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REGIONAL LIBRARY**

## **News Release**

### **Community Celebrates Official Opening of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Cumberland Branch**

**NANAIMO, October 28, 2013** – Over 100 members of the town of Cumberland celebrated the official opening of the new Cumberland Branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The new ~3,200 sq. ft. branch located at 2746 Dunsmuir Avenue is over double the size of the previous branch and boasts over 12,000 items (including DVDs, ebooks, CDs and magazines) in its collection. The official opening event included fun-filled kid’s activities and heart-warming entertainment by local artist Captain Thunderpants, as well as cake and refreshments and prize draws for guests in attendance.

“We’re honoured to have had such a fantastic turn-out at the opening celebration. The community of Cumberland has been extremely supportive of their new branch,” says Bruce Jolliffe, Chair of the Board of Trustees for Vancouver Island Regional Library.

Guests in attendance included Mayor Leslie Baird, local Trustee, Kate Greening, members of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Executive and Board, and local branch staff.

Among other highlights, the new Cumberland branch offers:

- A warm and inviting interior with modern design
- Open spaces and greater area for reading
- Comfortable lounge seating and fireplace area
- A children’s area with literacy stations
- Free Wifi access and computer stations
- A comprehensive collection of new books, DVDs and CDs and magazines
- An Xbox learning game station
- Greater staff hours for improved service and programs

The new Vancouver Island Regional Library Cumberland Branch is located on 2746 Dunsmuir Avenue and is open on Tuesday (10 – 5pm), Wednesday and Thursday (1 – 8pm) and Friday and Saturday (10 – 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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