



Nova Scotia Public Libraries Annual Report 2016-2017

PEOPLE

Nova Scotia
**PUBLIC
LIBRARIES**



5 million visits

to Nova Scotia public libraries:



an 8%
increase

332,000

Active library users

35,000

New library users

209,600

youth attended

11,300

library programs



Over 900 children and their families
attended 29 Anne Glover Storyteller Tour
shows in the Summer



14,500

Youth in Summer
Reading Clubs

580

library staff (FTE)

Libraries are... inspiring...
reflective... full of opportunities.

– Kelly Foxton



COLLECTIONS

Nova Scotia
**PUBLIC
LIBRARIES**

 9 Regional
Libraries

 80 Branches

 950,000
citizens

Items available—
books, eBooks
and more...



2.1 million

1.7 million hardcopy books



On average, each
item is borrowed

3.4 times

7.1 million total loans

**5 years of increasing
eBook loans**

380K

520K

620K

720K

800K

78,000 eBooks available

The library is a place where
knowledge is waiting for you,
sitting on a shelf. - Nic Gareiss

ACTIVITY

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In-person visits in 000s

AVR	247
CBR	232
CEH	150
CPL	90
ECR	57
HPL	3,601
PAR	351
SSP	168
WCR	127
Total	5,003

Membership % of population

AVR	23
CBR	21
CEH	24
CPL	25
ECR	21
HPL	49
PAR	28
SSP	23
WCR	27
Avg	35

AVR – Annapolis Valley Regional Library
CBR – Cape Breton Regional Library
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PAR – Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library
SSP – South Shore Public Libraries
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Materials borrowed in 000s

AVR	616
CBR	366
CEH	221
CPL	124
ECR	93
HPL	4,891
PAR	272
SSP	304
WCR	225
Total	7,113

Materials borrowed per hour

AVR	36
CBR	16
CEH	31
CPL	13
ECR	7
HPL	143
PAR	19
SSP	34
WCR	16
Avg	50

Total Hours - public computer use

AVR	37,100
CBR	41,100
CEH	12,300
CPL	21,200
ECR	10,300
HPL	357,700
PAR	61,500
SSP	10,100
WCR	26,600
Total	577,900

Hours of use per public access computer

AVR	540
CBR	750
CEH	260
CPL	560
ECR	300
HPL	480
PAR	770
SSP	350
WCR	340
Avg	490

Number of programs

AVR	1,940
CBR	3,230
CEH	1,300
CPL	600
ECR	900
HPL	10,040
PAR	2,640
SSP	1,220
WCR	1,330
Total	23,180

Program attendance

AVR	17,790
CBR	32,280
CEH	14,260
CPL	11,940
ECR	8,120
HPL	213,270
PAR	24,410
SSP	8,580
WCR	13,030
Total	343,670

Summer reading club # activities

AVR	360
CBR	170
CEH	60
CPL	70
ECR	150
HPL	640
PAR	370
SSP	90
WCR	70
Total	1,990

Summer reading club attendance at activities

AVR	4,790
CBR	1,550
CEH	580
CPL	1,270
ECR	1,250
HPL	19,330
PAR	3,180
SSP	990
WCR	740
Total	33,680

FINANCES

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FUNDING IN 000s

	Provincial	Municipal	Board	Total
AVR	\$1,739	\$637	\$280	\$2,656
CBR	1,930	707	246	2,883
CEH	1,280	469	891	2,640
CPL	550	209	60	818
ECR	732	232	69	1,033
HPL	4,922	19,526	1,759	26,206
PAR	1,125	557	160	1,842
SSP	1,003	381	73	1,457
WCR	1,120	374	144	1,638

TOTAL \$14,401 \$23,091 \$3,681 \$41,173

EXPENDITURES IN 000s

	Collections	Staffing	Other	Total
AVR	\$244	\$2,035	\$510	\$2,790
CBR	196	2,176	371	2,742
CEH	121	1,490	208	1,819
CPL	79	650	120	849
ECR	94	744	138	976
HPL	1,991	18,918	4,962	25,872
PAR	106	1,407	307	1,820
SSP	284	917	231	1,432
WCR	188	1,136	217	1,542

TOTAL \$3,303 \$29,474 \$7,064 \$39,841

EXPENDITURES AS % OF BUDGET

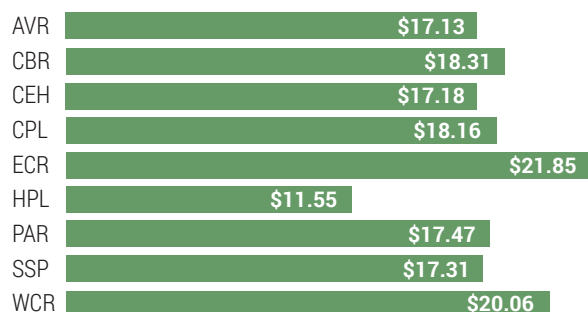
	Collections	Staffing	Other
AVR	9	73	18
CBR	7	79	14
CEH	7	82	11
CPL	9	77	14
ECR	10	76	14
HPL	8	73	19
PAR	6	77	17
SSP	20	64	16
WCR	12	74	14
AVG	8	74	18

Among the new data collections available are public library branch locations and circulation statistics.

- NS Open Data Portal

<https://data.novascotia.ca/>

PROVINCIAL FUNDING PER CAPITA



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Bhangra Dancers. Permission for use from Cape Breton Regional Library

HIGHLIGHTS

Nova Scotia
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Nova Scotia Provincial Library

- Free electronic NS Museum Passes were piloted through libraries
- Storyteller Anne Glover performed at 29 libraries
- Upcoming celebrations for Canada's 150th and the 100th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion were developed with partners

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

- Increases in eMagazine loans (140%), on-line visits (9%), circulation (9%)
- Kentville Library won the National Trust for Canada's *This Place Matters* competition
- The *Book Club 150* celebrated Canadian storytellers

Cape Breton Regional Library

- eBook circulation & program attendance up (6%)
- New Horizons for Seniors* funding enabled Community Hall storytelling programs
- Now lending snowshoes, racquets, skis & ice cleats
- 240 community exhibits were enjoyed

Colchester-East Hants Public Library

- 53% increase in new users
- New Truro library saw a 54% increase in circulation in its first month open compared with the same month in the previous year
- The 20,000 square-foot library is in the newly renovated, expanded Normal College building

Cumberland Public Libraries

- Increases in in-person visits (25%), youth program attendance (48%), computer use (17%)
- 600 people enjoyed *Pokémon Scavenger Hunts*
- Puppetpalooza* puppet show, toured the county
- 10 years of *Children and Adults Reading Together*

Eastern Counties Regional Library

- 20% increase in eBook loans
- Celebrated 3 years of community gardening
- The Mabou Library grand opening featured 'We'koqma'qewiskwa, a women's drumming group
- Volunteer Barbara Furlong was celebrated

Halifax Public Libraries

- 7% increase in active users: 50% of citizens are active users
- The *Video Difference Legacy Collection* was acquired
- 135 Syrian Canadians learned English
- Get Me to The Giller* was a popular program

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

- Increases in A/V materials owned (16%), library visits (11%), program attendance (21%)
- Rocket Languages* became available
- All branches became *Newcomer Welcome Centres*
- Local businesses supported staff training

South Shore Public Libraries

- Increases in information questions (17%), number of programs (54%)
- Vision 2027* articulates values & priorities
- The *Lunenburg Lit Festival* was a runaway success
- Be Active BackPacks* are available

Western Counties Regional Library

- Circulation (8%), and visits to schools and day-cares, increased
- 847 children joined the *Summer Reading Club*
- Dining Among the Stacks* successfully raised funds
- Pop-up libraries served trade-shows, malls & arenas



Truro Library. Permission for use from Colchester-East Hants Regional Library

