

Nova Scotia Public Libraries

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PEOPLE

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**PUBLIC
LIBRARIES**



9 regional libraries



79 branches



943,000 citizens

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309,000
Active library users

35,000
New library users



816
library employees

4.2 million
visits to Nova Scotia
public libraries



13,500
youth in Summer
Reading Clubs

INNOVATION

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527,000
wi-fi sessions

615,000
ebooks borrowed



496,000
hours of public computer use

Over the last 3 years:



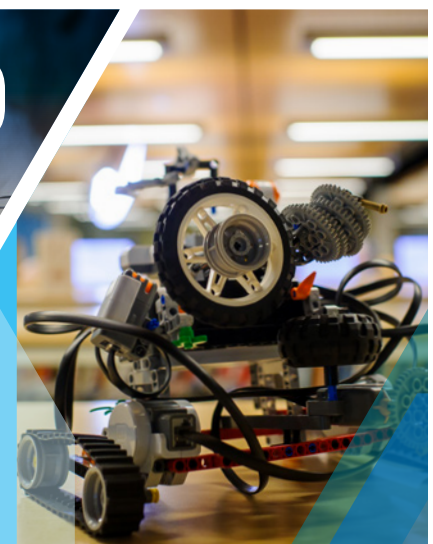
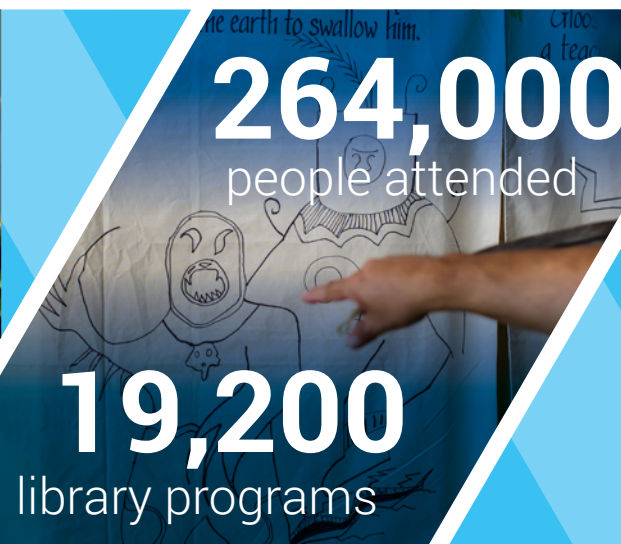
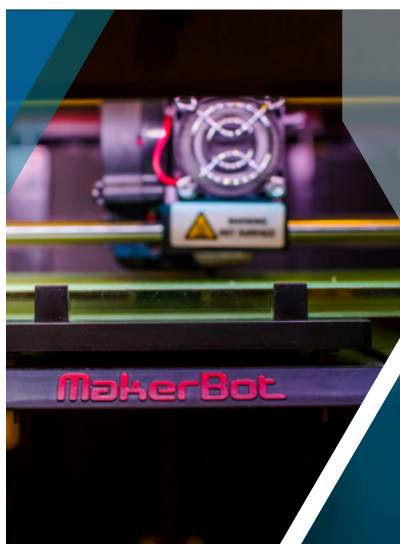
ebook downloads
increased by 63%



437% increase
in the number of
ebooks owned



online visits to public
library websites
increased by 18%



264,000
people attended

19,200
library programs

ACTIVITY & FUNDING

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In-person visits in 000s

AVR	248
CBR	232
CEH	167
CPL	83
ECR	85
HPL	2,867
PAR	299
SSP	108
WCR	146
Total	4,244

Materials borrowed in 000s

AVR	587
CBR	383
CEH	255
CPL	115
ECR	116
HPL	4,608
PAR	280
SSP	292
WCR	229
Total	6,864

Number of programs

AVR	2,420
CBR	2,190
CEH	1,680
CPL	660
ECR	700
HPL	8,130
PAR	1,680
SSP	520
WCR	1,230
Total	19,200

Wi-fi sessions

AVR	35,400
CBR	19,600
CEH	12,300
CPL	8,200
ECR	11,500
HPL	356,100
PAR	58,700
SSP	7,500
WCR	18,000
Total	527,300

Hours - public computer use

AVR	40,700
CBR	41,600
CEH	21,600
CPL	19,800
ECR	9,500
HPL	268,200
PAR	48,900
SSP	13,200
WCR	33,000
Total	496,500

Active users

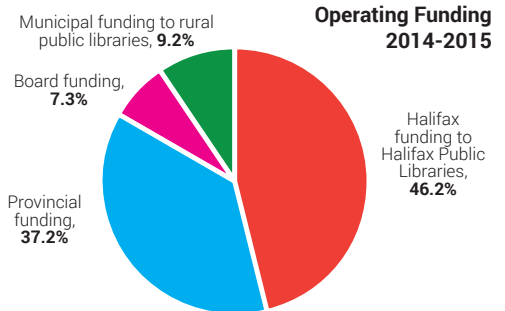
AVR	27,500
CBR	22,700
CEH	20,800
CPL	8,100
ECR	8,200
HPL	172,200
PAR	20,500
SSP	12,800
WCR	16,500
Total	309,100

New users

AVR	3,250
CBR	2,370
CEH	1,630
CPL	770
ECR	750
HPL	21,110
PAR	1,820
SSP	1,770
WCR	1,630
Total	35,100

Membership % of population

AVR	27
CBR	21
CEH	28
CPL	26
ECR	24
HPL	42
PAR	31
SSP	22
WCR	29
Avg	33



Funding in 000s

	Provincial	Municipal	Board	Total
AVR	\$1,749	\$685	\$107	\$2,541
CBR	1,930	707	229	2,866
CEH	1,285	469	197	1,951
CPL	550	209	119	878
ECR	735	232	105	1,072
HPL	4,916	17,895	1,500	24,311
PAR	1,125	510	274	1,909
SSP	1,003	381	109	1,493
WCR	1,120	374	197	1,691
Total	\$14,413	\$21,462	\$2,837	\$38,712

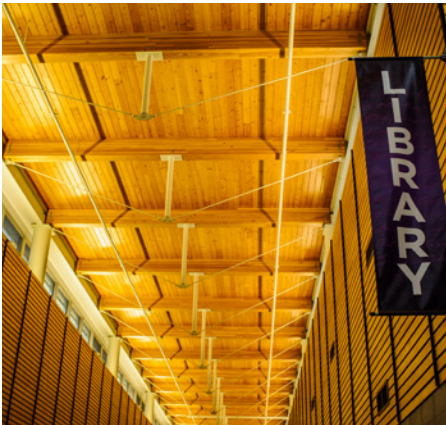
Expenditures in 000s

	Collections	Staffing	Other	Total
AVR	\$226	\$1,885	\$330	\$2,441
CBR	248	2,136	318	2,702
CEH	81	1,438	256	1,775
CPL	98	619	132	849
ECR	98	720	207	1,025
HPL	2,385	16,910	5,050	24,345
PAR	117	1,494	297	1,908
SSP	271	977	235	1,483
WCR	177	1,232	215	1,624
Total	\$3,701	\$27,411	\$7,040	\$38,152

Expenditures as % of budget

	Collections	Staffing	Other
AVR	9	77	14
CBR	9	79	12
CEH	5	81	14
CPL	12	73	16
ECR	10	70	20
HPL	10	69	21
PAR	6	78	16
SSP	18	66	16
WCR	11	76	13
Avg	10	72	18

AVR - Annapolis Valley Regional Library **HPL** - Halifax Public Libraries
CBR - Cape Breton Regional Library **PAR** - Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library
CEH - Colchester-East Hants Public Library **SSP** - South Shore Public Libraries
CPL - Cumberland Public Libraries **WCR** - Western Counties Regional Library
ECR - Eastern Counties Regional Library



Nova Scotia Provincial Library

The year was one of provincewide collaboration, promotions and access. We launched the National Network for Equitable Library Service, increasing access to materials for citizens with print disabilities. We celebrated Canadian Library Month by developing an image bank of library people, services and programs.

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

The region's 12 Days of Cookies project received the interprovincial Advocacy Award. The Windsor branch celebrated its 10th anniversary. *Be Fit Physical Literacy Kits* were made available in partnership with Sport Nova Scotia and the Department of Health and Wellness.

Cape Breton Regional Library

Numerous partnerships resulted in popular and unique programs, including an international Singing Storytelling Symposium, Celtic Colours Conversation events, Artists and Rural Outreach workshops, new book clubs and a celebration of Nova Scotia's first Heritage Day.

Colchester-East Hants Public Library

Renovations continued at Truro's former Normal College, an 1878 registered heritage building, which will become the future home of the region's central library and headquarters. Structural upgrades, exterior restoration and a new, two-storey addition will shape the building.

Cumberland Public Libraries

Inspired by children's series *Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger, the library challenged residents to fold 1,000 Yodas. By summer's end, this goal was tripled! The library had 3,529 origami Yodas. Mr. Angleberger sent a gift of original artwork to celebrate reaching this goal.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

The definition of public library services grew with the development of community vegetable gardens at six branches. Not only does the library share books, it now also shares vegetables and gardening how-to.

Halifax Public Libraries

The opening of the award-winning Halifax Central Library in December demonstrated that excellence can be accomplished when all levels of government invest, and innovative design considers public needs. The Musquodoboit Valley Library Services won first place in the national TD Summer Reading Club Library Awards.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

Staff worked with artist Alan Syliboy to develop a provincewide library tour of *Thundermaker*, a major exhibition of the artist's digital and visual artwork. The project highlighted the creativity of Mi'kmaq artists and showcased libraries as prominent venues for arts and culture.

South Shore Public Libraries

Staff and community partners raised awareness of diversity by hosting two Living Libraries, by celebrating First Nations through the hosting of the *Thundermaker* exhibition and by holding special film screenings of *Gen Silent* and *Beyond Gay: The Politics of Pride*.

Western Counties Regional Library

The library, the Wilson Collier Committee, C@P, Nova Scotia Archives and the Municipality of the District of Digby partnered to digitize photographer John Collier Jr.'s 3,800 images of people and places in Digby County in 1950-51. The collection is on NovaStory.ca



