

Pop-up Library Comes to Parksville

The public is invited to join staff and students of Ballenas Secondary School, representatives of the Vancouver Island Regional Library and City of Parksville Council for the unveiling of Parksville's first pop-up library on Tuesday, May 6 at 3:30 pm, next to the Parksville Lions outdoor gym facility in the Community Park. The event is being held during Youth Week to recognize the partners in this project. Youth Week is celebrated May 1 to May 7.

Councillor Carrie Powell-Davidson, an advocate for pop-up libraries, said, "They are an exciting new trend found in many communities and now Parksville has its first pop-up library. As well as promoting literacy and encouraging recycling, the Parksville Beach pop-up library also demonstrates the power of collaboration."

The woodworking department at Ballenas Secondary School built the structure designed by Councillor Carrie Powell-Davidson and the art students took on the decorating and waterproofing. The City of Parksville contributed the space and will install the pop-up library and the Vancouver Island Regional Library is on board to stock the library with books taken out of the rental pool.

Visitors to the Community Park are welcome to help themselves to a good read and then contribute their used books for others to enjoy. It is hoped community organizations and businesses will see the value of these popul libraries and follow suit by sponsoring one in other parts of the City.

Unveiling of Parksville's first pop-up library Tuesday, May 6 at 3.30 pm Community Park (near the outdoor gym facility)

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