

Annual Report 2013-2014



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Highlights

📖 Chief Librarian Beth Clinton resigned in October. Denise Corey was hired as the new Chief Librarian.



📖 Chantelle Taylor was hired as the new Deputy Chief Librarian in December.

📖 Jennifer Calder was hired as the new Youth Services Librarian in February.



📖 The new Library Materials Act allows us to mail all library materials at a discounted rate. This has led to better service for our patrons and gives us access to millions of movies, television shows, audiobooks and more via interlibrary loan from across Canada.

📖 Hackmatack Award- nominated children's author Steve Vernon gave readings in Amherst, River Hebert, Parrsboro, and Pugwash.

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

📖 Library program attendance increased by 20%.

📖 The library received a \$10,000 bequest from the estate of Dorothy Dickinson. The money was invested in an endowment fund to help with future book purchases.





📖 Springhill began offering Community Classes.

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

📖 The library held its 10th annual Food for Fines program in December. Over 730 non-perishable food items were donated to local food banks.

📖 Cumberland Public Libraries participated in the 2nd annual, province wide, One Book Nova Scotia program. Author Alissa York read from her novel, "Fauna".



Annual Activity

Items Borrowed	2012-13	2013-14
Advocate	3,098	3,063
Amherst	62,076	59,799
Oxford	6,963	6,385
Parrsboro	11,576	11,498
Pugwash	13,831	12,008
River Hebert	6,113	5,212
Springhill	13,064	12,694
Books By Mail	2,430	2,534
Online Renewals	7,445	8,091
OverDrive (e- & audio books)	5,013	8,334
Total	131,609	129,618

Holds Placed	2012-13	2013-2014
Advocate	1,240	1,045
Amherst	13,406	13,496
Oxford	1,858	1,888
Parrsboro	3,025	2,993
Pugwash	4,186	3,331
River Hebert	3,496	2,699
Springhill	3,802	3,222
Books By Mail	1,671	1,588
OverDrive (e- & audio books)	2,423	3,091
Total	35,107	33,353

Inter-Library Loans	2012-13	2013-14
<i>Loaned To Other Libraries</i>	1,876	1,963
<i>Borrowed From Other Libraries</i>	2,874	2,643

Annual Visits	2012-13	2013-14
Number of <i>In Person</i> Visits to the Library	74,354	83,221
Number of <i>Online</i> Visits to the Library	111,129	139,948

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Public Access Computer use hours	2012-13	2013-14
Advocate	1,434	1,175
Amherst	9,430	12,058
Oxford	1,365	1,104
Parrsboro	3,102	2,491
Pugwash	425	540
River Hebert	1,050	746
Springhill	4,721	3,752
Total	21,527	21,866

Wireless use hours	2012-13	2013-14
Advocate	99	255
Amherst	1,834	1,776
Oxford	1,543	495
Parrsboro	2,699	2,163
Pugwash	649	624
River Hebert	397	555
Springhill	209	605
Total	7,430	6,473

Members*	2012-13	2013-2014
Advocate	329	325
Amherst	4,626	4,428
Oxford	518	522
Parrsboro	878	824
Pugwash	985	931
River Hebert	321	314
Springhill	1,064	1,022
Books By Mail	125	108
Total	8,846	8,474

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

New Members	2012-13	2013-14
Advocate	58	26
Amherst	478	446
Oxford	46	60
Parrsboro	90	82
Pugwash	120	71
River Hebert	18	33
Springhill	112	129
Books By Mail	3	2
Total	925	849

Reference Questions	2012-13	2013-14
Advocate	381	532
Amherst	3,552	3,642
Oxford	1,339	1,093
Parrsboro	1,444	1,420
Pugwash	2,145	2,217
River Hebert	708	741
Springhill	1,794	1,480
Books By Mail	328	326
Remote (e-mail)	56	69
Total	11,747	11,520

Programming	2012-13	2013-14
Number of Programs Offered	528	651
Total Attendance	6,904	8,294

Children's Summer Reading Program	2012-13	2013-14
Participants	347	352
Hours Read	2,374	2,535
Program attendees	821	863

Teen Summer Reading Program	2012-13	2013-14
Participants	45	28
Hours Read	1,178	1,132

Adult Summer Reading Program	2012-13	2013-14
Participants	115	101
Books Read	806	812

Resources	
Books & Magazines	64,247
DVDs, Blu-Ray & VHS	2,861
Audio Books	1,389
Periodical Subscriptions (titles)	87
Online database subscriptions	9
Public Access Computers	38
Total Staff (FTE)	18
Number of Employees	24

Friends of the Pugwash Library

Bernadette Carini
 Thelma Colborne
 Elaine Cook

Vivian Godfree
 Helen Matheson
 Pat McBurnie

Virginia Redden
 Judy Rickard
 Norene Smiley

“Information helps you to see that you’re not alone. That there’s somebody in Mississippi and somebody in Tokyo who all have wept, who’ve all longed and lost, who’ve all been happy. So the library helps you to see, not only that you are not alone, but that you’re not really any different from everyone else.” ~ Maya Angelou

Library Board

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 Town of Parrsboro
 Town of Springhill
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 Town of Oxford
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 Province of NS
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According to an OCLC report, Canadians made over 100 million visits to public libraries in 2010.

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	Marilyn Horton	Mary Parsons
Advocate Country Store	Paige Horton	Carlene Patterson
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Amherst Lioness Club	Brian Jessop	PolyCelo
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Jessica Grant	Anthony Morley	Judy Ward
Pat Griffiths	John C. & Isabelle Mullaley	Glen Weatherbee
Grumpy's Bakery	Betty Murray	Sandra Webb
Hands Across Time Rug Hooking	Ann Nicholson	Cairine White
HaTha Yoga Room	Laurie Glenn Norris	Marilyn Williams
Morris Haug	O'Brien's PharmaChoice	David & Jane Wood
Brenda Henry	Elizabeth O'Donoghue	YMCA of Cumberland
	Mallory O'Neill	
	Oxford Frozen Foods	
	Parrsboro Co-op	

Library Staff 2013-2014

Headquarters and Amherst Branch Staff:

Chief Librarian	Beth Clinton	Feb 2008-Oct. 2013
Chief Librarian	Denise Corey	Oct. 2013-
Deputy Chief Librarian	Denise Corey	Aug. 2008- Oct. 2013
Deputy Chief Librarian	Chantelle Taylor	Dec. 2013-
Youth Services Librarian	Chantelle Taylor	Aug. 2009- Dec. 2013
Youth Services Librarian	Jennifer Calder	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	Sept. 2013-Mar. 2014
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-
Casual Substitute	Henri Etta Stevens	Sep. 2013-
Summer Student	Margaret Skabar	May 2013-Sept 2013
Summer Student	Mary MacKay	May 2013-Sept. 2013
Summer Student	Daryl Atkinson	May 2013-Sept. 2013

Branch Staff:

Advocate	Terry Gulliver	Aug. 2006-
	Crystal Timmons	Jan. 2013-June 2013
	Sasha Young	Oct. 2013-
Oxford	Debra Millard	Apr. 1987-
	Helen Cole	Nov. 2002-
Parrsboro	Eden Bard	Apr. 2012-
	Lyndsey Nydegger	Oct. 2012-
Pugwash	Mary Hartling	Sept. 1993-
	Marilyn Horton	Feb. 2008-
River Hebert	Rosemary Ulch	Sept. 2009-
Springhill	Dorothy Harroun	Jan. 2001-
	Cathy Canning	Sept. 2010-

Financial Statement 2013-2014

Revenue

Province of Nova Scotia	\$ 541,100
Municipality of Cumberland	104,368
Town of Amherst	61,820
Town of Oxford	7,680
Town of Parrsboro	9,120
Town of Springhill	25,752
Board Generated Revenue	<u>104,159</u>

Total **\$ 853,999**

Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 602,813
Library Materials	73,184
Automation	12,145
Vehicle Purchase, Operation & Insurance	40,730
Board and Staff Travel and Training	4,834
Office expenses, rent, postage, utilities, etc.	72,573
Bank, Professional Fees, Memberships	7,067
Investments	<u>40,662</u>

Total **\$ 853,999**

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

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

“Everything you need for better future and success has already been written. And guess what? All you have to do is go to the library.” ~ Henri Frederic Amiel