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| Subject | City of North Vancouver Receives Three Major Regional Awards for Landmark Library in Central Lonsdale |
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One of the City of North Vancouver's newest community facilities has received three prestigious regional awards, all within the past few months.

In June 2009, the new **North Vancouver City Library** won an **EARTH Award** from the Building Owners & Managers Association of BC. The award recognized the leadership role of the City in constructing an environmentally conscious building, one that exemplifies effective environmental initiatives and building practices.

In May, the **City Library** was a Merit Award recipient of the 2009 BC Lieutenant-Governor Award in Architecture. Presented by the Architectural Institute of British Columbia, the award honoured the excellence and creativity with which the City and its architectural partners completed the **City Library** project. Of particular note was the City Library's solid construction and sustainable design, as well as its rooftop reading space, a unique feature one juror had never before seen in a library.

The **City Library** was also honoured with a 2009 BC Library Association Merit Award in April for outstanding achievement in a building project.

The new **North Vancouver City Library** is a landmark building located in what is known as the heart of the City. Officially opened in September 2008, the library facility has become one of the City's most popular gathering places, welcoming a steady stream of visitors and garnering praise for its distinctive design, sustainable features and impressive library collection.

Occupying three floors totaling 36,000 square feet, the **City Library** is a state-of-the-art facility. Library amenities include an expanded collection of 150,000 library items, as well as public computers, wireless access, a children's reading garden, a teen room, and flexible spaces for studying, reading or meeting. Cutting-edge technology enables the **City Library** to meet the changing needs of library users through new services and materials in new formats.

The **City Library** is one of the City's newest green buildings. It was constructed to a minimum LEED Silver standard and is the first facility in Central Lonsdale to enjoy high efficiency district energy service from the award winning Lonsdale Energy Corporation. The City Library's 120 rooftop solar panels – the most of any building in British Columbia – generate alternative energy.

An adjoining Civic Plaza connects the new library with City Hall and Lonsdale Avenue, providing the community with easy access to the City's newest civic facility. The Civic Plaza features a wireless café terrace, market promenade, amphitheatre and outdoor reading rooms. With support from the community, the **City Library** and adjoining Civic Plaza were fully funded through a series of successfully brokered City land exchange agreements with additional funding received from the Provincial Government.

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