

Cumberland Public Libraries Annual Report 2015-2016

Cumberland Public Libraries comprises seven libraries, a Borrow by Mail service, and a headquarters office. The seven libraries are located in Advocate Harbour, Amherst, Oxford, Parrsboro, Pugwash, River Hebert, and Springhill.

Cumberland Public Libraries is managed and operated by the Cumberland Regional Library Board, a body corporate pursuant to the Libraries Act of Nova Scotia, and made up of representatives from across Cumberland County and the Province of Nova Scotia.

Our Team

Library Staff

Headquarters and Amherst Branch Staff:

Chief Librarian	Denise Corey	Oct. 2013-
Deputy Chief Librarian	Chantelle Taylor	Dec. 2013-
Youth Services Librarian	Jennifer Atkinson	Feb. 2014-
Systems Manager	Steve Weatherbee	Oct 2005-
Secretary/Bookkeeper	Lynn Jones	May 1970-
Library Assistant	Adam Davies	Jan. 2008-
Library Assistant (contract pos.)	Julie Allison-Savage	Sep. 2015-Mar. 2016
Interlibrary Loans Coordinator	Vanessa Sawatzky	July 1994-
Library Clerk	Dianna Lawless	Dec. 1995-
Library Clerk	Lisa Strathearn	Nov. 2009-
Borrow by Mail Clerk	Peggy Sperry	Apr. 1991-
Library Page	Peggy Sperry	Sep. 2015-
Shelver	Dianna Lawless	Nov. 2014-
Branch Delivery Driver	Glen Weatherbee	July 2009-
Casual Substitute	Henri Etta Stevens	Sep. 2013-
Summer Student	Ashley Blenkhorn	May 2015-Aug. 2015
Summer Student	Patricia Deane	May 2015-Aug. 2015
Technology Student	Marcus Kindvater	May 2015-Aug. 2015
Technology Intern	Samantha Read	Nov. 2015-Mar. 2016

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Branch Staff:

Advocate	Terry Gulliver Sasha Young	Aug. 2006- Oct. 2013-
Oxford	Debra Millard Helen Cole	Apr. 1987- Nov. 2002-
Parrsboro	Eden Bard Amber Allard	Apr. 2012- Jul. 2014-
Pugwash	Mary Hartling Marilyn Horton Joanne Bunn	Sep. 1993- Feb. 2008-Jan. 2016 Mar. 2016-
River Hebert	Rosemary Ulch	Sep. 2009-
Springhill	Dorothy Harroun Cathy Canning	Jan. 2001- Sep. 2010-

Library Board

Councillor Frank Balcom, Chair	Town of Amherst
Councillor Lisa Ward, Vice-Chair	Town of Parrsboro
Councillor Daniel Rector	Municipality of the County of Cumberland
Councillor Allison Gillis	Municipality of the County of Cumberland
Councillor Darlene Ellis	Town of Oxford
Morris Haugg, Treasurer	Town of Amherst
Jane Wood	Province of Nova Scotia
Christopher Mullalley (to June 2015)	Province of Nova Scotia
Dale Fawthrop (from Dec 2015)	Province of Nova Scotia



Our Message

April

The Town of Oxford provided funding to equip the Oxford Library with a new desk and new shelving unit.

May

The 2015 Hackmatack Children's Choice Award winner Sam Fisher visited Amherst, Pugwash, Parrsboro, and River Hebert libraries. **264 children** in grades 4-6 had the opportunity to hear Fisher read from and talk about his hit monster novel "Scare Scape".



Sam Fisher answers questions at the River Hebert Library.

Summer students start with funding from Industry Canada Youth Initiative fund, Student Career Skills Development Program, and Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions.

June

Summer Reading Club kicked off with a series of exciting programs that tied into the year's "Play" theme. **149 kids** attended Summer Reading Club Kick-off Parties, where they attempted world records such as longest paperclip chain in 30 seconds, most marbles moved with chopsticks in 1 minute, longest coin spin, and more.



The town of Parrsboro replaced the stairs and ramp into the Parrsboro Library.

Renewals for most items were increased to 10.

July

Family Fort Night took place in Amherst on July 23 and Advocate on August 13. Families were invited to make blanket forts throughout the library, where they could read, play games, do puzzles, and more! At the end, everyone gathered around a fake campfire, ate a s'more treat, and listened to stories.

In conjunction with Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre, the library offered story times in the various parks throughout Amherst.

August

On August 15, the Four Fathers Library - in partnership with Maggie's Place - put on a Paper Bag Princess StoryMob as part of the Blueberry Harvest Festival. A StoryMob is a picture book-related flash mob, wherein participants use costumes and props (many of which were made at the library the day before) to act out a story in a crowded area. With 30 mob members of all ages and 80 spectators, our first StoryMob was a hit!



Summer students Ashley, Marcus, and Patricia prepare for the StoryMob.

Karen from Maggie's Place was one of our paper bag princesses.



Our StoryMobbers

The Cumberland Public Libraries also partnered with Maggie's Place on the Back to School supplies backpack program, distributing backpacks full of school supplies to students in need throughout Cumberland County.

September

The library received a substantial contribution from Paul Christie of \$10,000 worth of Canadian National Railway stock. It will be used to purchase books in his mother's memory.

Youth Services Librarian Jenn Atkinson was invited to write about Cumberland Public Libraries' fantastic community partnership with Maggie's Place for the Jbrary blog, directed at Canadian youth services librarians.

October

The Four Fathers Library hosted NS Fibre Arts Festival displays and workshops.

Fazal Malik gave a presentation about Islam at the Parrsboro Library.

One Book NS author Darren Greer gave a reading from his novel "Just Beneath My Skin."

CART (Children and Adults Reading Together), our popular family literacy program, is 9 years old and was again offered at all 7 libraries during the fall and winter. Over the 16 weeks the program was offered, **723 children and adults** attended all sessions, they **borrowed 1439 books**, and nearly all preschool participants saw an improvement in their literacy skills.

November

Cumberland Public Libraries received a Youth Initiative career grant to hire Samantha Read in a full time technology position until the end of March.

The Parrsboro and Oxford libraries were once again distribution sites for Coats for Cumberland, providing outdoor winter wear for those in need.

December

Our popular Food for Fines program added over 500 food items to food banks around Cumberland County and forgave over \$1,000 in fines.

The Cumberland County Community Health Boards awarded CPL a Wellness Grant to purchase new library materials pertaining to health and wellness in the amount of \$475.00.

January

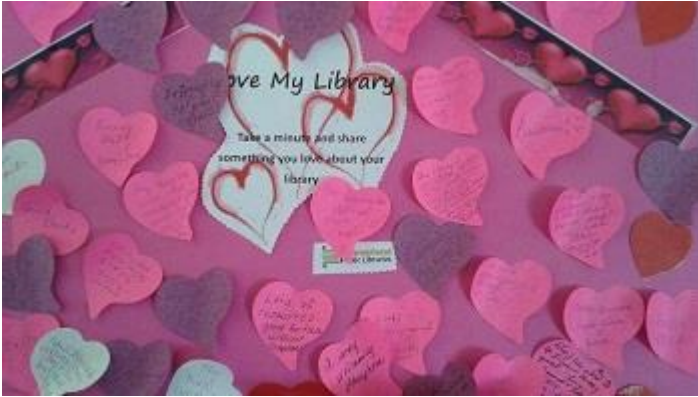
Cumberland Adult Network for Upgrading (CAN-U) moved into the space in the Four Fathers Memorial Library that was vacated by the Amherst Police Department.

Deputy Chief Librarian, Chantelle Taylor presented at the OLA Superconference on developing erotica collections in libraries.

CPL began sending donations of books to the Springhill Institution.

February

February was Love My Library month. All month long library patrons were encouraged to write reasons they loved their library on heart-shaped sticky notes and post them in the library.



Library love at the Springhill Miners Memorial Library

Library love at the Parrsboro Library



March

Our March Break programming was very popular this year, thanks in part to favourable spring weather. Approximately **500 kids** attended 22 programs, which included Minecraft in Real Life, Art Bots, Food Science, Jedi Academy, Iron Chef, LEGO, movie screenings, and more!

Annual Activity

Items Borrowed	2014-15	2015-16
Advocate	2,219	2,032
Amherst	49,467	51,029
Oxford	6,024	5,760
Parrsboro	8,577	8,809
Pugwash	10,883	9,959
River Hebert	5,749	5,194
Springhill	9,876	10,367
Borrow By Mail	2,134	1,874
Online Renewals	10,369	14,365
OverDrive (e- & audio books)	9,915	9,393
Total	115,213	118,782

Holds Placed	2014-15	2015-16
Advocate	793	798
Amherst	10,671	13,142
Oxford	1,465	1,338
Parrsboro	2,244	2,239
Pugwash	2,989	2,902
River Hebert	2,862	2,373
Springhill	2,794	3,127
Borrow By Mail	1,486	1,227
OverDrive (e- & audio books)	3,252	2,640
Total	27,539	29,786

Inter-Library Loans	2014-15	2015-16
<i>Loaned To Other Libraries</i>	2,408	2,423
<i>Borrowed From Other Libraries</i>	2,894	2,696

Reference Questions	2014-15	2015-16
Advocate	455	328
Amherst	3,216	3,072
Oxford	1,526	1,055
Parrsboro	905	892
Pugwash	2,119	1,991
River Hebert	478	431
Springhill	1,193	1,160
Borrow By Mail	358	474
Remote (e-mail)	47	53
Total	10,297	9,456

Programming	2014-15	2015-16
Number of Programs Offered	655	540
Total Attendance	10,095	8,399

Children's Summer Reading Program	2014-15	2015-16
Participants	297	313
Hours Read	1,836	1,923
Program attendees	1,072	1,101

Teen Summer Reading Program	2014-15	2015-16
Participants	26	12
Hours Read	636	294

Adult Summer Reading Program	2014-15	2015-16
Participants	131	134
Books Read	1,106	1,073

Resources	
Books & Magazines	64,916
Movies, TV shows & documentaries	3,370
Audio Books	2,120
Periodical Subscriptions (titles)	80
Online database subscriptions	5
Public Access Computers	35
Total Staff (FTE)	16
Number of Employees	25

Our Technology

Wireless use hours	2014-15	2015-16
Advocate	167	212
Amherst	2,154	2,194
Oxford	2,067	1,493
Parrsboro	1,548	1,277
Pugwash	547	791
River Hebert	747	731
Springhill	2,146	864
Total	9,376	7,562

Public Access Computer use hours	2014-15	2015-16
Advocate	1,334	928
Amherst	11,504	8,613
Oxford	1,094	903
Parrsboro	2,074	2,928
Pugwash	530	392
River Hebert	705	302
Springhill	2,604	4,010
Total	19,845	18,076

Our Community

Members*	2014-15	2015-16
Advocate	290	247
Amherst	4,218	4,065
Oxford	507	485
Parrsboro	772	704
Pugwash	891	860
River Hebert	302	261
Springhill	965	896
Borrow By Mail	95	76
Total	8,050	7,594

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

New Members	2014-15	2015-16
Advocate	14	14
Amherst	409	545
Oxford	56	46
Parrsboro	77	87
Pugwash	106	104
River Hebert	27	32
Springhill	82	100
Borrow By Mail	2	0
Total	773	928

We wish to thank the following businesses, organizations, and individuals who made financial and in-kind contributions to the Library during the past year:

A&W
Kenneth & Etta Adams
Amherst Lioness Club
Amherst Lions Club
Jenn Atkinson
Atlantic Superstore
Frank Balcom
Basic Spirit
Robert Brown
David Burgess
C-Vision
Joan Cameron
Marguerite Cameron
Canadian Tire
Elizabeth Canning
Sarah Chappell
Paul Christie
Elizabeth Clinton
Coats for Cumberland
Compass Minerals Canada
Kathryn Conrad
Denise Corey
Sally Cove
Robert Culvert
Dairy Queen
Dale Davies
Pamela Davis
Deanne Fitzpatrick Studio
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Vicki Dulong
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Oxford Frozen Foods
Parrsboro Co-op
Mary Parsons
Carlene Patterson
Ron Patterson
PolyCello
Janet Pedersen
Joan Ralph
Veronica Richards
Lisa Ripley

Catherine Robichaud
Debbie Rolfe
Elizabeth Ross
Rotary Club of Amherst
Viola Sangster
Shirley Sauveur
Jean Schiefer
Scotsburn Dairy
Shoppers Drugmart
Sifto Salt Corp.
Wanda Skidmore
Springhill Community
Garden
Dale Steele-Nicolov
Super 8 Hotel
Charlotte Smith
Michael D. Smith
Ron Sumara
Tantramar Community
Radio
Tantramar IODE
Chantelle Taylor
Marguerite Taylor
Alexandra Theroux
Tim Hortons
Peggy Topple
Crystal Wallis
Glen Weatherbee
Steve Weatherbee
Rebecca White
Harry Wilkes
Marilyn Williams
Lila Williamson
Ron Wilson
David Wood
Jane Wood
YMCA of Cumberland
Marilyn Young
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Financial Statement 2015-2016*

Revenue

Province of Nova Scotia	\$ 550,000
Municipality of Cumberland	130,120
Town of Amherst	61,820
Town of Oxford	7,680
Town of Parrsboro	9,120
Board Generated Revenue	<u>90,626</u>
Total	\$ 849,366

Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 624,295
Library Materials	101,832
Automation	22,875
Vehicle Operation & Insurance	5,677
Board and Staff Travel and Training	5,968
Office expenses, rent, postage, utilities, etc.	72,673
Bank, Professional Fees, Memberships	7,824
Investments	<u>8,222</u>
Total	\$ 849,366

*For a complete audited financial statement please contact Cumberland Public Libraries Headquarters.

**Advocate
Harbour Library**



93 Mills Rd.
Advocate
902-392-2214

**Four Fathers
Memorial Library**



21 Acadia St.
Amherst
902-667-2549

Parrsboro Library



91 Queen St.
Parrsboro
902-254-2046

Oxford Library



22 Water St.
Oxford
902-447-2440

Pugwash Library



10222 Durham St.
Pugwash
902-243-3331

**River Hebert
Library**



River Hebert
2730 Barronsfield Rd.
902-251-2324

**Miners Memorial
Library**



85 Main St.
Springhill
902-597-2211