

## **Cape Breton Regional Library**

### **Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting**

**June 18, 2012**

- The Board reviewed the 2011-2012 Goals & Objectives. Work across some areas will be furthered throughout the upcoming year.
- Election of Officers for 2012-2013 was held : Coun. Claire Detheridge will serve as Chair; Dr. Michael Milburn (Vice-Chair); and Regina Reid (Treasurer).
- Mr. Gerry McKenzie, MGM & Associates, was appointed Auditor for 2012-2013.
- Regional circulation to the end of May was 74,760. This is up 4.79% over the same time last year. Membership is 26,197.
- Board members Susan Plath, Ken MacDonald, and Regional Librarian Faye MacDougall held a meeting with representatives of the Main-a-Dieu Coastal Discovery Centre to explore possible ways through which the Library and Centre can work together to promote Library Services. Possible areas of collaboration were identified.
- The building in which the Tompkins Memorial Library, Reserve Mines, is housed, was recently damaged when a vehicle collided with the building.
- Popularity of e-books continues to rise.
- A small collection of popular reading materials has been placed at the Cape Breton University Library. These items will be checked out through CBU Library's circulation system.
- The Library Board approved a letter of concern be sent to Prime Minister Harper in regard to recent funding cuts at Library and Archives Canada.
- The *Library in the Classroom* pilot project, in partnership with Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK), was very successful. The Library and MK will explore possible ways to continue and expand this project.
- Friends of McConnell Library held a successful plant sale and Read-a-Thon in Wentworth Park on June 16.
- The Library recently received a donation from the Raise-a-Reader fundraiser (co-ordinated by Cape Breton Post) held last September. The donation, to the amount of \$1919.77, will be used to support collections and services.

- A portion of a bequest from the estate of Dr. Robert Morgan will be placed in a GIC and held for purchase of furnishings/collections to honour Dr. Morgan at the time when a new facility is approved for the Sydney and area community. Dr. Morgan was Chair of the Sydney Library Building Committee. The remainder of the funds will be allocated to purchase items for the Library's Nova Scotia Collection.
- The Teen Songwriting Contest was very successful. The winning songs and runner up are available for listening on the Library website.
- Concern remains around cuts to the Community Access Programme. The Library's public access computers are supported in part through CAP, and the impact this will have on the Library's ability to maintain the computers is worrisome.
- All Library Branches will offer Summer Reading Programmes. In addition, programmes with a science theme will be available for children ages 5-12. All programmes are free of charge.
- The inaugural year for CBRL's first Storyteller-in-Residence has been very successful. Ken Chisholm has participated in events throughout the Region and has hosted a series of workshops. The latter were supported through a grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.
- Future directions for the Board's Employee Pension Plan were discussed. The Regional Librarian will seek additional information and bring this back to the Board.
- The Library Board reviewed the Closure of Branch Libraries Policy. The review of the Vacation Leave Policy was deferred to September.