

Cape Breton Regional Library Board
Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting
September 11, 2017

Katharine McLennan Award/Collection

Several items from the Katharine McLennan Collection are on loan to the Nova Scotia Museum for an exhibit – “150 Years of Remarkable Nova Scotians”.

The Katharine McLennan Award, given in recognition of exemplary volunteer and community contributions, was awarded to Margie MacInnis on September 7, at the Annual Award Ceremony held at the McLennan Centre, Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site. Katharine Huntley, niece of Katharine McLennan, was present for the ceremony.

Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS)

The Board discussed the work and concerns of LBANS and Regional Boards across the Province, and possible actions regarding advocacy for public libraries. The Library Board is very concerned that rising costs, without a corresponding increase in funding, is becoming increasingly difficult for Regional Libraries.

Board Governance

A Board Governance workshop will be conducted for CBRL Board members on September 13.

Fundraising

A permanent book sale area at McConnell Library was set up in July. This will replace the large books sales that previously were held twice per year. This will help to manage space in the very crowded building, and will reduce the amount of carrying materials up and down stairs. (The Library does not have an elevator.) Permanent sales are also available at the Baddeck Public Library, the Wilfred Oram Centennial Library, North Sydney, and the New Waterford Library.

Programmes

The TD Canada 150! Summer Reading Programme ran from June 17th to August 26th. A total of 832 children registered for the programme. A Summer Reading challenge for adults was also held.

The Library was able to offer some special programmes to the summer calendar through funding provided by Canada 150 grants. These included a children’s performer tour and 150 Library Maker’s workshops. Science and technology programmes were also offered across the Region.

Collections

Be Fit Kits! were added to the Library’s collection in June. The kits include items designed to develop sports and movement skills such as throwing, kicking, hopping, jumping, catching and balancing.

Policy

A new policy, *Acceptance of Posters, Petitions and other Items for Posting or Distribution – Guidelines* was approved.