

Cape Breton Regional Library

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting

June 13, 2016

- Election of Officers for the 2016-2017 term was held. Mr. Michael Milburn was elected Chair, Mr. Ken MacDonald, Vice-Chair, and Ms. Regina Reid, Treasurer. Mr. MacDonald also serves as the Region's representative to the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS).
- Funding levels for Nova Scotia's Regional Libraries continues to be of great concern. Regions across the Province, including CBRL, are struggling to maintain services. There has been no increase in funding for a number of years, despite ongoing efforts in calling for an increase in funding levels.
- A grant has been received through Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage for a Teen Songwriting Event.
- Four authors were hosted by CBRL this spring: Michael Christie (*If I Fall, If I Die*), Lucy Falcone (*The Ghost and Max Monroe series*), Judith Graves (*Exposed and Skin of My Teeth*), and poet Chad Norman (*Learning to Settle Down and Masstown*).
- The annual Teddy Bear Sleepover was held at McConnell Library on June 3. One hundred and three (103) Teddy Bears stayed overnight and enjoyed an action-packed evening.
- A garage sale in support of the Library was held June 4. Employees from RBC were on hand to help with the event, which was greatly appreciated.
- The Board approved revisions to the Region's Meeting Room Policy and the Programmes Policy.
- New Horizons for Seniors has provided funding for a series of storytelling programmes to be held throughout Cape Breton and Victoria Counties.
- Donations allow the Library to provide books, activities and services that otherwise would be difficult or impossible to offer. Such is the case where two private donors are funding a Storybook Walk project for the Library. The Storybook Walk will consist of portable outdoor story signs that will be used at events the Library attends throughout the summer. The launch will take place June 18 in Wentworth Park.
- The theme for this year's TD Summer Reading Programme is *Wild!* The programme is offered at all Branch locations and Bookmobiles.