

Cape Breton Regional Library

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting

March 9, 2015

- Radio advertisements to promote the Library's eBook collection were successful. The Library witnessed an increase in new library memberships and enquiries about eBooks throughout the timeframe the ads were run.
- The Glace Bay, Baddeck and McConnell Libraries each experienced water leaks in recent months.
- Thirty-two (32) employees will receive Mental Health First Aid training in March. This is being made possible through grants received from the CBRM Homelessness Partnering Strategy and Victoria County Community Health Board.
- A grant received through the Central Community Health Board will allow the Library to offer healthy snacks at some Library programmes.
- Work is expected to begin in Spring/early Summer on upgrades to the building in which the New Waterford Library is housed.
- Goals and objectives for the upcoming year were approved.
- An interim operating budget for 2015-2016 was approved. The Board remains very concerned about the funding levels for Regional Public Libraries. Repeated appeals from Regional Library Boards to the Provincial Government to improve funding levels for public libraries have not been successful.
- Friends of McConnell Library continue to meet regularly. They will be assisting with the *Books2Eat* event on April 1st (4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) in support of Adopt-a-Book. All are welcome.
- Alan Syliboy's Thundermaker exhibit was on display at McConnell Library in January. An estimated 3,050 people viewed the exhibit.
- The Sydney Library Building Committee continues to meet. They are working towards a Study which will identify interior design considerations and cost estimates for various building options (mixed-used facility vs. stand alone building).