

Cape Breton Regional Library

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting

June 12, 2017

- Regional Libraries across Nova Scotia are working together on several projects in celebration of Canada 150. The Launch for 150 Library Makers was held in Truro on June 6. Over the next several months public libraries across Nova Scotia will feature a wide range of cultural programmes, many with guest crafters, artisans and makers, made possible through a partnership with Communities, Culture and Heritage. The Nova Scotia Library Association and Nova Scotia's nine regional libraries are honoring Canada's 150 birthday through 150 Books of Influence project – a compilation of 150 books that Nova Scotians feel have somehow influenced or defined them.
- The TD Summer Reading Programme will kick off on June 17 at all branch locations. Many special activities will take place across the region. Public libraries across the Province will host a Children's Performer Tour. The Louisbourg Library will host Mary Beth Carty on Saturday, June 17.
- A donation through the Nova Scotia Institute of Science allowed for the purchase of science related materials for the Region.
- The talents and generosity of students at NSCC in making 22 book display shelves for CBRL is greatly appreciated. These will be distributed to branches across the Region.
- The Board approved the 2017-2018 budget.
- Board members discussed the ongoing funding concerns, noting that the situation is very serious. The Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia, along with the Council of Regional Librarians, continue to call for improved operational funding levels for all Library Regions across the Province.
- A very successful 'Isle of Story' Festival was held in March. In partnership with Parks Canada, Membertou Heritage Park, the Beaton Institute, and the Centre for Sound Communities, CBU, and Breton Books, events were hosted across Sydney and Membertou and included a tribute to Jim. St. Clair, a workshop with invited storyteller Robert Seven Crows Bourdon, a Story Slam, and much more!
- Two winter interns placed at the Baddeck Public Library through CTNET conducted 222 technology training sessions with area seniors.
- The Regional Library now has 31 active book clubs.
- The Library plans to hold a membership drive in the Fall. Currently the Region has over 21,000 active members.

- The Board approved a simplified Terms of Use policy for public access computers, and a revised version of the Internet Acceptable Use Form for youth (13 yrs. and younger).