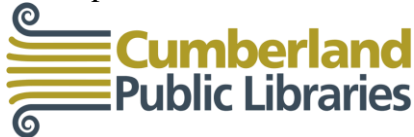


Cumberland Public Libraries Annual Report

April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011

Highlights

- 📖 In January of 2011 the Cumberland Regional Library Board passed a motion that the Board will henceforth manage and operate the regional library with all its branches and services under the name and style of “Cumberland Public Libraries”.
 - 📖 An exciting, new logo was created for the Cumberland Public Libraries by local graphic designer, Hollis Bartlett. It has been described as a Doric column, a stylized book, a rocket ship and a ‘river of knowledge’.
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- The logo for Cumberland Public Libraries features a stylized graphic on the left consisting of a blue scroll-like shape at the top, followed by three horizontal yellow bars, and a blue scroll-like shape at the bottom. To the right of this graphic, the word "Cumberland" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, and the words "Public Libraries" are written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font below it.
- 📖 The library was saddened to hear of the death of retired, long-time Library Assistant, Sheila Macleod.
 - 📖 A county-wide adult summer reading program was introduced.
 - 📖 Hackmatack award nominated children’s author, Phillip Roy (accompanied by his wooden submarine) gave readings in Amherst, Pugwash and Springhill
 - 📖 OverDrive service was introduced in July. This allows patrons to download audiobooks and e-books from the library’s website.
 - 📖 A grant was received from the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors to create a senior’s space in the Miners Memorial Library in Springhill.
 - 📖 The library’s public access computers were in use for over 21,000 hours.
 - 📖 The library received a Family Literacy Endowment Fund Grant (FLIEF) to run the successful Children & Adults Reading Together (CART) program for another year.
 - 📖 A monthly ‘Twisted Stitchers’ program was started in Amherst and River Hebert.
 - 📖 The Amherst branch was included in the annual Fibre Arts Festival with a display of felted hats and was part of the town of Amherst’s first art walk where participants were encouraged to view the library’s collection of paintings.
 - 📖 The library provided puppet shows and children’s activities at the Four Fathers Festival in Amherst and the Pugwash Harbourfest.

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.”

Items Borrowed	2009-2010	2010-2011
Advocate	3,048	4,238
Amherst	62,002	67,420
Oxford	8,548	6,986
Parrsboro	12,411	12,799
Pugwash	14,241	14,467
River Hebert	4,844	4,211
Springhill	12,384	12,077
Books By Mail	3,535	2,466
Online Renewals	4,866	6,007
OverDrive (e- & audio books)	N/A	841
Total	125,879	131,512

Holds Placed	2009-2010	2010-2011
Advocate	832	1,238
Amherst	12,133	13,045
Oxford	2,336	1,946
Parrsboro	2,996	3,192
Pugwash	4,123	3,768
River Hebert	1,033	1,265
Springhill	2,432	2,566
Books By Mail	1,351	1,617
OverDrive (e- & audio books)	N/A	419
Total	27,236	29,056

Inter-Library Loans	2009-2010	2010-2011
<i>Loaned To Other Libraries</i>	2,271	2,354
<i>Borrowed From Other Libraries</i>	2,412	2,522

Public Access Computer use hours	2009-2010	2010-2011
Advocate	1,531	1,577
Amherst	10,709	10,429
Oxford	1,454.5	1,031.5
Parrsboro	2,702.5	2,787
Pugwash	576	394
River Hebert	1,799	1,017.5
Springhill	4,445.5	4,062
Total	23,217.5	21,298

Wireless use hours	2009-2010	2010-2011
Advocate	289.25	305.75
Amherst	917.25	1203.25
Oxford	704	441.25
Parrsboro	4,267.5	4863
Pugwash	216	394
River Hebert	194.5	135.25
Springhill	251	343
Total	6,839.25	7701.5

Members*	2009-2010	2010-2011
Advocate	262	269
Amherst	3,548	3,714
Oxford	435	450
Parrsboro	779	820
Pugwash	785	791
River Hebert	251	269
Springhill	745	861
Books By Mail	157	204
Total	6,962	7,378

*Accounts have not expired as of March 31/11.

New Members	2009-2010	2010-2011
Advocate	46	41
Amherst	519	513
Oxford	82	53
Parrsboro	189	114
Pugwash	125	134
River Hebert	42	23
Springhill	138	152
Books By Mail	12	5
Total	1,153	1,035

Annual Visits	2009-2010	2010-2011
Number of <i>In Person</i> Visits to the Library	85,772	71,820
Number of <i>Online</i> Visits to the Library	111,495	90,395

Cumberland Public Libraries now offers summer reading programs for all ages!

Reference Questions	2009-2010	2010-2011
Advocate	120	110
Amherst	2,564	3,116
Oxford	1,009	1,069
Parrsboro	886	864
Pugwash	1,818	2,545
River Hebert	199	179
Springhill	1,634	1,393
Books By Mail	696	440
Remote (e-mail)	50	51
Total	8,976	9,767

Programming	2009-2010	2010-2011
Number of Programs Offered	597	558
Total Attendance	6,939	6,541

Summer Reading Program	2009-2010	2010-2011
Participants	372	387
Books Read	2,819	2,598
Program attendees	745	774

Teen Summer Reading Program	2009-2010	2010-2011
Participants	37	41
Hours Read	1,158	1,298

Adult Summer Reading Program	2009-2010	2010-2011
Participants	N/A	70
Books Read	N/A	308

“We must not think of learning as only what happens in schools. It is an extended part of life. The most readily available resource for all of life is our public library system.”—David McCullough, Author

Resources	2009-2010	2010-2011
Books & Magazines	78,275	76,934
Videos	883	544
DVDs	1,456	1,960
Audio Books (Tape & CD)	1,423	1,288
Periodical Subscriptions (titles)	99	96
Online Database Subscriptions	10	9
Public Access Computers	36	36
Total Staff (FTE)	18	17
Number of Employees	26	25

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

Sheila Bates	Patti Griffiths	Laurie Nelson
Susan Berry	June Henwood	Hannah Nott
Marguerite Bishop	Jan Matthews	Oralee O'Byrne
Sharon Corbin	Holly McArthur	Mary Parsons
Sally Cove	Sandra McArthur	Debby Rolfe
Henry Fenton	Lisa McIver	Shirley Sauveur
Cindy Fletcher	Margo McCulley	Becky Smith
Clayton Gabriel	Leighann Melanson	Ron Sumara
Ralph Graham	Seamus Moore	Marg White
Sheila Graham	Karen Morris	Marilyn Young

Friends of the Pugwash Library

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

1 in 4 Cumberland County residents (8,815 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:**

Mr. & Mrs. K.D. Adams	Irene Hopkins	Walter Oake
Sheila Allen	Fred Hurley	Patrick O'Neill
Amherst Insurance	Wendy & Tim Iler	Carol O'Regan
Amherst Lioness Club	B.M. Jessop	Oxford Frozen Foods
Amherst Lions Club	Estate of Clifford Jones	Sheila Pipe
Trudy Amirault	Lynn & Darrell Jones	Brian Porter
AWL Forest Products	Linda King, Pierre Pinet,	John & Barbara Rankin
Bruce Baxter	Emily & Amy Purdy	Bob Ripley
Douglas Bennett	Vanessa Knock	Catherine Robichaud
Jorgensen & Bickerton	Dianna Lawless	Rotary Club of Amherst
Phyllis Blumel	Christa Lawrence	Julia Shatford
Allan & Sarah	Sonya LeBlanc	Sifto Salt
Bonnyman	Joe LeFurgey	Elsie Smith
Angus Bonnyman	Laubach Literacy	Julie Smith
John Bradshaw	Lord Amherst IODE	Mrs. Kathleen Smith
William Burnfield	John Lusby	Mrs. Margaret Smith
C-Vision	Holly MacDonald	Ms. Margaret Smith
Joan Cameron	Pam MacIntosh	Michael Smith
Sean Cheverie	Murdock MacLeod	Wanda Spence
Beth Clinton	Tim & Elizabeth	Lisa Strathearn
Zackary Collins	MacLeod	Margaret Tait
Irene Coombes	Kate MacPherson	Tantramar IODE
Denise Corey	Wanda McSorley	Alexandra Theroux
Cumberland Health	Rubin Millard	Chantelle Taylor
Authority	Ruth Miller	Town of Amherst
Peter D'Entremont	Judith Milner	Rosemary Wasson
Mr. & Mrs. Harold	Flora Patterson	Steve & Effie
Ettinger	Brian Porter	Weatherbee
Janice Gordon	Betty Murray	Weavexx
Brenda Henry	Frances Newman	
	Robert Nixon	

“A circulating library in a town is as an evergreen tree of diabolical knowledge! It blossoms through the year!” – Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Playwright & Poet

Library Staff 2010-2011

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-
Library Assistant (contract pos.)	Julie Allison-Savage	Sept. 2010-Mar. 2011
Interlibrary Loans Coordinator	Vanessa Sawatzky	July 1994-
Library Clerk	Dianna Lawless	Dec. 1995-
Library Clerk	Lisa Strathearn	Nov. 2009-
Library Clerk	Thomas Skabar	Sept. 2008-May 2010
		Sept 2010-
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 2010-Sept 2010
Summer Student	Elizabeth McArthur	May 2010-Sept. 2010
Summer Student	Emily Dugas	May 2010-Sept. 2010

Branch Staff:

Advocate	Terry Gulliver Laurie Henshall	Aug. 2006- Jan. 2010-
Oxford	Debra Millard Helen Cole	Apr. 1987- Nov. 2002-
Parrsboro	Teresa Nott Elsie LeBlanc	Feb. 2008- Aug. 2008-Feb. 2011
Pugwash	Mary Hartling Marilyn Horton	Sept. 1993- Feb. 2008-
River Hebert	Carolyn Wilson Rosemary Ulch Laurie Henshall	Jan 1998-Feb 2011 Sept. 2009- March 2011-
Springhill	Dorothy Harroun Julie Harroun Cathy Canning	Jan. 2001- Oct. 2005-Sept. 2010 Sept. 2010

Library Board 2010-2011

<i>Board Member:</i>	<i>Representing:</i>
Councillor Robert Angel, Chair	Town of Amherst
Paul Hopper, Vice-Chair	Province of Nova Scotia
Councillor Dawn McCully, Treasurer	Town of Parrsboro
Morris Haugg	Town of Amherst
Councillor Allison Gillis	County of Cumberland
Councillor Ron MacNutt	County of Cumberland
Vacant	Town of Springhill
Councillor Dawn Thompson	Town of Oxford
Ralph Welton	Province of Nova Scotia

Financial Statement 2010-2011

Revenue

Province of Nova Scotia	\$ 543,000
Municipality of Cumberland	99,397
Town of Amherst	58,876
Town of Oxford	7,314
Town of Parrsboro	8,686
Town of Springhill	24,526
Board Generated Revenue	<u>145,708</u>

Total **\$ 887,507**

Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 617,307
Library Materials	81,530
Automation	44,913
Vehicle Purchase, Operation & Insurance	7,562
Board and Staff Travel and Training	5,385
Office expenses, rent, postage, utilities, etc.	76,670
Bank, Professional Fees, Memberships	6,288
Special Project (Re-branding)	12,966
Investments	<u>34,886</u>

Total **\$ 887,507**

“I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.”—Jorge Luis Borges, Author

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



75 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