

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting December 5, 2011

- Victoria County CAP has approved a temporary part-time position for a youth worker for the Baddeck Public Library.
- The Library launched the sale of books online (through ABE Books) on December 1. Response has been positive. The Library will continue to hold regular book sales. However, some donated items will be first allocated to the online sale, as the Library may realize a greater profit through this means of sale of specific items.
- The James McConnell Memorial Library was pleased to host an exhibit of artwork featured in the CBC 2012 calendar being sold in support of Feed Nova Scotia.
- The Library's partnership with the Read-to-Me Programme is entering its tenth year. Included in the Read-to-Me bags received by every new mom/baby before leaving hospital are board books, an invitation for Baby's first library card, a music CD, a reading guide and information about the importance of reading to young children.
- Nova Scotia Provincial Library has provided CBRL with a \$500 technology grant to assist with the purchase of a scanner or digital camera for technical services processes. Recent changes to procedures at Nova Scotia Provincial Library has resulted in additional steps for Regional Library staff for processing new materials.
- The Borrow Anywhere Return Anywhere pilot project launched by Libraries Nova Scotia has proven successful. As a result this service will become an ongoing service offered by participating libraries across the Province.
- Circulation of downloadable audio and ebooks continues to increase. A province-wide user survey was launched in November, and will continue for a period of ten weeks. Data collected will be used to plan future work around this service.
- Stories written by youth at the Reserve Mines Library Branch will be made available for borrowing at that site.
- Discover Yourself @ the Library was the theme chosen to celebrate CBRL Branches & services during the month of October. A total of 188 programmes were offered during the month, which were attended by 2437 people.
- The Region's first Storyteller-in-Residence, Ken Chisholm, participated in a number of events throughout the fall. These included telling stories at events such as Writer's Festival, Celtic Colours, a Halloween Fun Day, and a Remembrance Day programme.

- Two programmes intended as single events, offered during the month of October, were so well received that they have been continued. A ‘Learn to Play Chess’ Senior’s Café held at McConnell Library inspired a dedicated group to meet on a weekly basis; and a ‘Learn to Draw Faces’ programme (for youth) at the New Waterford Library has continued with a series of programmes about the basics of art.
- Friends of McConnell Library are planning a fundraising event for March 31, 2012. Details will be announced at a later date.
- A Christmas Dinner & Dance fundraiser will be held at the Sydney Curling Club on December 10, 2011.
- A number of proposals for funding for special projects have been submitted.
- Library representatives were invited to a meeting with CBRM officials to discuss the draft findings of the Feasibility Study of the James McConnell Memorial Library. Discussion took place around possible ways to make this project a possibility. The need for a new/expanded facility remains a critical issue. The Library Board will also consider developing a plan for future development of Library Branches throughout the Region.
- Effective January 1, 2012, Branch at the Dominion, Reserve Mines and Main-a-Dieu Libraries will be modified.
- The Library approved the extension, to February 15, 2013, of a part-time Programmes Assistant employment position. This position has made a significant positive difference in the number of programmes being offered through smaller branches.
- The Regional Librarian held a meeting with the Director of the Cape Breton University Library to discuss possible future collaborative projects.