

Cape Breton Regional Library

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting

June 15, 2015

- Election of Officers for the 2015-2016 fiscal year was held. Coun. Claire Detheridge was elected Chair; Michael Milburn, Vice-Chair, and Regina Reid, Treasurer.
- The option for teachers and educators to hold an institutional/educational card is now available. Marketing to area daycares, care facilities and schools will take place over the coming year.
- The Summer Reading Programme kicks off on June 27. All branches and bookmobiles will participate. A variety of programmes will be offered, including craft, games and science-based.
- Extensive renovations to the building in which the New Waterford Library is housed are underway. The main entrance to the Library is blocked off due to construction; however, the Library can be accessed via a side entrance. There is limited access to some areas of the building. The Regional Librarian expects to be apprised in the near future of the results of environmental testing.
- Mayor Cecil Clarke made several announcements on June 3, one of which was for work to proceed towards a preliminary study to look at the possibility of a multi-use complex which will include the Nova Scotia Community College, offices and a public library.
- The Library Board is very concerned about the ongoing funding challenges faced by this Library Region. With the exception of one small increase across one budget line last year, the Region has had 5 years of 0% funding increases. This is placing a great deal of stress on the Library Region in meeting the needs of the community for collections and programmes.
- The Library's annual Adopt-a-Book campaign began in early April and will run until June 30.
- Award winning author Emma Donoghue held a reading at McConnell Library this Spring. Author Michelle Mulder (nominated for the Hackmatack Award) visited the Region in May.