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Dear Municipal and Regional District CAOs,

I am very pleased to enclose a copy of our 2015 Annual Report, titled "Moving Toward Sustainability". This document is available as a [PDF](#) and online as an [interactive flipbook](#).

This past year, Vancouver Island Regional Library successfully launched a number of key initiatives in 2015 which will support the organization today and for the future. These initiatives included the implementation of a new Integrated Library System, a new Intranet which will bring our staff together under one digital roof, and the refurbishment of two exceptional branches: Campbell River and the Nanaimo Harbourfront branch. We opened the Creativity Commons – an imagination and creation centre as well as home to the self-publishing book machine. Finally, staff and Board conducted the ground work necessary to produce the business's next 5-year Strategic Plan (2016 - 2020). During all of these initiatives, your library also welcomed over 103,000 visitors to our programs (an increase of 25% since 2014). In summary, your library has been very busy!

We are proud of the work done by VIRL's staff and our Board to develop strong library branches that are vital community destinations.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Vancouver Island Regional Library, I offer our thanks for the support and cooperation that municipal leaders continue to provide our libraries. Together, we are strengthening communities, enriching lives and promoting lifelong learning and literacy.

I invite you to take some time to read our report. Please feel free to contact me at bjolliffe@comoxvalleyrd.ca with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B Jolliffe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce Jolliffe, Chair, Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees

Strong Libraries ■ Strong Communities

Bella Coola Bowser Campbell River Chemainus Comox Cortes Island Courtenay Cowichan Cowichan Lake Cumberland Gabriola Island Gold River Hornby Island Ladysmith Masset Nanaimo Harbourfront Nanaimo North Nanaimo Wellington Parksville Port Alberni Port Alice Port Clements Port Hardy Port McNeill Port Renfrew Quadra Island Qualicum Beach Queen Charlotte Sandspit Sayward Sidney/North Saanich Sointula Sooke South Cowichan Tahsis Tofino Ucluelet Union Bay Woss