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### **Two new CRD library buildings in the works**

*Williams Lake, B.C.* – The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) is building new community libraries in McLeese Lake and Bridge Lake/Interlakes. While the summer wildfires delayed the projects significantly, the libraries are expected to open before the end of the year.

The new library building in McLeese Lake is in place and library staff are working to ready it for opening. Located directly behind the old library, the new building is a significant improvement with more space, air conditioning and room to accommodate two computer stations. The old building will be removed and repurposed.

“I am very excited to see a new library constructed in McLeese Lake. This project has been a long time coming and it is great to see library services expand in the community. The new building already looks amazing and the library isn’t even fully moved in yet,” said Steve Forseth, CRD Electoral Area D Director.

In Electoral Area L, the Cariboo Regional District recently purchased a piece of property in the Interlakes area for the new library. The community library was previously located in the Bridge Lake elementary school. Construction of the foundation for the building will begin mid-October and the installation of the new building will follow.

“I am pleased to see the library services improved in Electoral Area L. Libraries are important parts of communities and I look forward to see how the new building will benefit the residents in the area,” stated Electoral Area L Director, Brian Coakley.

The new libraries are modular buildings manufactured by Horizon North out of Kamloops. They were purchased with a view to shorten construction time and increase the ease of installation. Going forward, these buildings will be a standard design for all stand-alone rural libraries within the CRD. The design offers the space and functionality required to meet the needs of library users, with computer stations as well as reading and study areas.

The Cariboo Regional District Library is an integrated public library system that currently provides library services to residents of the regional district through fifteen branch libraries.

For further information about the Cariboo Regional District Library network or library events near you, visit the website at [cln.ca](http://cln.ca) or call 250-392-3351.

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