

Cape Breton Regional Library Board

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting

March 26, 2017

- An application by eight (8) Regional Libraries for funding to support a 150 Library Makers project was approved. This Region, along with others across the Province, will offer a variety of workshops conducted by artisans, artists and craftspeople to engage Nova Scotians in activities that celebrate our crafting and cultural heritage. The launch will be held in Truro at a later date.
- Cape Breton Regional Library will hold 'All Fool's Night' – a fundraiser which will feature a comedy night, auction of items crafted from discarded books, and food items with a book theme, on April 1. Tickets are \$25.00.
- The new sports equipment loan service has been very popular. Snowshoes can be requested through any branch, and cross country skis and ice cleats are available in Victoria County. Tennis racquets are also available for loan.
- The Library's new website was launched in February.
- Several items from the Katharine McLennan collection have been loaned to the Nova Scotia Museum for inclusion in a Canada 150 Exhibit.
- The Library Board continues to be very concerned about operating funding for Nova Scotia's Regional Public Libraries.
- Eighty-four (84) ePub Atlantic Canadian titles from members of Atlantic Publishers Marketing Association have been added to the National Network for Equitable Library Services. The titles are also part of the Read Local/Atlantic Canadian eBooks collection added to Overdrive in 2015, and are available to all Nova Scotia library patrons.
- In partnership with several organizations, the Isle of Story Festival was held in March. The Festival was very popular, and included the launch of a DVD produced through the *Our Community in Stories : Seniors' Storytelling* project held throughout Summer/Fall 2016. Breton Books has launched an online book (*Great Cape Breton Storytelling*) as part of the Isle of Story Festival.
- The 10th annual Community Knit-a-Thon was held in February. Over the decade of Knit-a-Thons has resulted in approximately \$13,000 raised for children and youth programming at CBRL and over 6,500 knitted items (hats, scarves, socks, etc.) donated to local charities.
- Goals and Objectives for the 2017-2018 year were passed.
- The Board reviewed policies and procedures pertaining to use of public access computers/internet; use of meeting space; and overdue fees.