

Annual Report 2012-2013



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Cumberland Public Libraries Annual Report

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Highlights

📖 Long serving library board chair Robert Angel, resigned from the Amherst Town Council & his library board commitments. Thank you to Robert for all his hard work & dedication over the years.

📖 Due to a fire in downtown Amherst, the Amherst Police Department has moved into the upstairs of the Four Fathers Memorial Library in September 2012 and is now a neighbour of the Cumberland Public Libraries Headquarters.

📖 The Amherst library was, once again, included in the annual Fibre Arts Festival with a beautiful display of antique aprons and a display of staff-created fibre arts projects.

📖 Deputy Chief Librarian, Denise Corey, served as the President of the Nova Scotia Library Association for the 2012-13 year.



📖 Magic Mountain Waterpark in Moncton, NB sponsored the annual summer reading programs by donating Buy One Get One Free passes for all children and teens who read more than 12 hours over the summer.

📖 Due to multiple years of flat-line funding from the provincial government, the Cumberland Regional Library Board was forced to reduce the Headquarters staff of CPL by one position. Library technician, Judy Noonan was laid off in September of 2012.

📖 New programs include the popular Twisted Stitchers program being offered in the Oxford library and the Parrsboro library started its first book club.

📖 Hackmatack award nominated children's author, Kate Inglis gave readings in Amherst, Oxford and Springhill.

📖 The library provided puppet shows and children's activities at the Pugwash Harbourfest.

📖 The library's public access computers were in use for over 21,000 hours.



📖 Nova Scotia author, Bruce McNab gave a presentation on Harry Houdini's historic Maritime tour at the Springhill Miner's Memorial Library. The presentation was part of the launch of his book, *Metamorphosis: The Apprenticeship of Harry Houdini*.

📖 The library provided storytimes and puppet shows in the town of Amherst's newly renovated Victoria Square



📖 The library held its 9th, annual Food for Fines program in December. Over 900 non-perishable food items were donated to local food banks.

📖 The Cumberland Public Libraries won \$500 worth of Lego Duplo through the Learn Through Play project sponsored by the Canadian Library Association and Today's Parent magazine. Prizes were awarded to one library from each province and CPL received the most votes for Nova Scotia.

📖 CPL introduced Educator Cards for teachers, school library staff, home schoolers and other educators. The cards feature extended loan periods and no fines.

📖 Cumberland Public Libraries participated in the province wide, One Book Nova Scotia program (OBNS). The inaugural book for OBNS was *Twenty Six* by Leo McKay. CPL held 10 programs to celebrate and 75 people attended. Leo McKay gave a reading in the Amherst Library as part of OBNS.



📖 The Cumberland Public Libraries Twitter in June 2012. Follow us--our Twitter handle is @CumberlandPL.

📖 Library staff began to be featured every two weeks on CFTA community radio to talk about upcoming library programs and events. Also, a bi-weekly article is now being run in the Amherst Daily News that highlights library events and collections.

Mission Statement:

"To promote life-long learning and recreation, fostering an appreciation of literature at all ages, by providing free access to the world of media and technology to the residents of Cumberland County."

Annual Activity

Items Borrowed	2011-12	2012-13
Advocate	3,888	3,098
Amherst	60,730*	62,076
Oxford	7,556	6,963
Parrsboro	13,670	11,576
Pugwash	13,431	13,831
River Hebert	6,236	6,113
Springhill	13,432	13,064
Books By Mail	2,540	2,430
Online Renewals	6,788	7,445
OverDrive (e- & audio books)	2,586	5,013
Total	130,857	131,609

*Amherst library had very reduced hours for six weeks due to renovations.

Holds Placed	2011-2012	2012-13
Advocate	1,544	1,240
Amherst	13,869	13,406
Oxford	2,279	1,858
Parrsboro	3,662	3,025
Pugwash	3,248	4,186
River Hebert	2,864	3,496
Springhill	3,669	3,802
Books By Mail	1,739	1,671
OverDrive (e- & audio books)	1,400	2,423
Total	34,274	35,107

Inter-Library Loans	2011-2012	2012-13
<i>Loaned To Other Libraries</i>	2,051	1,876
<i>Borrowed From Other Libraries</i>	2,727	2,874

Annual Visits	2011-2012	2012-13
Number of <i>In Person</i> Visits to the Library	83,153	74,354
Number of <i>Online</i> Visits to the Library	105,326	111,129

"I have lived a thousand lives lost within the pages of a book.."—Robert Cormier, Author

Public Access Computer use hours	2011-2012	2012-13
Advocate	1,321.5	1,434
Amherst	9,232*	9,430
Oxford	1071.5	1,365
Parrsboro	3776.5	3,102
Pugwash	324	425
River Hebert	666	1,050
Springhill	4707.5	4,721
Total	21,099	21,527

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Wireless use hours	2011-2012	2012-13
Advocate	110	99
Amherst	1,912	1,834
Oxford	777.5	1,543
Parrsboro	4,315	2,699
Pugwash	392.5	649
River Hebert	213.5	397
Springhill	610.5	209
Total	8,331	7,430

Members*	2011-2012	2012-13
Advocate	312	329
Amherst	4,616	4,626
Oxford	546	518
Parrsboro	953	878
Pugwash	972	985
River Hebert	334	321
Springhill	1,047	1,064
Books By Mail	183	125
Total	8,963	8,846

*Active, registered users (have used their accounts within the last 3 years).

New Members	2011-2012	2012-13
Advocate	50	58
Amherst	459	478
Oxford	69	46
Parrsboro	125	90
Pugwash	125	120
River Hebert	30	18
Springhill	109	112
Books By Mail	3	3
Total	970	925

Reference Questions	2011-2012	2012-13
Advocate	113	381
Amherst	2,902	3,552
Oxford	1,197	1,339
Parrsboro	1,839	1,444
Pugwash	2,113	2,145
River Hebert	303	708
Springhill	1,970	1,794
Books By Mail	501	328
Remote (e-mail)	56	56
Total	10,994	11,747

Programming	2011-2012	2012-13
Number of Programs Offered	571	528
Total Attendance	7,174	6,904

Children's Summer Reading Program	2011-2012	2012-13
Participants	344	347
Books Read/Hours Read*	2,786	2,477
Program attendees	712	629

*In 2012 the library switched to counting the numbers of hours each child read.

Teen Summer Reading Program	2011-2012	2012-13
Participants	40	45
Hours Read	795	1,178

Adult Summer Reading Program	2011-2012	2012-13
Participants	116	115
Books Read	950	806

“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation..”—Walter Cronkite, Journalist

Resources	
Books & Magazines	65,322
DVDs, Blu-Ray & VHS	2,695
Audio Books	1,644
Periodical Subscriptions (titles)	88
Online database subscriptions	9
Public Access Computers	38
Total Staff (FTE)	17
Number of Employees	24

We Also Wish To Thank the Following People for Volunteering Their Time to the Library During the Past Year:

Robert Bennett	Henry Fenton	Doll MacDonald
Phyllis Blumel	Deanne Fitzpatrick	Leighann Melanson
Elizabeth Canning	Clayton Gabriel	Mary Parsons
Marcella Chisholm	Pat Griffiths	Ron Sumara
Faith Clinton	June Henwood	Marguerite Taylor
Christine Conrad	Gillian Hess	Jean Tibbetts
Sharon Corbin	Karen Iler	Judy Ward
Sally Cove	Janet Jamieson	Marilyn Young
	Shirley Lefler	

Friends of the Pugwash Library

Bernadette Carini	Vivian Godfree	Virginia Redden
Thelma Colborne	Helen Matheson	Judy Rickard
Elaine Cook	Pat McBurnie	Norene Smiley

Better than 1 in 3 Cumberland County residents (8,846 people) have used the library within the last 3 years.

**We Wish to Thank the Following Businesses, Organizations, and Individuals
Who Made Financial and In-Kind Contributions to the Library During the
Past Year:**

Advocate Country Store	Hands Across Time	Judith Milner
Marian Alexander	Rug Hooking	John C. Mullaley
Amherst Insurance	Mary Hartling	Betty Murray
Amherst Lioness Club	John Hastey	Patricia Nicolle
Amherst Lions Club	HaTha Yoga Room	Robert Nixon
Basic Spirit	Brenda Henry	Dan Pederson
Douglas Bennett	Marilyn Horton	Pierre Pinet
Margaret Bland	Keith & Cathy Hunter	Ken & Alice Pollock
Phyllis Blumel	Wendy & Tim Iler	Bruce & Lou Quigley
Joan Cameron	Inglis Jewellers	Walter Rayworth
John & Marguerite Cameron	B & G Janes	Rotary Club of Amherst
Lori Cameron	Lynn & Darrell Jones	Sandpiper Restaurant
Michael Cameron	Jorgensen & Bickerton	Scotsburn Dairy
Canadian Tire	Jungle Jims	Shoppers Drugmart
Cape Chignecto Park	KFC	Sifto Salt Corp.
Chatterbox Cafe	Vanessa Knock	Szeto's Wok
Beth Clinton	Dianna Lawless	Brian Skabar (MLA Cumberland North)
Denise Corey	Lawton's Pharmacy	Mrs. Margaret R. Smith
Connie Brummel Crook	LED Roadway Lighting	Michael D. Smith
Cumberland Health Authority	Mike Legere	Beverly Sullivan
Dairy Queen	Sheila Little	Tantramar IODE
Vicki Daley	Looking Good Hair Design	Chantelle Taylor
Colleen Davidson	Lord Amherst IODE	Tim Hortons
Dale Davies	Wayne MacLeod	Brenda VanZoost
Rev. Henry DeVito	McDonald's	Glen Weatherbee
Katherine Gould	Brenda McEachern	Wendy's
Grumpy's Bakery	Wanda McSorley	Ronald Wilson
Annabelle Hamilton	Rubin & Debra Millard	David & Jane Wood
Laurell Hamilton	Jay Miller	YMCA of Cumberland
	Ruth Miller	

“Public libraries have been a mainstay of my life. They represent an individual's right to acquire knowledge; they are the sinews that bind civilized societies the world over. Without libraries, I would be a pauper, intellectually and spiritually.”—James A. Michener, Author

Library Staff 2012-2013

Headquarters and Amherst Branch Staff:

Chief Librarian	Beth Clinton	Feb 2008-
Deputy Chief Librarian	Denise Corey	Aug. 2008-
Youth Services Librarian	Chantelle Taylor	Aug. 2009-
Systems Manager	Steve Weatherbee	Oct 2005-
Secretary/Bookkeeper	Lynn Jones	May 1970-
Library Assistant	Adam Davies	Jan. 2008-
Library Assistant	Judy Noonan	Sept. 2008-Sept. 2012
Library Assistant (contract pos.)	Julie Allison-Savage	Sept. 2012-Mar. 2013
Interlibrary Loans Coordinator	Vanessa Sawatzky	July 1994-
Library Clerk	Dianna Lawless	Dec. 1995-
Library Clerk	Lisa Strathearn	Nov. 2009-
Books by Mail Clerk	Peggy Sperry	Apr. 1991-
Library Page	Lisa Strathearn	Jan. 2010-
Branch Delivery Driver	Glen Weatherbee	July 2009-
Summer Student	Thomas Skabar	May 2012-Sept 2012
Summer Student	Elizabeth McArthur	May 2012-Sept. 2012
Summer Student	Angela Vogels	May 2012-Sept. 2012

Branch Staff:

Advocate	Terry Gulliver Crystal Timmons	Aug. 2006- Sept. 2012-
Oxford	Debra Millard Helen Cole	Apr. 1987- Nov. 2002-
Parrsboro	Teresa Nott Jacqueline Evans Eden Bard Ellen Carr Lyndsey Nydegger	Feb. 2008-April 2012 Apr. 2011-May 2012 Apr. 2012- May 2012-Sept. 2012 Oct. 2012
Pugwash	Mary Hartling Marilyn Horton	Sept. 1993- Feb. 2008-
River Hebert	Rosemary Ulch	Sept. 2009-
Springhill	Dorothy Harroun Cathy Canning	Jan. 2001- Sept. 2010-

**Library Board
March 2012-Sept. 2012**

Councillor Robert Angel, Chair
Town of Amherst
Paul Hopper, Vice-Chair
Province of NS
Councillor Dawn McCully,
Town of Parrsboro
Councillor Allison Gillis
County of Cumberland
Councillor Ron MacNutt
County of Cumberland
Councillor Dawn Thompson
Town of Oxford
Joyce Young, Town of Springhill
Ralph Welton, Province of NS
Morris Haugg, Town of Amherst

**Library Board
Dec. 2012-2013**

Councillor Frank Balcom, Chair
Town of Amherst
Councillor Lisa Ward, Vice-Chair
Town of Parrsboro
Councillor Harold Delaney, Treasurer
Town of Springhill
Councillor Daniel Rector
County of Cumberland
Councillor Allison Gillis
County of Cumberland
Councillor Darlene Ellis
Town of Oxford
Morris Haugg, Town of Amherst
Jane Wood, Province of NS
Christopher Mullalley, Province of NS

Financial Statement 2012-2013

Revenue

Province of Nova Scotia	\$ 541,100
Municipality of Cumberland	104,367
Town of Amherst	61,820
Town of Oxford	7,680
Town of Parrsboro	9,120
Town of Springhill	25,752
Board Generated Revenue	97,614
Revenue Carryover	<u>6,219</u>

Total **\$ 853,672**

Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 634,417
Library Materials	81,292
Automation	12,003
Vehicle Purchase, Operation & Insurance	8,461
Board and Staff Travel and Training	5,578
Office expenses, rent, postage, utilities, etc.	66,886
Bank, Professional Fees, Memberships	7,251
Investments	<u>37,784</u>

Total **\$ 853,672**

It would take more than 10 people, working 40 hours a week, for a full year, to equal the amount of time the library's public access computers were in use.

Advocate
Harbour Library



93 Mills Rd
Advocate
392-2214

Four Fathers
Memorial Library



21 Acadia St.
Amherst
667-2549

Parrsboro Library



91 Queen St.
Parrsboro
254-2046

Oxford Library



22 Water St
Oxford
447-2440

Pugwash Library



10222 Durham St
Pugwash
243-3331

River Hebert
Library



River Hebert
2730 Barronsfield Rd
251-2324

Miners Memorial
Library



85 Main St
Springhill
597-2211

“What is more important in a library than anything else –than everything else – is the fact that it exists.”—Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress