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# News Release

## Turning pennies into books

**February 27, 2013** – Are you wondering what to do with all of the pennies you have sitting at home in jars or piled up on your dresser?

Now that the penny has been withdrawn from circulation, we have a suggestion for you. Why not donate your pennies to your local branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) and see those pennies turn into books?

"It's amazing how quickly loose change adds up and makes a difference," says Rosemary Bonanno, Executive Director of Vancouver Island Regional Library. "All of our 38 branches have penny rollers that any member of the public can pick up, fill and return to their local branch. This is an easy and fun way for the public to show support for their library."

98,200 pennies (\$982) is the average value of material borrowed each year by VIRL customers. 1,350 pennies (\$13.50) is the typical cost to add one children's book to the library's collection.

Public libraries are a vital community resource. They connect people to information, ideas and experiences that enrich their lives and strengthen our community. Strong libraries are vital community destinations for knowledge, inspiration, innovation and renewal.

Show your love for your library by visiting your local branch to pick up your penny rollers, or drop off pennies that have already been rolled. Let's turn those pennies into books!

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