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News Release

Official opening of Port Renfrew Island Library Branch

NANAIMO, October 5, 2013 – The Vancouver Island Regional Library is pleased to announce the official opening of the new Port Renfrew library on Saturday, October 5th. In celebration, VIRL is hosting a grand opening of the new ~670 sq. ft. facility located in the Port Renfrew Recreation Center. The event will include live music, kid's activities and refreshments and an opportunity for the community to view their new Library for the first time.

"We're excited to officially open the new library facility, which will offer a better location and greater hours of operation for the Port Renfrew community," says Bruce Jolliffe, Chair of the Board of Trustees for Vancouver Island Regional Library.

Highlights of the new facility include:

- A new designated reading area featuring comfortable seating throughout
- Higher ceilings and a contemporary facility
- Increased collection, including best-selling titles and DVDs
- 24/7 book return
- Internet computer stations
- Free wireless access
- Children's literacy computer station
- Improved location and hours of operation

"We believe that local residents will be pleased with the new and modern facility and particularly the improved accessibility afforded by the new location and operating hours. The Port Renfrew library boasts approximately 4,600 items in its collection, including best-selling titles, and a host of services for the community," says Rosemary Bonanno, Executive Director of Vancouver Island Regional Library.

The new Port Renfrew Library is located on 6638 Deering Road and is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm.

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 38 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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