

## Cape Breton Regional Library

### Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting

September 23, 2013

- Heat buildup at McConnell Library continues to be problematic. The Library closed early on July 26 due to excessive heat in the building.
- New signs for the Library have been posted at the Main-a-Dieu Branch. The Library appreciates the assistance of the Main-a-Dieu Community Development Association in this initiative.
- Through a partnership with the Canadian Diabetes Association, Arlene Parsons travelled with the Cape Breton County Bookmobile on July 10 to provide information about diabetes to rural residents.
- Thirty-four rare books are being added to the Nova Scotia Collection through a bequest from Dr. Robert J. Morgan.
- Ancestry.com is now available through public access computers at all Library Branches.
- The first of CBRL's Community Storytelling sessions was held July 26 at St. Mary's Polish Village Hall, as part of the Polish Congress Conference being held in Sydney. Community residents shared memories about growing up in Whitney Pier, identified individuals in old photographs, and even sang some songs remembered from many years ago. The second Storytelling session was held at the Englishtown Community Hall on September 17.
- Circulation of eBooks and eAudiobooks has increased over the same time last year - from 7,915 (April to August 2012) to 10,220 (April to August 2013).
- The Katharine McLennan virtual project was launched September 12 at Fortress Louisbourg. Brigadier-General, The Honourable J.J. Grant and Mrs. Grant were present for the ceremony. Also present were four descendants of the McLennan Family. The site can be found at [www.kmclennan.com](http://www.kmclennan.com)
- The first Katharine McLennan Award for Volunteer and Community Contributions was awarded to John O'Donnell, Choir Director for Men of the Deeps.
- The Library Board approved a new mission statement: *The mission of the Cape Breton Regional Library is to strengthen and inspire our communities by providing quality collections, cultural resources, programmes and services in a welcoming environment where all can enjoy reading and learning.*