech meeting rooms to serve the needs of the business and student community.

The Nanaimo North branch project was submitted by [Low Hammond Rowe Architects Inc.](#), based out of Victoria, B.C.

For more information about the Nanaimo North branch, visit us at [www.virl.bc.ca/branches/nanaimo-north](http://www.virl.bc.ca/branches/nanaimo-north). For more information about the Vancouver Island Commercial Building Awards, visit [www.vireb.com](http://www.vireb.com).

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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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