

Cape Breton Regional Library
Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting
September 19, 2016

- Renovations at the New Waterford Library were celebrated on June 22 at the New Waterford Library, and included the formal opening, tea and sandwiches, puppet show, lego programme and a talk by author Wanda Robson. The event was well-attended.
- The fourth annual presentation of the Katharine McLennan Award, given in recognition of exemplary volunteer and community contributions, was held September 8 at Fortress of Louisbourg. The Award was established in 2013 to recognize the contributions of an individual who has made a lasting difference in the area(s) of arts, culture and/or historical preservation of Cape Breton Island. The Award is given through a partnership between the Cape Breton Regional Library, Beaton Institute, Parks Canada and the Fortress of Louisbourg Volunteer Association. This year the Award was presented to Rosemary McGhee, well-known in the local area for her work in choral music.
- The Nova Scotia Association of Architects, in conjunction with the Architects Association of New Brunswick and the Architects Association of Prince Edward Island, are hosting a Maritime-wide cultural event to be called Architecture Week. The week will launched on October 3, which is World Architecture Day. In Nova Scotia, the 6-day festival is being hosted in Yarmouth, Halifax and Sydney.

The Library was recently approached by representatives of the Nova Scotia Association of Architects, who would like to feature (as part of the Sydney component of the festival) libraries as the keynote session for Architecture Week. The Association has arranged for the Architect of the Halifax Central Library, George Cotaras, to speak to the process of programming, collaboration and public consultation that was the essence of the Halifax Central Library design. The presentation will take place Monday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. (Venue will be the Round Room at the Civic Centre.)

- This year's Summer Reading Programme ran from June 27 to August 13. Participation was very good. A variety of programmes were offered (crafts, science-based programmes, games day, etc.). Summer activities and events in our branches also included Storyteller Anne Glover (with support from the NSPL, NSLA and CBRL's summer reading budget) in Baddeck, Glace Bay and McConnell Library branches. Magician Scott Helle performed in North Sydney and Louisbourg and singer/ entertainer Terry Kelleher was a special guest at the McConnell and Glace Bay library branches. Another successful partnership with staff from Parks Canada added more great activities to the summer schedule. They included: Wild flowers, Rockets, Fairy Tale Theatre and the Boreal Forest. Library branches with C@P students offered technology activities.
- Storytelling events across the region are underway and have been well-attended. A number are planned throughout the fall months.
- The Library will participate in Lumière on September 24. There will be a number of activities throughout the Library during the evening.