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**RE: Happy ending for Kentville Library**

**KENTVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA** - The National Trust for Canada announced today that the Friends of the Kentville Library is the winner of the national This Place Matters competition for \$40,000. Throughout October and November, this campaign received more votes and donations than any other campaign in the country, including campaigns in much larger cities.

Campaign organizers Kate Collins and Sarah Leslie were humbled by the support from the community. "I haven't slept in days, we have been working so hard and now we can't believe that Kentville came out on top!" said Ms. Leslie. "We had dozens of children asking for donations while trick-or-treating, elementary and middle school kids voting while at school, college and university students, staff and faculty voting and providing support through bake sale goodies and many other ways, knitting groups donating their time and creations, authors taking time to come out and read at special events. We've even had special new sandwiches made and named for the library by a local café!"

The Friends of the Kentville Library have been raising funds above those required for the most basic necessities of the library. The campaign raised almost \$60,000, enough to win the first place \$40,000. This will enable the purchase of resources, furniture and activities for the new facility.

"The Town of Kentville is honored that the Friends worked so hard during this campaign for the benefit of all our young people, today and throughout the lifetime of the new library," said Mayor Sandra Snow. "We are so proud of this monumental achievement, and thrilled beyond belief for how this will benefit our community!"

For further detail please reference the Town's website: [www.kentville.ca](http://www.kentville.ca).

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