

## **Cape Breton Regional Library**

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

**June 17, 2013**

- 2012-2013 Goals & Objectives were reviewed.
- Election of Officers was held. The Executive Committee for 2013-2014 are: Coun. Claire Detheridge (Chair); Dr. Michael Milburn (Vice-Chair); and Ms. Regina Reid (Treasurer). The Board welcomed Mr. Murdoch Moore (representative for the Province of Nova Scotia) to the Library Board.
- The Board appointed MGM & Associates Chartered Accountants as the Auditor for 2013-2014.
- The partnership with the Canadian Diabetes Association was officially launched on April 4.
- The Library was recently approved for a Cultural Activities Program grant to offer a series of community storytelling events throughout the region. These will be offered in partnership with the Beaton Institute and community halls.
- The very popular Babies & Books programme will now be offered at four branch locations: New Waterford, Sydney, Sydney Mines and North Sydney. Also, the Babies & Book programme has been held at Alderwood in Baddeck. This allows seniors to participate and have an opportunity to meet and visit with young families in the community.
- Leonard Preyra, Minister – NS Communities, Culture & Heritage, visited the Region on June 5 and met with Board representatives Chair Claire Detheridge, Councillor Jim MacLeod, Susan Plath, and Kenneth MacDonald. Ian MacIntosh and Faye MacDougall were also present.
- The seventh annual Read-a-Thon in the Park was held June 15. Hosted by the Friends of McConnell Library, this event brings together readers of all ages and library supporters to celebrate literacy and the joy of reading. A plant sale was held in conjunction with the event.
- The Adopt-a-Book programme ended in May. This programme, along with Memorial donations, provides much-needed support to the collections budget.
- Through Young Canada Works a Science Fun Navigator has been hired for twelve weeks. Children's programmes with a science theme will be offered throughout the region over the summer months.

- A 'Living Mannequins' event took place at the Baddeck Public Library on April 7. Cora-Lee Eisses-Smith and George Smith put together an event that paired books and food, and made for a very interesting and enjoyable evening. A second one will be held at McConnell Library in September. All proceeds go to support Library programmes & services.
- In partnership with the Adult Learning Association of Cape Breton County the Library has launched a *Letters for Life* campaign. Students from NSSC created interesting designs for letters of the alphabet. Businesses purchasing a letter will help to support both the Library and the Adult Learning Association in their efforts to promote literacy and learning.
- The Main-a-Dieu Library hosted quilting sessions in April. Community members came together to learn how to quilt with volunteer Alice Mailman.
- Author Cary Fagan visited the region in May, in conjunction with the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Awards.
- The Summer Reading Programme (Go! Bon Voyage!) was launched June 15. All branches are participating.
- Ken Chisholm was reappointed as Storyteller-in-Residence for a second two-year term.
- The Donkin Library remains closed. Further meetings will be held in the near future.