

# Nova Scotia Public Libraries Annual Report 2015-2016



# PEOPLE

Nova Scotia  
**PUBLIC  
LIBRARIES**

 **9 Regional  
Libraries**

 **80 Branches**

 **943,000  
citizens**

## 4.6 million visits

to Nova Scotia public libraries

**322,000**  
Active library users  
**36,000**  
New library users



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## 215,400 youth attended

## 11,250 library programs

**13,900**  
Youth in Summer  
Reading Clubs



My daughters love the library.  
The excellent programs always  
make our day better! – CBR patron



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## 590

library staff (FTE)

I value the collection, the wonderful  
staff and the sense of community.  
– SSP patron



# COLLECTIONS

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Items available—  
books, ebooks and more...

**2.1 million**

**1.7 million**  
hardcopy books



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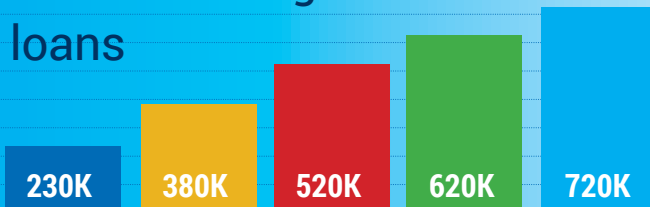
On average  
each item  
is borrowed

**3.4 times**

Great access to a  
wonderful collection.  
It's terrific to be able to  
order books online from  
many sources.

— SSP patron

**5 years of increasing  
ebook loans**



**70,000** ebooks available

Nova Scotians  
borrow **8** items a year



# ACTIVITY

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## In-person visits in 000s

AVR	226
CBR	232
CEH	169
CPL	72
ECR	53
HPL	3,246
PAR	315
SSP	149
WCR	121
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,581</b>

## Membership % of population

AVR	25
CBR	21
CEH	26
CPL	25
ECR	23
HPL	46
PAR	30
SSP	23
WCR	28
<b>Avg</b>	<b>34</b>

## Number of programs

AVR	3,310
CBR	3,240
CEH	1,620
CPL	540
ECR	790
HPL	9,650
PAR	2,050
SSP	790
WCR	1,380
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,360</b>

## Program attendance

AVR	21,560
CBR	30,420
CEH	17,990
CPL	8,400
ECR	6,080
HPL	209,670
PAR	20,170
SSP	6,630
WCR	12,120
<b>Total</b>	<b>333,050</b>

## Materials borrowed in 000s

AVR	564
CBR	372
CEH	243
CPL	119
ECR	98
HPL	5,079
PAR	269
SSP	292
WCR	208
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,244</b>

## Materials borrowed per hour

AVR	33
CBR	16
CEH	30
CPL	12
ECR	8
HPL	149
PAR	19
SSP	33
WCR	15
<b>Avg</b>	<b>52</b>

## Total Hours - public computer use

AVR	37,400
CBR	40,900
CEH	20,000
CPL	18,100
ECR	9,800
HPL	335,200
PAR	60,800
SSP	11,000
WCR	28,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>561,700</b>

## Hours of use per public access computer

AVR	520
CBR	720
CEH	390
CPL	480
ECR	330
HPL	450
PAR	870
SSP	370
WCR	370
<b>Avg</b>	<b>480</b>

## Number of employees

AVR	61
CBR	62
CEH	49
CPL	25
ECR	28
HPL	445
PAR	51
SSP	26
WCR	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>798</b>

## Staff (FTE)

AVR	45
CBR	51
CEH	35
CPL	16
ECR	16
HPL	342
PAR	38
SSP	19
WCR	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>590</b>

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**PAR** – Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library  
**SSP** – South Shore Public Libraries  
**WCR** – Western Counties Regional Library



# FINANCES



## FUNDING IN 000s

	Provincial	Municipal	Board	Total
AVR	\$1,739	\$637	\$133	\$2,509
CBR	1,930	707	199	2,837
CEH	1,280	469	186	1,934
CPL	550	209	91	849
ECR	732	232	85	1,049
HPL	4,930	18,531	1,583	25,044
PAR	1,125	510	293	1,928
SSP	1,003	381	103	1,488
WCR	1,120	374	190	1,684
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,410</b>	<b>\$22,049</b>	<b>\$2,864</b>	<b>\$39,322</b>

## EXPENDITURES IN 000s

	Collections	Staffing	Other	Total
AVR	\$225	\$2,032	\$368	\$2,625
CBR	200	2,155	377	2,733
CEH	156	1,459	248	1,863
CPL	102	622	117	841
ECR	100	678	201	979
HPL	1,857	17,730	5,456	25,043
PAR	117	1,503	305	1,925
SSP	303	954	271	1,528
WCR	193	1,136	282	1,611
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,253</b>	<b>\$28,269</b>	<b>\$7,626</b>	<b>\$39,148</b>

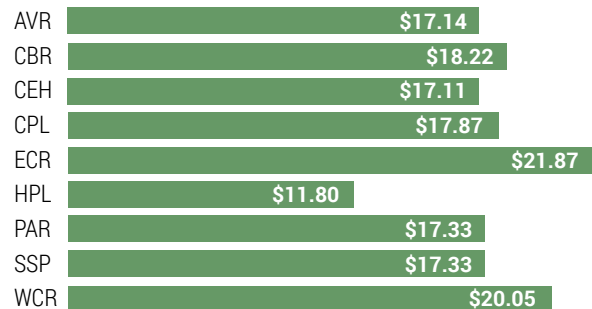
## EXPENDITURES AS % OF BUDGET

	Collections	Staffing	Other
AVR	9	77	14
CBR	7	79	14
CEH	8	78	13
CPL	12	74	14
ECR	10	69	21
HPL	7	71	22
PAR	6	78	16
SSP	20	62	18
WCR	12	71	17
<b>AVG</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>19</b>

85% of respondents to the 2015 Culture Index online survey agreed that “libraries make my community a better place to live.”

<https://cch.novascotia.ca/department/research-reports>

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Nova Scotia Provincial Library

- Partnered with the Atlantic Publishers Marketing Assoc., adding 400 ebooks by local authors to collections
- Co-ordinated an NS-wide puppetry event for children, *Bazaar Bazaar*, by Panadream Theatre
- NSPL Director, Jennifer Evans retired

## Annapolis Valley Regional Library

- Opened the Isabel & Roy Jodrey Memorial Library, Hantsport (picture bottom right), renovated the Port Williams Library and planned a new Berwick Library
- Partnered with the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board in picture book workshops for teachers

## Cape Breton Regional Library

- Enjoyed programs by story-teller in residence, Ronald Labelle
- Meeting room use increased by 27%, program attendance by 34% and wifi connections by 38%
- Displayed over 250 community exhibits

## Colchester-East Hants Public Library

- Continued with construction of the new Truro Library
- Program attendance increased by 21%
- Opened the Kennetcook Satellite Library Service

## Cumberland Public Libraries

- Celebrated 9 years of *Children and Adults Reading Together* program, improving preschoolers' literacy skills
- Held successful programs e.g. *StoryMob* and *Fort Night*
- New membership increased by 20%

## Eastern Counties Regional Library

- Created community gardens at several branches
- Opened the Mabou Library
- Wifi hours increased by 21% and ebook circulation by 14%
- Answered 13% more questions from the public

## Halifax Public Libraries

- Program attendance increased by 32% and computer use by 25%
- Welcomed newcomers from Syria with programs, conversation groups and multilingual resources
- Opened office in Middle Musquodoboit

## Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

- Continued planning for new Pictou Library
- Computer use increased by 24% and program attendance by 26%
- Had 54,000 visits to the *NovaStory* digital collection
- Partnered with the Riverview Volunteer Association, providing iPads for residents of Riverview Home

## South Shore Public Libraries

- Partnered with the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic to circulate museum passes
- Visits increased by 38% and program attendance by 65%
- Continued planning for Lunenburg and Liverpool Libraries

## Western Counties Regional Library

- Supported Syrian refugees with language training, learning resources and meeting space
- 314 babies received *Read to Me!* bags
- Provided individual assistance to seniors using iPads and tablets



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*“The library is  
the anchor to my life.”*

*—ECR patron*

