

## News Release

### Temporary holds pickup location found on Cortes Island

**NANAIMO, July 3, 2012** – Vancouver Island Regional Library is pleased to announce that a temporary holds pickup location has been found on Cortes Island.

“Vancouver Island Regional Library has signed a lease agreement with the Campbell River School District that allows us to establish a temporary holds pickup location at the Cortes Island School,” said Ronna-Rae Leonard, Chair of the Board of Trustees for Vancouver Island Regional Library.

“The temporary holds pickup will be located in the school at 950 Beasley Road, Manson's Landing. VIRL staff are working as quickly as they can to set up the space”.

At the temporary holds pickup customers will be able to pick up any materials on which they have placed a hold. They will also be able to return materials during regular hours of operation or in an external book bin after hours.

The service will open for business on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Hours of operation will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The location will remain in operation until there is a new library on Cortes Island.

Customers were provided with Books by Mail service as an interim measure to maintain some service for delivery of requested items. Now they will be able to pick up their holds themselves at the temporary location and their customer records will be adjusted back to regular Adult or Children's borrowers.

In the meantime, the Request for Proposals (RFP) Process announced on June 13<sup>th</sup> remains in place. The RFP process aims to identify a long term solution for library services on Cortes Island as quickly as possible.

Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is the fourth largest library system in British Columbia. We serve over 417,000 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 over 993,000 and include books, magazines, CD's and DVD's. Administrative offices are located in Nanaimo.

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