

Cape Breton Regional Library

Highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting March 21, 2011

The Board was informed that the Wilfred Oram Centennial Library, North Sydney, opened in the new location of January 24, 2011. An official opening of the site, held in conjunction with other occupants of the building, will take place this Spring.

The Library has hired a Programs/Outreach Assistant (part-time) for a one-year term. The purpose of this position is to assist with providing additional programs & outreach at the smaller Branches.

Responsibility for Regional Public Libraries throughout Nova Scotia have been moved under a new department, Communities, Culture and Heritage. The Regional Librarian informed the Board that very little information about this transition has been made available to Regional Libraries.

The Regional Librarian informed the Board she met with Janice Ciavaglia, Literacy Consultant, Mi'kmaw Kina'matneway, to discuss Regional Library services to First Nations Schools.

CBRM will provide an additional 20 hours of cleaning for the James McConnell Memorial Library site.

Circulation to the end of February was 416,018. Active membership is 27,006.

The Library Board approved Goals & Objectives for 2011-2012.

Funding allocations for Regional Public Libraries (2011-2012) have not yet been announced. The Board approved a Provisional Operating Budget.

Chair Claire Detheridge provided a report of the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS) activities. LBANS has held a meeting with the new Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

A new policy (Bereavement/Compassionate Leave) was approved.

A Fundraising/Communications Report highlighted recent efforts by the Regional Library to meet required fundraising goals. These included a Victorian Tea & Fashion Show, Knit-a-Thon, used books sales, and an Adopt-a-Book campaign. Funds have also been received through a Communities in Motion and New Horizons for Seniors grants. Local Credit Unions have generously provided 5 automated external defibrillators for placement in Library Branches.

A summary of recent programs was provided, and included information about Family Literacy Day; African Heritage; Paws to Read; March Break; Senior's Cafes; Book Clubs; and evening programs.

A congratulatory letter will be sent to Dr. Ron Caplan, who was recently appointed to the Order of Canada.