



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Book Bikes will be rolling in to Valley Libraries this summer**

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL) has received a Community Development Grant from the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage, Community Sport & Recreation Division to offer bikes for loan this summer. The Book Bikes program will be offered in Berwick and Wolfville in early summer, and later in Annapolis Royal. The grant also provides funds for Bicycle Fixing stations, which will be available in the three locations.

By offering FREE bikes to borrow, the libraries will increase access to recreational bikes, promote the Harvest Moon Trail and active living in public libraries, and promote bicycling awareness for fitness, enjoyment, and transportation.

The bicycles are on order, and should be ready to roll this summer. The 7-speed freewheel style bikes will be available for adults to borrow during library open hours; borrowers must have a valid AVRL library card. Helmets and locks will be provided as part of the loan; the bikes will be equipped with bells and lights, as well as a basket.

"This is a project that has been done in other provinces and in the US, but this is the first one for Nova Scotia public libraries. We've had this idea brewing for several years", says Angela Reynolds, Community Engagement Coordinator. AVRL has partnered with municipal recreation departments to get this project off the ground.

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library recognizes the support of the Province of Nova Scotia. We are pleased to work in partnership with the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage to develop and promote our cultural resources for all Nova Scotians.

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