

Library Report

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Board profile

Rick Churchill

Coun. Rick Churchill brings an open mind and plenty of volunteer experience to the Western Counties Regional Library board. Rick represents the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth on the board, replacing Staley Goodwin who retired last fall.

"I'm definitely interested in the library aspect," he says. Despite not having spent much time in the library, he is happy to get involved with such a far-reaching public service. "I didn't realize there were so many branches," he says of the regional library.

The fifth generation dairy farmer operates Churchill Brothers Farm in the Municipality of Yarmouth. He brings with him years of volunteer experience having been a volunteer 4-H leader for 28 years. He has served as the President of the 4-H Council for Yarmouth and still attends council meetings to offer his insights and advice.

He knows the region and the province well – he is one of the few farmers qualified to carry out artificial insemination in the province. Although cattle breeding and farming in general is not as prevalent as it used to be, his work in the field resulted in a lot of inter-provincial travel.

As for his work on the board of the library, he wants to spend a little more time getting to know the organization and the people involved in making the library work.

"I've just been to one meeting – it's early yet," he says.

Rick is married to Charlene and has three children, three stepchildren and four grandchildren.



From left, Cathy d'Entremont, Veronica Hubbard, Virginia Stoddard and Joanne Head enjoy a lighter moment during Western Counties Regional Library April Fool's Trivia Challenge. Stoddard was the judge and inquisitor during the event which raised \$2,054.24 for the library's Adopt-A-Book campaign.

Trivia challenge kicks off fundraising campaign

The library was far from quiet during Western Counties Regional Library's April Fool's Trivia Challenge on Tuesday, April 1 at the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library in Yarmouth.

Bribery, colorful costumes, clever questions, fun and fundraising came together as 28 teams battled to win the Vanguard Cup and help kick start the regional library's 2008 Adopt-A-Book campaign.

"We raised \$2,054.24 during the challenge and in the end it was the combined team of the Yarmouth YMCA and the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation that came out on top," says Gary Archibald, chairman of the regional library board. "It was a great start to our campaign and I'm pretty sure everyone had a good time."

The biggest single donation

came from TD Canada Trust. Tom Wheeler, TD District Vice-President for the region, brought a cheque for \$500 to adopt books for the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library.

While the YMCA and hospital foundation team of Barrie MacGregor, Paulette Sweeney-Goodwin and Wilfred Allan won both the overall competition and its round, other round winners included Transcontinental Media, Canadian Mental Health Association, Wheelans White Chartered Accountants, TD Canada Trust, Yarmouth County Museum, City Drug and there was a tie between the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Argyle. Radio CJLS, Adopt-A-Book major sponsor, came second in its round and helped promote the launch with a live broadcast from the library.

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Opening of new Clark's Harbour civic centre draws a big crowd



It was a standing room only at the official opening of the new Clark's Harbour civic centre on Wednesday, March 26.



From left, Joan Bower of the South West Shore Development Authority; Gerald Keddy, MP for South Shore-St. Margaret's; Margaret Messenger, official ribbon cutter, author and local historian; Clark's Harbour Mayor Leigh Stoddart; and Richard Hurlburt, MLA for Yarmouth representing Jamie Muir, Minister for Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations; enjoy a laugh as Messenger prepares to cut the ribbon to officially open the new Clark's Harbour civic centre.



Western Counties Regional Library Chair Gary Archibald congratulates Clark's Harbour on the new centre and library.



From left, Jody Breen and Norm Wall of the Clark's Harbour branch of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC); Trudy Amirault, Western Counties Regional Library Regional Director and Rosemary Wall of RBC enjoy the grand opening in the new library. RBC was a major corporate supporter of the library.

Adopt-A-Book nears 3/4-mark

From Page 1 library branches serving Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties. Adopt-A-Books runs from April 1 to June 30. All of the money raised will be used to put new books on the shelves of the library's 10 branches. The campaign's goal is to put at least 1,000 new books and other materials on the shelves of the 10 library branches serving Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties. Adopt-A-Books runs from April 1 to June 30. As of Thursday, May 8, there were a total of 708 books adopted with a value of \$16,358.10.

Staffing Updates

Susan Young has replaced Marsha O'Hanley as Library Clerk III (35 hours per week) at the Yarmouth branch effective May 13, 2008.

Library says farewell to Marsha



Yarmouth Librarian Debbie Little, right, presents Marsha O'Hanley with her retirement present during a farewell lunch on Monday, April 28. Marsha retired April 14 after 13 years as Library Clerk at the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library.