

News Release

Official Opening of Library Headquarters New Home

Baker Lake, Nunavut (May 8, 2006) – The Honorable Louis Tapardjuk, Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth led the ceremonies for the official opening of Nunavut's public library services headquarters in Baker Lake today.

"Library services are important and the headquarters plays an essential role in providing support for our community libraries across the territory," said Minister Tapardjuk. "It gives everyone access to information and encourages the use of Inuit languages through sharing of literature and resource materials."

The library headquarters is the administrative centre of the eleven public libraries across Nunavut and will assist staff at other libraries by providing policy guidance as well as financial, technical and operational support.

"We are very excited to officially open the library headquarters here in Baker Lake. Coordinating library services from Baker Lake supports our goal of providing government operations at the community level throughout Nunavut," said David Simailak, Finance Minister and MLA for Baker Lake.

Nunavummiut can also use the newly launched website www.publiclibraries.nu.ca which offers a host of online services. The borrower by mail program ensures everyone has access to books, wherever they live in Nunavut. For those unable to access the web, requests for books can also be phoned or faxed in.

Throat-singers and drum-dancers entertained community members who had been invited to view the new building.

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