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Nova Scotia Libraries Initiative Launched at AST

This morning the AST library welcomed Education Minister, the Honorable Marilyn More, and a gathering of distinguished guests drawn from the university and public library sectors to launch a new initiative.

The Borrow Anywhere Return Anywhere (BARA) initiative will allow Nova Scotians to borrow books from any library whether a public library or the library of a college or university and then return them to a convenient library from where they will be shipped to where they belong.

This is an initiative of Libraries Nova Scotia, a collaboration of all public, college and university libraries in the province. The program creates seamless, barrier-free library access and will greatly enhance the resources available to all Nova Scotians in a seamless system.

"There is a world of discovery for Nova Scotians at the libraries on our university campuses," said Joyce Thomson, library director at Atlantic School of Theology and co-chair of Libraries Nova Scotia. "We hope that this new service will allow more Nova Scotians to explore our world."

President Beresford said, "AST has been trying to promote our library as a resource, not only for the university, but for the region; this initiative will be an enormous support to that effort."

Minister More completed the event by borrowing two books from the AST library. Happy reading!

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