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VIRL leverages the power of storytelling in 2016 Annual Report: Inspiring Communities

Thursday, June 22, 2017, Nanaimo, BC – Vancouver Island Regional Library's (VIRL) [2016 Annual Report: Inspiring Communities](#) has now been released.

In the report, we leverage the power of storytelling by focusing on instances in which our libraries and staff have touched and inspired peoples' lives. The theme of "inspiration" flows through the report, which is laid out in the style of a magazine, with stories, imagery, and page after page of content that people will want to read and engage with.

"2016 was the first year of VIRL's current strategic plan, [Your Voice, Your Library](#)," says VIRL's Executive Director Rosemary Bonanno. "The stories in the Annual Report reveal just some of the ways we are bringing our Strategic Plan to reality, from our most remote branches to our largest urban centres."

Readers will meet a 60-year-old man who discovers his library for the first time, a young boy who falls in love with reading with the help of a canine companion, an Elder who teaches children in the Comox Valley about Indigenous cultures and traditions, a human library where people are "checked out" by others looking for conversations and new perspectives....and so much more.

The report also highlights our international award-winning programs from 2016 and offers a snapshot at some of the innovative ways we are helping people discover and access new resources and opportunities for lifelong learning.

As the 2016 Annual Report reveals, VIRL is both inspiring and being inspired by the communities we serve.

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