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THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL LIBRARY RECEIVES PROVINCIAL INNOVATION AWARD

The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) is the winner of the [British Columbia Library Association's](#) 2019 Eureka Award. The Eureka Award recognizes individuals or organizations that have created an innovative approach to address a barrier, solve a problem, provide a powerful new insight, or introduce an original idea in the library world.

TNRL operates the only Mobile Library of its kind in BC. The library recently expanded rural services by offering advanced polling on board the Mobile Library for the 2018 local government elections. This partnership between the library and the Legislative Services Department of the TNRD is the first known instance of advanced voting via a mobile library in North America.



The Mobile Library provided advance polling in 17 rural communities across the region. The response from residents was overwhelmingly positive. One resident noted, “My husband and I would have been away on Election Day, the Mobile Library allowed us to cast our votes. It was a great way to reach out to rural communities.”

MUNICIPALITIES: Ashcroft | Barriere | Cache Creek | Chase | Clearwater | Clinton
Kamloops | Logan Lake | Lytton | Merritt | Sun Peaks

ELECTORAL AREAS: "A" "B" "E" "I" "J" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P"

“We’re thrilled to have been able to offer this service”, says Mike Brown, Mobile Library Branch Head. “It’s made the Mobile Library even more indispensable to the lives of our most rural patrons, and winning the Eureka Award is the icing on the cake!”

Representatives from TNRL received the Eureka Award at the [British Columbia Library Association Conference](#) in Surrey last month. Learn more about the Mobile Library and view the schedule by visiting www.tnrl.ca/mobilelibrary.

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