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## **NIC Launches Community Library Cards**

North Island College is pleased to announce the launch of its community borrower program. Beginning January 2009, residents within the college's region may obtain a free Community Library Card and borrow books in person from any of NIC's four libraries, located at our Campbell River, Courtenay, Port Alberni and Port Hardy campuses.

According to Mary Anne Guenther, NIC's Coordinator of Library Services, this is one of our ways of saying thank you to the community that has supported North Island College during its almost 35-year history.

"NIC has an extensive collection, a great deal of which has been purchased through the fundraising efforts of our community. For those looking for information on unique topics or wishing to access academic research, NIC's library resources will be of great value and interest to you," states Guenther.

She adds, "Our collection is quite different from that held by the Vancouver Island Regional Library and local high schools. In opening up the collection to community borrowers, we are responding to our community's information needs."

A free Community Library Card is available to individuals 16 years of age or older, upon presentation of photo identification. Some limits on types of material and number of items borrowed apply (five items may be held by a community borrower at any time). Please note that due to licensing restrictions, the NIC Community Library Card does not provide access to NIC's online databases and journals, and NIC's video/DVD collection.

For further information, please call 1-800-715-0914, and ask to speak with the Library at your local campus, or visit <http://library.nic.bc.ca>.

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