

Cape Breton Regional Library

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting

December 3, 2012

- Extensive renovations to the W.W. Lewis Memorial Library, Louisbourg, are complete. Many positive comments have been received from community residents.
- The Regional Librarian informed the Library Board that she was informed by Bill Murphy, Manager of Parks, Grounds & Buildings at CBRM, that a decision in regard to repairs to the New Waterford Library has not been reached. A building assessment was carried out.
- In response to hearing concerns around training and learning opportunities in Victoria County, the Cape Breton Regional Library invited representatives from various organizations to come together on October 19 to discuss ways through which improvements can be made. Guest speaker was Jayne Hunter, Literacy Nova Scotia. The Library will host a Listserv to generate further discussion and sharing of information between organizations.
- Theresa MacDonald, Technical Services Librarian, will serve as Chair, Nova Scotia Universal Library Access, over the coming year. Rosalie Gillis, Coordinator of Community Support, will serve as Chair of CAP (Cape Breton County) for the upcoming year.
- A tribute in honour of the late Dr. Robert Morgan was held November 29 at the Cape Breton Centre for Heritage and Science. The evening reception offered an opportunity for community members and friends to meet with Dr. Morgan's family members to acknowledge his work and bequests to community organizations.
- The Library in the Classroom project, in partnership with Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey, was expanded this fall. Twenty-four classrooms are now participating.
- As part of the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia Rural Services Project, Regional Librarians recently met with Laurie Sutor, Project Manager. Public and Library Board consultations will be held in each region early 2013.
- A revised Vehicle Operation Policy and a revised Vehicle Replacement Policy were approved.
- The Library participated in Lumiere, a night-time arts event, in September. More than 1800 people visited the Library during this event.
- One Book Nova Scotia had a very successful inaugural year. *Twenty-Six*, by Leo McKay,

Jr., was the title selected for reading. Author readings and book talks were held throughout October.

- A five-week Babies & Books program was piloted at Alderwood Guest Home in Baddeck.
- *Surfing Seniors*, a project which provides computer training with peer volunteer trainers, is now underway at McConnell Library. A grant through New Horizons for Seniors is making this possible.