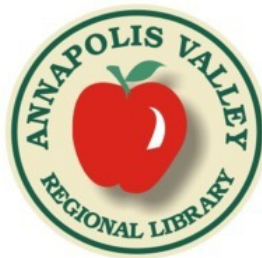


Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Annual Report

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From the Board Chair

I am pleased to comment on the progress of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL) over the past year.

The Provincial Government through the Department of Education, plus Municipalities, provides the operating funding for AVRL staff salaries, library materials such as books and movies, as well as the bookmobile and library delivery vans. Those governments are acknowledged for their constant support. An increase this year by the Province to the budget revenue is appreciated. The Board's review of the Auditor's Report, including Internal Review Findings and the regular scrutiny of the Statement of Income and Expenses indicate that AVRL finances are in satisfactory shape.

The Municipality in which each branch library is located provides both the facility and its associated building service and maintenance. The Headquarters for the eleven branches is located in Bridgetown and is funded by the Library Board.

In addition to borrowing books, the library offers Books by Mail for those who are unable to visit the library. Almost 100 people throughout the Valley use this service.

The library's website is open 24 hours a day for those who wish to reserve books or to order books from other libraries. Check out the "Staff Picks" and "Read-A-Likes" as well as our "Book Club Bag" kits. We offer wireless access to the internet in all branches and tourists are pleased to use their laptops free of charge to keep in touch with family.

This is the second year AVRL has received funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice to conduct programs for teens. The library's "Teen Lounges" offer young people a safe place to hang out and enjoy themselves.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the board for their attendance and participation in working with the AVRL to better their communities. I would also like to thank the staff for their work and dedication to providing quality library service throughout our region.

Respectfully submitted

Shirley Pineo

Chair, AVRL

Mission Statement

"The Annapolis Valley Regional Library provides access to the world of educational, recreational and information resources in a variety of formats and technologies."

Highlights 2009-10

New Initiatives

- The Borrow Anywhere, Return Anywhere (BARA) province-wide initiative that allows patrons to borrow library materials and return at any participating public, university, or community college library in the province proved to be very well-used by patrons in our region.
- A grant was secured from the TD Bank's Friends of the Environment Foundation for an environmental book and dvd collection.
- A new Book Club in a Bag page on our website helps book club members facilitate their reading needs.
- Facebook pages & Twitter has enabled us to communicate cost-effectively with our users.
- Starting to email overdue notices has saved taxpayer's money on postage as well as staff time.
- French Little Reader Bags were developed in response to patrons' demands. Last year's Little Reader Bags for beginning readers were so popular, our patrons requested some be added in French as well.
- The Top 10 Read-a-Likes list on our website help patrons find more great books to read.
- An Operational Continuity Plan was developed to prepare us to deal with a natural disaster or pandemic.
- Outdoor reading areas were established for the Wolfville Memorial Library and the Rosa M. Harvey Library in Middleton.
- The Kingston and Hantsport branches were refurbished with new paint, flooring, and furniture rearrangement, etc.
- The Wolfville Memorial Library initiated a community internet radio station in the CAP Lab.

Outreach Services

- Katie Hollohan was hired as the new Manager of Outreach Services. The Outreach Services Department encompasses bookmobile community stops, Books by Mail service, and deliveries to schools and institutions.
- Participated in the Apple Blossom and Ciderfest parades.

Library Programs & Activities

- The Food for Fines amnesty program was held in cooperation with Feed Nova Scotia and local area food banks bringing in 2,034 food items during the month of February.
- The annual Summer Reading Club hit an all-time high with 2,252 children and teens participating in the summer of 2009.
- The Library's Guitar Hero Rock Out Contest co-sponsored by K-Rock and Long & McQuade proved popular with teens throughout the Valley.
- The first ever Games @the library week in October 2009 was a success not only in the Valley but throughout Atlantic Canada.
- The Department of Justice grant to conduct Teen Lounges was renewed for another year.
- The Head of Youth Services participated in BaM (Body and Mind) teen leadership program with the Annapolis County Recreation Department.
- A new program on model building was offered at the Windsor branch and the Wolfville branch started a chess club.
- Several author readings were held during the past year including Susan Cameron, Jon Tattie, Scott Taylor, Carol McDougall, Mike Parker, Lois Donovan, Carole Langille, Peggy Kochanoff, as well as a creative writing workshop with Joanne Jefferson thanks to funding from the Canada Council for the Arts and The Writers' Federation of NS.
- The Rotary Club of Wolfville donated funds to retrofit the children's book bins and for a working model train for the library. Appropriately, the Wolfville Memorial Library is housed in the old train station.
- A series of Healthy Computers Workshops conducted by AVRL staff were very popular.
- Katimavik volunteers assisted at the Wolfville Memorial Library CAP site.
- AVRL staff participated in the KEYSS (Kings Early Years Screening for School) school readiness program. Plans are underway to extend this program to Annapolis County.
- The IODE gave the Wolfville Memorial Library a donation to further enhance the art display wall.

Friends of the Library

- A Seniors Horizons grant secured by the Middleton and Area Friends Group was used to establish a seniors area, conduct programs for seniors, and purchase large print books.
- The Annapolis Royal Friends group organized a successful series of monthly guest speakers as well as booksales at the Farmers' Market.

- A new Hantsport Friends of the Library group was established.
- The Kentville Friends group organized a summer concert series and continued to work on establishing a new library for Kentville.
- After suffering setbacks from vandalism, the Bridgetown Friends continued fundraising efforts to renovate the Revere building for the purpose of a new library.

Financial Report 2009-10

Income:

Where the money comes...

Provincial	1,605,800
Municipal	634,624
Board (overdue fines, fundraising, donations, CAP, grants, etc.)	<u>164,047</u>
Total	\$ 2,404,471

Expenditures:

Where the money goes...

Library Materials	192,801
Staff (salaries & benefits)	1,670,118
Other	<u>541,552</u>
Total	\$2,404,471

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library serves 101,384 residents of Annapolis County, Kings County, and the District of West Hants with 11 branch libraries, one bookmobile, and Books By Mail service.

Branch Activity 2009-10

Branch	Items Borrowed	Active Members	Hours of Public Computer Use	Programs Offered/ Attendance *
Annapolis Royal	36,384	1,981	3,587	260 / 681
Berwick	32,260	1,766	2,449	302 / 1,550
Bridgetown	15,861	793	1,020	136 / 485
Hantsport	15,563	815	920	11 / 126
Kentville	80,285	5,510	6,677	160 / 665
Kingston	25,599	1,794	2,671	122 / 507
Lawrencetown	10,949	650	3,516	207 / 462
Middleton	52,432	2,196	3,364	285 / 1,036
Port Williams	15,503	633	3,100	121 / 445
Windsor	86,680	5,379	11,453	230 / 1,541
Wolfville	76,064	4,767	10,861	167 / 1,138
Bookmobile	104,196	2,261	n/a	55 / 726
Other (mailed, web renewals, off-site programs)	61,525		n/a	40 / 2,108
Total	613,301	28,545	49,618	2,096 / 11,470

*Includes one-on-one computer tutorials.

19,897 new items were added to AVRL's collection in 2009-10.

Regional Statistics & Resources	2009-10
Interlibrary Loan Activity (borrowed & loaned)	11,902
Annual Library Visits	270,400
Annual Online Visits	337,019
Hours of Wireless Internet Use	23,163
Hours of Public Computer Use	49,618
Summer Reading Program Participants (incl. Teen Reading Program)	2,252
Reference Questions Answered	19,121
Holds Placed	154,889
Library Materials	225,825
Print Subscription Titles	115
E-Subscription Titles	3,720
Total Database Retrievals	4,872
Public Access Computers	67

"When you are growing up there are two institutional places that affect you most powerfully: the church, which belongs to God, and the public library, which belongs to you. The public library is a great equalizer."

Keith Richards, Rolling Stones

Board Members 2009-10

Municipality of Annapolis County:	Councillor Martha Roberts Floyd Benjamin
Municipality of Kings County:	Councillor Chris Parker Councillor Janet Newton – Vice Chair
Municipality of West Hants:	Councillor Shirley Pineo – Chair Councillor Rick Gaudet– Alternate
Annapolis Royal:	Anne Esslinger – Treasurer
Berwick:	Councillor Marianne Woodworth
Bridgetown:	Councillor Grant Wright
Hantsport:	Councillor Peter Murray
Kentville:	Councillor Tony Bentley
Middleton:	Scott Brigley
Windsor:	Councillor John Bregante
Wolfville:	Janet Ness
Province of Nova Scotia:	Terri Milton Catherine Connors

Library Staff 2009-10

Headquarters and Outreach Services Staff:

Regional Librarian –Frances Newman
Head of Branch Services - Wendy Trimper
Head of Outreach Services – Katie Hollohan (Jan 10-)
Head of Reference – Patricia Milner
Head of Systems and Administration – Charlotte Janes
Head of Technical Services – Cathy Chalmers
Head of Youth Services - Angela Reynolds
Outreach Services - Cynthia Gilbert
Outreach Services - Sue Mosher
Outreach Services - Walter Mosher
Outreach Services – Jai Soloy (Jan 09-)
Outreach Services - Franciska Vanderwel (to Feb 10)
Books by Mail/Outreach Services -Wendy Kearnes
Branch Services - Carin Cress
Branch Services - Kelly Kempton
Branch Services - Gayle Mosher
Collection Exchange Supervisor - Sheila Huntley
Delivery Driver – Kurt Haussecker
Interlibrary Loans - Pam Ellis
Office Manager - Marliese Kirby
Systems Administrator - Jay Stirling
Systems Administrator – Peter Evans
Talking Books - Sherie Keans
Technical Services - Vicki Holland
Technical Services - Sally MacDonald
Technical Services - Tim Jackson

Branches:

Annapolis Royal	Dorothy McDonald, Manager Kurt Haussecker (to Dec 09) Sandie Troop
Berwick	Barbara Lipp, Manager (maternity leave July 09- Daphne Cragg (July 09-) Shelley Cox
Bridgetown	Amy MacDonald, Manager (maternity leave Aug 09-) Wendy Kearnes (Aug 09-)
Hantsport	Diana Thompson, Manager (to Aug 09) Elizabeth Gibson, Manager (Aug 09-)
Kentville	Julie Johnson, Manager Debra Longley Lynn Manning Carolyn VanderHeide
Kingston	Andrea Leeson, Manager Connie Jodrey
Lawrencetown	Jaki Fraser, Manager
Middleton	Sue Aldred, Manager Gail Aldred Susan Denton Twila Thibodeau
Port Williams	Sue Mullen, Manager
Windsor	Katharine McCoubrey, Manager (maternity leave July 09-) Bruce Ross, Manager (Aug 09-) Marian Fulton Elizabeth Gibson (to Aug 09) Faye Jackson Cathy Lothian
Wolfville	Lisa Rice, Manager Brogan Anderson Alice Green Nick Kasteljanov Penelope Lakes Sarah Squires (June 09-) Sara Walker (to June 09)

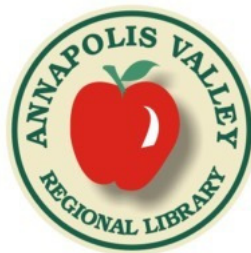
Branch Substitutes: Jacqueline George
Margaret Hamilton
David Hastings
Ken Maher
Connie Millett
Lori Noseworthy
Lynn Silver
Tania Vassallo

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Branches

Annapolis Royal	285 St. George Street	532-2226
Berwick	236 Commercial Street	538-4030
Bridgetown	271 Granville Street	665-2758
Hantsport	11 School Street	684-4005
Kentville	95 Cornwallis Street	679-2544
Kingston	671 Main Street	765-3631
Lawrencetown	489 Main Street	584-3044
Middleton	45 Gates Avenue	825-4835
Port Williams	131 Main Street	542-3005
Windsor	195 Albert Street	798-5424
Wolfville	21 Elm Avenue	542-5760

Books By Mail - 26 Bay Road, Bridgetown 665-2995
Outreach Services - 26 Bay Road, Bridgetown 665-2995



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