

Cape Breton Regional Library
Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting
December 1, 2014

Branches

The new bookmobile for Cape Breton County arrived September 25. A launch was held October 29 in Port Morien.

Staff

Glace Bay Library staff member Violet Daigle will retire in December after 23 years of service with the Library.

Book Clubs for Seniors

The Library recently received funding from New Horizons for Seniors for new “Book Clubs for Seniors” living in rural communities.

One Book Nova Scotia

One Book Nova Scotia author Ali Bryan was at the Baddeck Public Library on September 24 to read from her book “Roost”. A One Book Nova Scotia Book Club meeting was held November 28 at McConnell Library in Sydney.

National Network for Equitable Library Access (NNELS)

Public Libraries across Nova Scotia have opted into NNELS service, which will provide digital delivery of a growing collection of downloadable audiobooks and other accessible formats to the approximately 90,000 Nova Scotians who have a print disability.

Singing Storytellers Symposium

Cape Breton Regional Library partnered with Cape Breton University on a Singing Storytellers Symposium held October 9-12. A series of concurrent performances and lectures were held at McConnell Library on October 9.

Huntington Diaries

The launch of the website that will house the transcriptions of the Melvin S. Huntington Diaries was held October 6 at the Louisbourg Playhouse.

Celtic Colours

The Library hosted four Celtic Colours Conversations Series workshops in October. They were very popular.

Amontillado Night

It was a spooky evening of readings from Edgar Allan Poe for the Library Fundraising Event on October 25, made possible through the generosity of community volunteers. Partners included CBU Boardmore Theatre and Friends of McConnell Library.

Mental Health Collections

A Province-wide grant has been received to allow regions to purchase materials on the topic of mental health. Nova Scotia Provincial Library has purchased a collection of eBooks for the digital collection. The remaining funds will be distributed to Library regions across the Province and will be used towards the acquisition of further resources.

Library Funding Review Committee

Board member Ken MacDonald represents the CBRL Board on the Library Funding Review Committee. Mr. MacDonald presented highlights of his recent meeting. Library Boards across the Province are hopeful that this process will result in much needed funding improvements for Regional Libraries.

Baddeck Public Library

The Library Board remains concerned about needed repairs for the Baddeck Public Library. Warden Morrison noted that he expects the work will be carried out over the next two weeks.

Census Long Form

The Library Board will write a letter of support for a private member's bill (Bill C-626) introduced by MP Ted Hsu. If passed, this bill would reinstate the long-form census.

Sydney Library Committee

The Sydney Library Committee is proposing a study to look at design and building concepts for a new Sydney Library. The Library Board indicated their support of the Study.