

Cape Breton Regional Library

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting

May 6, 2019

Library Board

The Board welcomed Ron MacDonald, CBRM citizen representative to the Library Board. Douglas MacLennan was welcomed back to the Board for another term as CBRM citizen representative.

Murdoch Moore was elected Interim Chair. Douglas MacLennan was elected Interim Vice-Chair.

Glace Bay Library

Renovations are complete at the new site for the Glace Bay Library. The collection and furnishings belonging to the Library have been removed from former site. Once shelving arrives and is installed, unpacking will begin.

International Dublin Book Award

For the fifth time a novel nominated by CBRL for the International Dublin Literary Award has been shortlisted. *Reservoir 13* was the title nominated. Only three other Canadian Libraries had shortlisted titles for this year's award. Over the years Deputy Regional Librarian Ian MacIntosh has been responsible for choosing the items nominated from our Region.

Heritage Day

With support from Nova Scotia Communities Culture and Heritage, Regional Libraries across Nova Scotia offered a variety of programmes to recognize and celebrate Heritage Day. This year folk artist Maud Lewis was honoured. Among the events offered at CBRL were paint nights, a film screening of *Maudie*, and a display of Murray Gallant's art work at the New Waterford Library.

Check out this Art!

In partnership with local artist Ooni Nordman the Library will loan original works of art to library members for a limited time. Mr. Nordman is providing 46 works of arts that will be available for loan for a two-week period.

Super Saturdays

The Sydney Credit Union will sponsor the Super Saturday programme at McConnell Library over the next year. The Library greatly appreciates the support of the Sydney Credit Union, and also that of many individuals and groups who make contributions towards Library services throughout the year.

BRAIN Food Literacy Project

In partnership with Slow Cooked Dreams (a food-based education and empowerment project) and Sobey's Dieticians, the Library is hosting a food literacy project over the coming year. Funding provided through the Province of Nova Scotia will help to make available a series of workshops at four branch locations.

Picture Book Contest

A 'picture book vote' was held November 1, 2018, to January 20, 2019, with the winning title announced at the annual Family Literacy Day event at McConnell Library. The book receiving the most votes was *A Giant Man from a Tiny Town: a story of Angus MacAskill*, by Tom Ryan.

Fundraising

The Library is required to fundraise to meet operational needs. Recent events celebrated International Women's Day with twelve monologues about women who made a difference, performed in silhouette. The annual Knit-a-Thon brought out 80 knitters and raised over \$2,000 for Library programmes.

Memorandum of Understand – Cape Breton University

The signing of the MOU with Cape Breton University on May 1 marked twenty years of a formalized relationship between CBRL and CBU. The MOU, traditionally between the Libraries, has been expanded to include Cultural Resources.