

Cape Breton Regional Library

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting

September 21, 2015

- Renovations to the building in which the New Waterford Public Library is housed are continuing. As a result programmes and services offered through this Branch have been reduced over the past several months. The Branch was closed for a period of three weeks in August due to health and safety concerns for library users and staff.
- The Sydney Library Building Committee continues to meet regularly. Work on a study to identify interior design considerations and a cost analysis of building options will begin in October.
- The James McConnell Memorial Library was closed early on two days in August due to heat buildup in the Library. On both days the temperature/humidex reading was 40 C at the time of closure.
- Several students were hired through the Community Access Programme (CAP) to work at Branch Libraries this summer. The students provided technology training for the public. There is considerable concern about the future of funding for CAP. Due to funding constraints, the CAP Society of Cape Breton County is disbanding their office at the end of the month. The Co-ordinator will work out of McConnell Library for 15 hours per week.
- The Atlantic Canadian eBook collection was launched at Alderney Gate Library, Dartmouth, on August 26. Over 600 eBooks have been added to Overdrive. Nova Scotia Communities, Culture and Heritage invested \$40,000 to purchase content following an agreement reached with the Atlantic Publishers Marketing Association.
- Reading Together Clubs, a partnership with the Adult Learning Association of Cape Breton County, will be offered this fall/winter at Branches in Sydney Mines, North Sydney, New Waterford and Sydney. This programmes promotes reading, and encourages families to include reading within their day-to-day routines.
- The recipient for this year's Katharine McLennan Award is Ron Caplan, who is well-known for his contributions to the history and culture of Cape Breton Island.