

Cape Breton Regional Library

Highlights of the Annual General Meeting

June 18, 2012

- Chair Claire Detheridge delivered her report. She noted that while the Library Board continues to be concerned about the impact that declining population has on the Region's funding level, rising costs are putting a serious strain on the operating budget at time when the demand for services is increasing. Board member Tom Urbaniak has replaced Chair Detheridge as CBRL's representative on the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia. Chair Detheridge thanked the many individuals, businesses and organizations that have supported the Library over the past year. She also acknowledged the work of the Library Board and Regional Library staff in providing quality service and programed throughout the Region.
- Regional Librarian Faye McDougall gave an overview of the Annual Report. She referenced some activities and projects undertaken throughout the year, including the appointment of the first Storyteller-in-Residence; the Library in the Classroom pilot project; work being carried out at the W.W. Lewis Memorial Library, Louisbourg; and the Feasibility Study undertaken to explore options for the James McConnell Memorial Library.

More than 453,000 items were borrowed from the Region's branches over the course of the year. Use of e-books has significantly increased, and attendance at Library-sponsored programed has increased by 13.9%.

Staff member Janet Gillis has achieved 25 years of service without taking a single sick day.

The Regional Librarian congratulated Chair Detheridge on being the recipient of the 2011 Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia Honorary Membership Award.

- MGM & Associates representative Christopher Edwards spoke to the Auditors' Report. He noted that the audit was carried out in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. The Financial Statements were approved.
- Planned work for the upcoming year includes participation in One Book Nova Scotia; the implementation of computer training opportunities for seniors; expanding community partnerships; a review of Library facilities; the transition of public and staff computer workstations to a Windows 7 environment; and building awareness around Library programed and services.