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**EARLY THANKSGIVING OF BOOKS FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Commissioner Dawn L. Henry, Esq. is pleased to announce that the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums received a large pallet of brand new hardback books as a result of the Division's participation in the Library of Congress Surplus Books Program.

Staff at the Charles W. Turnbull Regional Library welcomed the arrival of a large pallet of brand new books last Friday, November 6, 2015. *"It's the Division's plan to use the Surplus Books to maximize the collections in the Turnbull Regional Library's main reading room, then distribute any remaining books to all public libraries territory-wide"*, said Commissioner Henry.

The titles, mostly hardback, include best sellers, novels, fiction and non-fiction, children, Hispanic, multi-cultural and Caribbean books. *"In tough economical challenging times and continuous budget reductions, this is a great avenue for us to build and supplement our public library collections;"* *"We are especially grateful to receive the approximately valued range of \$26,000-\$33,000 brand new books free of charge"*, Director of Libraries Ingrid Bough said. The Division first participated in the program where the initial boxes of books received went to the public libraries on St. Croix.

*"Through an application for program participation to the Library of Congress facilitated by Director Ingrid Bough, the Virgin Islands public libraries were granted a renewal status to participate in the free surplus books program earlier this year, said Commissioner Henry.*

For more information, contact Ingrid Bough, Territorial Director at Charles W. Turnbull Library (340) 774-0630 or the Florence Williams Library (340)773-5715. Visit the public libraries' website at [www.virginislandspubliclibraries.org](http://www.virginislandspubliclibraries.org)

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