



Port Hardy Library to Undergo Refurbishments: Temporary Library to Open in Mid-November

NANAIMO, October 29th, 2015 – Beginning on Tuesday, November 3rd, the Port Hardy branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) will be closed while the building receives refurbishments. In the meantime, a temporary Library branch will be opened mid-November. The temporary library branch will be located at the Thunderbird Mall at 8950 Granville St., Port Hardy.

Refurbishments to the Port Hardy branch will include new flooring, paint, furniture, shelving and library equipment throughout the building. Other features of the new space will include additional public computer stations, improvements to the children's learning area and greater washroom access.

While the branch is closed, the **Port Hardy Temporary Branch** at the Thunderbird Mall (8950 Granville St.) will be a full-service location to provide customers a holds-pick up area, public computers with internet access, a study area, children's area and light shelving with items for checkout. The refurbished branch is scheduled to reopen again in the Spring, 2016.

For additional in-branch services, customers are also encouraged to visit VIRL online virl.bc.ca.

For more information about the temporary branch and how library services will be retained during the temporary closure, please contact us at amartin@virl.bc.ca or 250-949-6661.

Prior to November 3rd, hours of operation at the Port Hardy Library branch are Tuesday - Wednesday (10am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm), Thursday (1pm – 4pm & 5pm – 8pm), Friday (12pm – 5pm) and Saturday (10am – 12pm & 1pm – 5pm). The hours of operation at the Port Hardy Temporary branch will be Tuesday – Thursday (10am – 12pm & 1pm – 5pm), Friday (12pm – 5pm) and Saturday (10am – 12pm & 1pm – 5pm). For updates, please visit <http://virl.bc.ca/branches/port-hardy>.

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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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