



Tentative Five-Year Collective Agreement Ratified by VIRL Board at 2016 AGM

NANAIMO, January 21st, 2016 – On January 16th, 2016, the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) Board of Trustees ratified a tentative 5-year collective agreement with CUPE 401.

The tentative collective agreement was reached with the assistance of mediation between VIRL and CUPE 401 bargaining units on January 14th, 2016. At the VIRL Board of Trustees Annual General Meeting, the agreement was ratified by the 38-member Board. VIRL and CUPE 401 now await the results of a ratification vote by CUPE 401 members on January 24th, 2016.

VIRL staff have been without a contract since January 1st, 2015. This tentative five-year collective agreement would cover a term from January 1st, 2015 to December 31, 2019.

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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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