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News Release

Nanaimo Harbourfront Renovations to Include Book Publishing Machine and Creativity Centre

NANAIMO, February 18th, 2015 – The popular Nanaimo Harbourfront branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is receiving planned renovations in 2015. The renovations include new flooring, paint, furniture, fixtures and library equipment throughout the building– as well as the launch of the Creativity Commons: A second story space for creativity and imagination. The Creativity Commons will also be home to a book publishing machine, which will be made available to the public.

The Creativity Commons will be located on the second floor and complement a host of other services, new and already available at the branch. These include a genealogy area, a public computer lab with new computers, mobile media kits and do-it-yourself programs lead by staff.

The new book publishing machine allows customers to print and bind their own books in minutes. The book publishing machine is expected to benefit local authors, storytellers, artists and members of the community interested in publishing their own cookbooks, memoirs, comic books and creative stories.

The Nanaimo Harbourfront branch, one of 39 in the VIRL system, saw over 285,000 visitors in 2014 and had over 440,000 items circulated. The renovations are a part of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Facilities Master Plan, approved in 2009, and includes general maintenance as well as facility improvements.

To support customers during the renovations, a holds-pickup area will be provided beside the Nanaimo Harbourfront branch (the old CTV building). The renovations are expected to begin in the Spring, 2015, and completed by Fall, 2015. For additional in-branch services, customers are also encouraged to visit the Nanaimo Wellington and Nanaimo North branches.

For more information and detail about the renovations and how library services will be retained during the renovation, please see [Nanaimo Harbourfront 2015 Renovations FAQ](#).

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. Administrative offices are located in Nanaimo.

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