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Community Celebrates Opening of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Branch on Cortes Island

NANAIMO, April 30, 2014 – The community of Cortes Island celebrated with members of the Vancouver Island Regional Library on Friday, April 25th for the reopening of the new Cortes Island Library Branch which officially opened its doors in late 2013. The new ~1,350 sq. ft. branch located at 1255 Seaford Road at Linnaea Farm offers **free wifi**, computer stations with internet, DVDs, books, eBooks, magazines and CDs in its over 5,100-item collection. The celebration, which began at 1pm, included music by local artist Elizabeth Jaegar, as well as cake and refreshments, a ribbon cutting and prizes for guests in attendance.

“We’re honoured to have had such a fantastic turn-out at the opening celebration. The community of Cortes Island has been extremely supportive of their new branch,” says Brenda Leigh, local Trustee for the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

Guests in attendance included: Bruce Jolliffe, Chair and Trustee for Comox Valley Regional District; Brenda Leigh, Trustee for Strathcona Regional District; Ron Kerr, Trustee for the City of Campbell River; Ronna-Rae Leonard, Past Chair; Noba Anderson, Director for Strathcona Regional District; members of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Executive and Board; local branch staff and of course, members of the community of Cortes Island.

Among other highlights, the new Cortes Island branch offers:

- A warm and inviting interior with modern design
- Open spaces and greater area for reading
- Comfortable lounge seating
- Self-checkout
- Children’s programming, including Storytimes
- A children’s area and a literacy station
- Free Wifi access and computer stations
- A comprehensive collection of new books, DVDs and CDs and magazines

The new Vancouver Island Regional Library Cortes Island Branch is located on 1255 Seaford Road (Linnaea Farm) and is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1pm-5pm.

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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