

News Release

Official opening of Quadra Island Library Branch

NANAIMO, May 5, 2012 – Residents of Quadra Island celebrated the official opening of their new library branch today. The new 3207 sq. ft. facility located at Cove Centre, Quathiaski Cove is more than three times the size of the former branch.

“This new facility provides a welcoming, airy and bright, fully-accessible community space with large windows, and room for more books, CDs, DVDs, newspapers, magazines, and computers,” says Ronna-Rae Leonard, Chair of the Board of Trustees for Vancouver Island Regional Library.

The new library features:

- Designated reading area with comfortable lounge chairs
- Six computer stations
- Children’s section with colourful, age-appropriate furniture
- Children’s literacy computer stations
- Section for teens with attractive, age-appropriate furnishings
- Study area with seating for eight
- Stand-alone catalogue stations
- Express check-out station
- Wireless access
- Customer holds pickup area

“I know the residents of Quadra Island will be pleased the library’s collection has increased from 13,000 items to over 15,000 items to respond to increased demand for service from Quadra’s over 1,200 registered borrowers,” says Rosemary Bonanno, Executive Director of Vancouver Island Regional Library.

The library also includes a small space to display local art, washrooms are wheelchair-accessible and there is ample parking. The architect for the Quadra Island Library Branch is Paul Hammond of Chow Low Hammond in Victoria.

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The new branch is located close to the credit union, grocery store, gas station, coffee shop and other retail businesses, as well as the elementary school and the RCMP office. Students who attend high school in Campbell River will now have easier access to the library on Quadra Island.

Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is the fourth largest library system in British Columbia. We serve over 417,000 people on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii, and Bella Coola on the Central Coast through 38 branch libraries, a virtual branch, and a books by mail service. VIRL's holdings number over 993,000 and include books, magazines, CD's and DVD's. Administrative offices are located in Nanaimo.

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