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News Release

Nanaimo Harbourfront Revitalization to Begin Early April: Library to Open Temporary Pick-Up and Computer Area

NANAIMO, March 17th, 2015 – On April 2nd, the Nanaimo Harbourfront branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is planned to be closed while the building undergoes refurbishments.

The branch revitalization project will 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.

While the branch is closed, VIRL will be opening a **Nanaimo Harbourfront Temporary Branch** next-door, at the CTV building space (82 Commercial Street), to provide customers a holds pick-up area. VIRL will also open a computer space with 30-minute internet access to the public during the refurbishment period. The temporary branch closure is expected to last six months, with the branch scheduled to reopen in the Fall, 2015.

For additional in-branch services, such as children’s programming, Nanaimo Harbourfront customers are encouraged to visit the Nanaimo Wellington and Nanaimo North branches.

During the temporary closure, library staff will be “bringing the library to you” by providing an array of services and programs in the community. VIRL staff are currently preparing the public and the local business community for the temporary closure with posters and a **Frequently Asked Questions** sheet (available on VIRL’s website).

For more information and detail about the temporary branch closure and how library services will be retained during this period, please see [Nanaimo Harbourfront 2015 Revitalization FAQ](#). Customers can also contact us at info@virl.bc.ca.

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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