

News Release

New literacy kits for children with visual impairments

January 24, 2013 – Early literacy programming and materials are an important part of the services offered by Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL).

Thanks to a partnership with the *Success by 6 Early Literacy Program for Children with Visual Impairments* library customers can now borrow three different brand new literacy kits for children with visual impairments. The themes of the kits are “numbers”, “ABCs” and “bears”. More kits are planned.

“These kits contain a variety of materials for different levels of visual impairment and include braille number blocks, puppets, tactile picture books, a magnetic board and brightly coloured magnetic numbers with braille,” says Laura Beswick, Divisional Manager of Collections and Support Services.

Interested customers can request a kit and it will be sent to their local branch. Like the Kindergarten Kits available from VIRL, these kits are available to all VIRL customers.

Early literacy kits for kids have been part of the library’s collection for a number of years and include a variety of materials that stimulate a child’s imagination and introduce children to the joy of reading.

These new kits are a great addition to the Kindergarten Kits and Early Literacy Kits already available at Vancouver Island Regional Library.

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, an eLibrary at virl.bc.ca and a Books by Mail service. VIRL’s holdings number over one million and include books, magazines, eBooks, CD’s and DVD’s. Administrative offices are located in Nanaimo.

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