

Cape Breton Regional Library

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting September 29, 2014

- The announcement that renovations to the New Waterford Urban Center, the building in which the New Waterford Library is housed, took place on July 17. The work is expected to take place this Fall.
- Nova Scotia Provincial Library recently hired Ray Fernandes as Youth Services Consultant. Mr. Fernandes visited the Cape Breton Regional Library on August 1 to meet with youth services staff.
- More than 60 people attended a book launch (*The Mad Painter of Ingonish*) at the Victoria North Regional Library on August 7. At McConnell Library, approximately 60 people turned out for Lesley Crewe's book launch on September 4.
- The Katharine McLennan Award ceremony was held September 11 at the McLennan Centre, Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site. This year's recipient was Shirley Chernin.
- Ali Bryan, this year's One Book Nova Scotia author, was at the Baddeck Public Library on September 24 to read from her book, *Roost*.
- More than 9800 books were read in this Region in conjunction with this year's TD Summer Reading Programme. 550 children completed the programme. Programmes were offered at all Branches. Puppet shows were held at several branches as well as at some summer outreach events.
- The Baddeck Public Library continued their Thursday Lecture Series over the summer with topics that included quilting, farming, local history and travel.
- The Sydney Library Building Committee launched a social media site in August.
- The Library will host a fund raising event on October 25. It will include an evening of readings from Edgar Allan Poe. The spooky stories will be a perfect entertainment for a dark, October night.
- A Library Funding Review Committee has been established. Representatives from the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia, Council of Regional Librarians and NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage will comprise the committee.
- The Library took delivery of a new bookmobile for Cape Breton County on September 25.
- The Library Board remains concerned about repairs required to the Baddeck Public Library, specifically to the roof overhang and the front doors.