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## News Release

### Welcome to Your New Nanaimo North Library Branch

**NANAIMO, June 24, 2014** –Vancouver Island Regional Library is pleased to welcome the community to the official opening celebration of **the new Nanaimo North branch!** On July 12<sup>th</sup>, everyone is invited to join in the music, festivities, ribbon cutting and prize draws to celebrate the highly anticipated new library on 6250 Hammond Bay Road.

At 17,600 square feet, this new Nanaimo North branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library represents one of the largest public libraries on Vancouver Island and is an anticipated destination and gathering space for the Nanaimo community.

Featuring a modern design, a warm and inviting interior, and floor to ceiling windows, the new Nanaimo North branch complements the natural west coast landscape of conifers that surround the building. Inside, the new library features thousands of new books and magazines, CDs and DVDs, as well as a laptop bar, free WiFi throughout the building, new computer and Internet stations, a children's area, a youth/teen area, a large fireplace and lounge area, bookable meeting rooms with flat-screen TVs, and several alcoves for study, collaboration and creation.

Chair of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees, Bruce Jolliffe, comments, "The space is incredible. From the spacious, open foyer to the bookable, Bluetooth-enabled meeting rooms, this is truly a vital community space and a valuable resource for both residents and businesses of the community."

As well as providing a resource for the community, the new Nanaimo North branch building also houses the administrative offices of Vancouver Island Regional Library.

"The new library is purpose-built to allow the community to connect and exchange ideas and knowledge, as well as to provide access to materials that inspire innovation and imagination. Libraries of today are designed to be vital institutions that both enrich lives and strengthen communities," comments Rosemary Bonanno, Executive Director of Vancouver Island Regional Library. "I believe that we have accomplished this and more with the completion of the Nanaimo North branch."

For more information about the opening, please visit us at [www.virl.bc.ca](http://www.virl.bc.ca) and click on the new Nanaimo North banner!

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.

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