



Cumberland Public Libraries Annual Report 2014-2015

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 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. 2014-Mar. 2015
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	Lisa Strathearn	Jan. 2010-
Shelver	Dianna Lawless	Nov. 2014-
Branch Delivery Driver	Glen Weatherbee	July 2009-
Casual Substitute	Henri Etta Stevens	Sep. 2013-
Summer Student	Margaret Skabar	May 2014-Aug 2014
Summer Student	Mary MacKay	May 2014-Aug 2014
Technology Student	Rachel Gamblin	May 2014-

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	Sept. 1993- Feb. 2008-
River Hebert	Rosemary Ulch	Sept. 2009-
Springhill	Dorothy Harroun Cathy Canning	Jan. 2001- Sept. 2010-

Library Board

Councillor Frank Balcom, Chair	Town of Amherst
Councillor Lisa Ward, Vice-Chair	Town of Parrsboro
Councillor Harold Delaney, Treasurer	Town of Springhill
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Jane Wood	Province of Nova Scotia
Christopher Mullalley	Province of Nova Scotia

Our Message

April

The Cumberland Barristers Society partnered with us to offer a Wills and Estate information session at the Springhill Library. Local lawyer William Fairbanks provided the expertise.

The Library received a Positive Aging grant of \$3,500, to start a volunteer home delivery service in Springhill. The money was used to train staff and volunteers, advertise, create guidelines, and recruit both volunteers and users of the service.

Community Classes in Amherst and Springhill continue to be successful. This spring we offered rug hooking and writing & publishing classes in Amherst, and crochet, scrapbooking, and genealogy classes in Springhill.

May

The 2014 Hackmatack Children’s Choice Award winner Ashley Spires visited Amherst, Springhill, and Oxford libraries. A total of 199 children had the opportunity to learn how Spires creates picture books and the Binky the Space Cat graphic novel series.



Ashley Spires talking to students at the Four Fathers Library.

Parrsboro received a new book drop. The Library did this to keep up with the improvements the Town of Parrsboro has made to the building, including a new metal roof.

June

Summer Reading Club kicked off with a series of exciting programs that tied into the year’s “Eureka” (Make) theme. A total of 89 kids attended Summer Reading Club Kick-off Parties throughout the county.

- Advocate – Canada Day celebration, where kids made a Canadian-themed banner to hang in the library.
- Amherst – Maker Fair, where kids could play piano with bananas using Makey Makey technology, make Rainbow Loom creations, build LEGO structures, and more.
- Oxford – Make like a Monkey, where kids made monkey crafts and monkeyed around.
- Parrsboro – Seamonster Seaworld, where kids made sea creature habitats.
- Pugwash – Make a suncatcher.
- River Hebert – Make a Reading Buddy puppet.
- Springhill – Scavenger hunt, carnival games, and cupcake decorating.

The Town of Amherst provided the Four Fathers Library with more sports equipment to loan to the public, including fishing poles, tents, basket & soccer balls, and more.

July

Debra Komar read from her book *The Ballad of Jacob Peck* and discussed forensic investigations.

August

Inspired by the children’s book series *Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger, Cumberland Public Libraries challenged the residents of Cumberland County to fold 1000 origami Yodas starting June 2nd until the end of August. By the end of the summer, this goal was not just reached – it was tripled! 3529 origami Yodas were made by people of all ages from Cumberland County and beyond. It was a program that surpassed every one of our expectations.



“Yodastra” made by some of our patrons.

Yodas at the Oxford Library.



Tom Angleberger sent us original artwork for reaching our goal.

September

Ali Bryan, author of *Roost*, the 2014 One Book Nova Scotia selection read at the Four Fathers Library for a crowd of 111 people.



CPL hosted NSLA/LBANS Conference. Over 100 library staff and trustees were in attendance to learn about the funding formula, community led libraries, graphic novels, and more.

October

Alzheimer's Association of Nova Scotia offered Healthy Brain workshops in the Advocate, Amherst, Oxford, Pugwash, River Hebert, and Springhill libraries.

NNELS (National Network of Equitable Library Service) and the La Leche League book and DVD collections were launched in libraries around the province.

November

CPL hosted our first annual 12 Days of Cookies, where staff made cookies for patrons and gave them recipes.

December

Another successful year for Food for Fines, adding over 700 food items to food banks around Cumberland County and forgiving over \$1,400 in fines.

The Springhill library hosted Alan Syliboy's multimedia art piece The Thundermaker from December 2nd to 19th.



January

A new Strategic Plan was introduced for CPL for 2015-2018.

The Town of Oxford purchased a new circulation desk for the Oxford Library.

February

Fazal Malik gave presentations in Amherst and Springhill about Islam.

March

Despite the onslaught of winter weather in mid-March, our March Break programming was popular. A total of 230 kids attended programs throughout Cumberland Public Libraries during the week.

- Advocate – Happy Unbirthday Party
- Oxford
 - Movie (Boxtrolls)
 - LEGO
- Parrsboro – Mad Science!
- River Hebert – Abracadabra
- Springhill
 - Movie (Book of Life)
 - The Amazing Race
 - LEGO

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- Amherst
 - Grossology
 - Movie (Boxtrolls)
 - Lego Party
 - Jedi Academy
 - Crafternoon
 - Happy Unbirthday
 - Art Bots

During the 2014/15 year, the library saw an increase of 22% in program attendance.



Teen program at the Four Fathers Library.



Robot made at the Parrsboro Library.

Annual Activity

Items Borrowed	2013-14	2014-15
Advocate	3,063	2,219
Amherst	59,799	49,467
Oxford	6,385	6,024
Parrsboro	11,498	8,577
Pugwash	12,008	10,883
River Hebert	5,212	5,749
Springhill	12,694	9,876
Borrow By Mail	2,534	2,134
Online Renewals	8,091	10,369
OverDrive (e- & audio books)	8,334	9,915
Total	129,618	115,213

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Holds Placed	2013-2014	2014-15
Advocate	1,045	793
Amherst	13,496	10,671
Oxford	1,888	1,465
Parrsboro	2,993	2,244
Pugwash	3,331	2,989
River Hebert	2,699	2,862
Springhill	3,222	2,794
Borrow By Mail	1,588	1,486
OverDrive (e- & audio books)	3,091	3,252
Total	33,353	27,539

Inter-Library Loans	2013-14	2014-15
<i>Loaned To Other Libraries</i>	1,963	2,408
<i>Borrowed From Other Libraries</i>	2,643	2,894

Annual Visits	2013-14	2014-15
Number of <i>In Person</i> Visits to the Library*	83,221	82,542
Number of <i>Online</i> Visits to the Library	139,948	137,297

*This is an estimate based on one week of library usage in October.

Reference Questions	2013-14	2014-15
Advocate	532	455
Amherst	3,642	3,216
Oxford	1,093	1,526
Parrsboro	1,420	905
Pugwash	2,217	2,119
River Hebert	741	478
Springhill	1,480	1,193
Borrow By Mail	326	358
Remote (e-mail)	69	47
Total	11,520	10,297

Programming	2013-14	2014-15
Number of Programs Offered	651	655
Total Attendance	8,294	10,095

Children's Summer Reading Program	2013-14	2014-15
Participants	352	297
Hours Read	2,535	1,836
Program attendees	863	1,072

Teen Summer Reading Program	2013-14	2013-14
Participants	28	26
Hours Read	1132	636

Adult Summer Reading Program	2013-14	2014-15
Participants	101	131
Books Read	812	1,106

Resources	
Books & Magazines	63,739
DVDs, Blu-Ray & VHS	2,903
Audio Books	1,466
Periodical Subscriptions (titles)	94
Online database subscriptions	4
Public Access Computers	38
Total Staff (FTE)	18
Number of Employees	25

Our Technology

Wireless use hours	2013-14	2014-15
Advocate	255	167
Amherst	1,776	2,154
Oxford	495	2,067
Parrsboro	2,163	1,548
Pugwash	624	547
River Hebert	555	747
Springhill	605	2,146
Total	6,473	9,376

Public Access Computer use hours	2013-14	2014-15
Advocate	1,175	1,334
Amherst	12,058	11,504
Oxford	1,104	1,094
Parrsboro	2,491	2,074
Pugwash	540	530
River Hebert	746	705
Springhill	3,752	2,604
Total	21,866	19,845

Our Community

Members*	2013-14	2014-15
Advocate	325	290
Amherst	4,428	4,218
Oxford	522	507
Parrsboro	824	772
Pugwash	931	891
River Hebert	314	302
Springhill	1,022	965
Borrow By Mail	108	95
Total	8,474	8,050

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

New Members	2013-14	2014-15
Advocate	26	14
Amherst	446	409
Oxford	60	56
Parrsboro	82	77
Pugwash	71	106
River Hebert	33	27
Springhill	129	82
Borrow By Mail	2	2
Total	849	773

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
Advocate Country Store
Kenneth & Etta Adams
Alan Alexander
Amherst Lioness Club
Amherst Lions Club
Atlantic Superstore
Sally Austin
Frank Balcom
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Parrsboro Co-op
Mary Parsons
Carlene Patterson
PolyCello
Brian Porter
Pugwash Health Helpers
Bruce Quigley
Joan Ralph

Walter Rayworth
Nancy & David Reid
Lisa Remington
Veronica Richards
Rotary Club of Amherst
Revere Ruddick
Viola Sangster
Shirley Sauveur
Vanessa Sawatzky
Jean Schiefer
Scotsburn Dairy
Shoppers Drugmart
Sifto Salt Corp.
Super 8 Hotel
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Greg & Noreen Smiley
Janalyn Smith
Kimberly Smith
Mrs. Margaret R. Smith
Michael D. Smith
Eric Sparling
Peggy Sperry
Ron Sumara
Tantramar Community Radio
Tantramar IODE
Marguerite Taylor
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Tim Hortons
Judy Ward
Glen Weatherbee
Marilyn Williams
Stan Williams
Ron Wilson
David Wood
Jane Wood
Xerium Canada Inc. (Stowe
Weavexx)
YMCA of Cumberland
Marilyn Young



Financial Statement 2014-2015

Revenue

Province of Nova Scotia	\$ 550,000
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>119,284</u>

Total **\$ 878,024**

Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 621,216
Library Materials	98,352
Automation	13,355
Vehicle Operation & Insurance	6,115
Board and Staff Travel and Training	7,655
Office expenses, rent, postage, utilities, etc.	95,404
Bank, Professional Fees, Memberships	7,280
Investments	<u>28,647</u>

Total **\$ 878,024**

**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