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News Release

NANAIMO June 17, 2013 – Vancouver Island Regional Library recognized for supporting diversity @ work

Three locations of Vancouver Island Regional Library are being recognized by the Provincial Government and Vancouver Island Vocational & Rehabilitation Services (VIVRS) for their support of Diversity @ Work programs. This recognition is given to employers who employ people with developmental disabilities.

Vancouver Island Regional Library established a partnership with Vancouver Island Vocational & Rehabilitation Services in 2011 to allow adult pages to serve in our Courtney, Nanaimo Harbourfront, Parksville, Port Alberni and Sidney branches, and at our Administration and Support Services locations in Nanaimo. The three Nanaimo locations being recognized are the Poplar Street Administration location, the Boban Drive Support Services location, and the down town Nanaimo Harbourfront Branch.

“We have been extremely pleased with our partnership with Vancouver Island Vocational & Rehabilitation Services,” says Rosemary Bonanno, Executive Director of Vancouver Island Regional Library. “Not only do clients of VIVRS gain valuable life skills and work experience, our customers and staff get an opportunity to meet and interact with these wonderful young adults.”

VIVRS works with employers by supporting them as they search for, train and hire the workers they need. Clients of VIVRS get the support they need to prepare for employment, training, and an improved quality of life.

On Tuesday, June 18 at 1 pm at the 711 Poplar Street location, Debbie Provencher, EmployAbility Program Manager for VIVRS will present Rosemary Bonanno with certificates of recognition and formally thank VIRL for its support of “Diversity @ Work programs.

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