



City of Campbell River  
From the Office of the Mayor

**- PROCLAMATION -**

**WHEREAS** In 1936, 15 representatives from towns in Central Vancouver Island attended a meeting at Nanaimo's Malaspina Hotel to discuss a library system for the region and received a \$6,500 grant from the Andrew Carnegie Corporation of New York;

**AND WHEREAS** Voters determined in a plebiscite to fund libraries through a library tax to provide the best books, for the most people, at the least cost;

**AND WHEREAS** Provincial Cabinet passed an Order to create Vancouver Island Union Library to serve 21,000 people in five municipalities and 32 rural school districts between Mill Bay and Campbell River, and the communities of Cowichan Lake and Port Alberni;

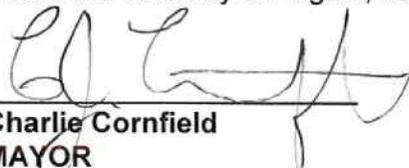
**AND WHEREAS** Over time, this small regional system changed its name to Vancouver Island Regional Library and has grown into the fourth largest library system in British Columbia – the 13<sup>th</sup> largest in Canada – providing service through 38 branch libraries and a virtual branch ([www.virl.bc.ca](http://www.virl.bc.ca)) to a vast geographical region that covers Vancouver Island from north of Victoria all the way to Haida Gwaii and Bella Coola on the central mainland coast;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, **Charlie Cornfield, Mayor**, of the City of Campbell River do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2011 to be:

**"LIBRARY 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MONTH"**

in the City of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia;

Dated this 30th day of August, 2011 at Campbell River, B.C.

  
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**Charlie Cornfield**  
**MAYOR**