



A Community
Resource

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Regional Libraries in Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Regional Libraries



Cumberland Public Libraries



- Advocate
- Amherst (Four Fathers Memorial Library)
- Oxford
- Parrsboro
- Pugwash
- River Hebert
- Springhill (Miners Memorial Library)
- Borrow By Mail Service
- Headquarters (Amherst)

Responsibilities

Municipal Units

- Building or space for the library
- Furniture
- Maintenance



Library Board

- Staff
- Equipment
- Collection (books, movies, magazines, electronic resources)
- Headquarters location

How We're Funded

- Provincial government
- Municipal Units
- Fundraising (donations, grants, etc.)

2021/22 revenues:

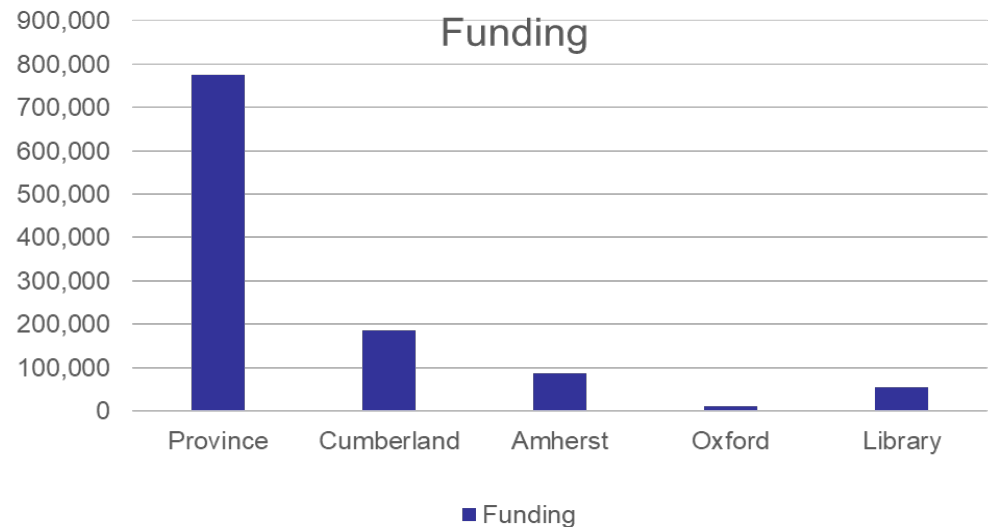
Province \$775,400 (73%)

County \$186,267 (17%)

Amherst \$87,299 (8%)

Oxford \$10,334 (1%)

Fundraising \$54,538 (5%)



Staffing

- 23 employees + students and contract positions
- 17 FTE
- 3 professional librarians (Masters Degree)
- 2 library technicians (Library Technicians Diploma)
- Systems Manager, Office Manager
- Library Clerks, Branch Assistants

Collection



Books, movies, TV shows, E-books, magazines, audiobooks, & more

Downloadable Audiobooks & E-Books

- Downloadable e-books, audiobooks, magazines, graphic novels, movies, tv shows, music
- Over 24,000 items checked out last year alone



Accessible Products

- Braille
- CD audiobooks
- Large print



Centre for Equitable Library Access
Centre d'accès équitable aux bibliothèques



National Network for
Equitable Library Service

Programs

- Summer Reading programs for all ages
- Craft and Fun Programs for all ages
- Book clubs
- Kids, Teen & Family Movies
- Author visits
- Informational Sessions



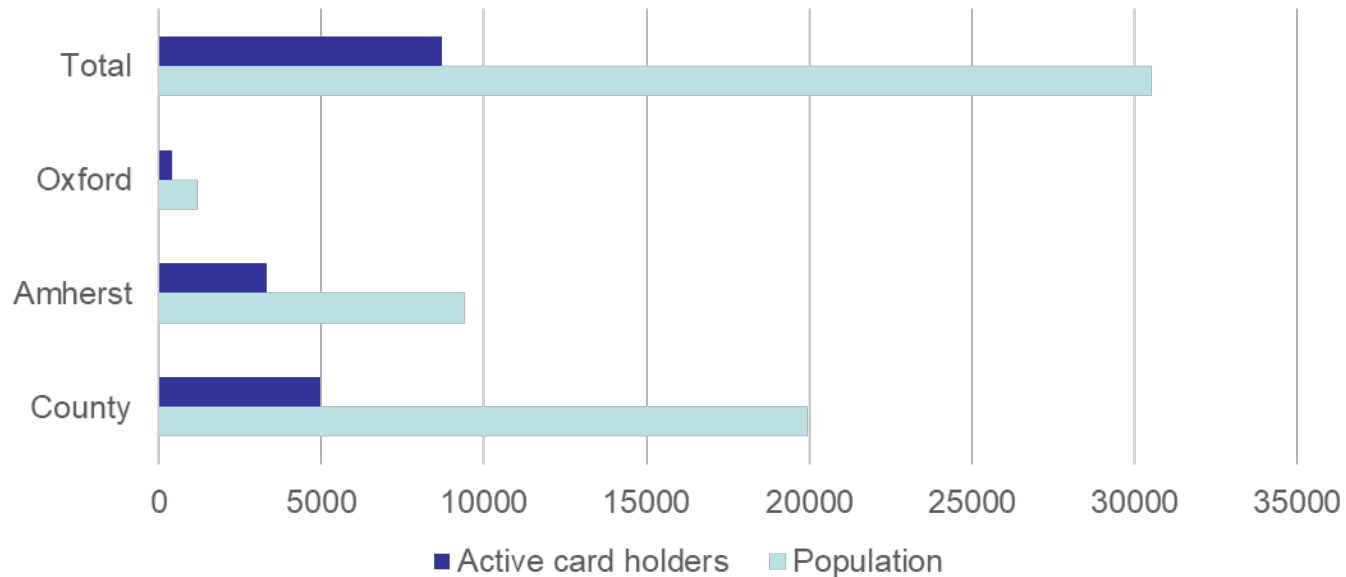
How We Do!

- 102,349 items borrowed last year (even though we had to shut down due to COVID restrictions)
- 43,068 in-person visits & 46,374 virtual visits
- 34,768 hours of Wi-Fi use
- Distributed over 138,000 COVID rapid tests on behalf of Public Health since Dec. 2021



Population

- Serve 30,538 people (2021 Census)
- 8,698 (28%) of residents have an active library card



Why It Makes Sense!

- As a Community
 - Public space open and accessible to all with free, equitable service
 - Community gathering place
 - Addressing the digital divide
 - Life long learning opportunities
 - Recreational and cultural opportunities

Why It Makes Sense!

- As a library user
 - Free programs
 - Free Internet and wireless
 - Welcoming community space for leisure and recreation
 - Friendly, knowledgeable staff
 - Something for everyone

Average Canadian reads 17 books per year.

Average cost of a book is \$37

That's \$2,216 for a family of 4.

Your library card is free!!!



Libraries. Together. Learning.
Communities. Inspiration. Discovery.
Annapolis Valley. Libraries.
Cape Breton. Inclusion. For All.
Colchester-East Hants.
Cumberland. Exploration.
Eastern Counties. Discovery.
Pictou-Antigonish. Libraries.
South Shore. Connect.
Western Counties. Learning.
Discovery. Access. Interconnected.
Together. Diversity. For All.
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