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News Release

Name the Whale Contest Has a Winner!

NANAIMO, October 1, 2014 – Vancouver Island Regional Library is very excited to announce that one of its newest staff members, a 6ft. tall orca whale, has received a name! Over 850 entries were submitted from children across Vancouver Island and surrounding islands, including Haida Gwaii.

The winner is 11-year old Cameron Michalko, of Campbell River who suggested that the new name be: "Tales" the Whale!

The contest, which invited kids to get creative and send in their suggested names, ran from the beginning of July to August 16th. Children ages 6-12 years old entered by filling out a contest entry form and handing them in at their local Vancouver Island Regional Library branch.

Cameron is also receiving a special prize and certificate for his contribution.

Tales the Whale, Vancouver Island Regional Library's mascot, started full-time in July.

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 39 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.

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