

News from Nova Scotia

News from Cumberland Public Libraries

Charlotte Gallivan, Community Engagement Librarian

Hours Restored at All CPL Locations

Due to ongoing financial difficulties, we made the difficult decision to reduce service hours at four of our seven library locations as of April 1, 2024.

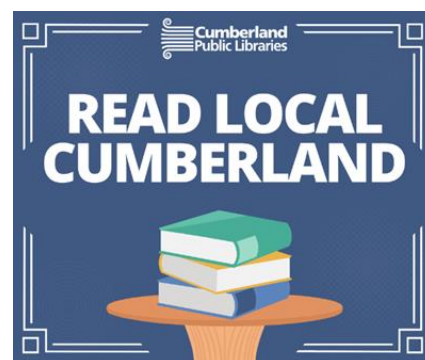
However, thanks to the amazing support of local representatives, hours have been restored at all of our locations! The Municipality of Cumberland, along with the Towns of Amherst and Oxford, have agreed to provide one time bridge funding in the amount of \$67,335 for the 2024/25 fiscal year. This bridge funding offsets our project deficit.

Hours restoration would not have been possible without the dedication of our Municipal and Town Councilors, Mayors **David Kogon**, **Murray Scott**, and **Greg Henley**, and the countless members of their staff. They have shown that Cumberland County deserves sustainable and affordable core library services in the region.

Read Local Cumberland Starts on May 24!

This May and June, we will be launching Read Local Cumberland. Each of our library locations will have amazing local authors chatting with book lovers. Authors will get a table to promote and sell their books, and a 15-minute reading slot to discuss their work with attendees.

Fourteen authors will be participating in this initiative. For more Read Local information, including author highlights and schedule, please visit [our website](#).



Food Security Initiatives at the Library

CPL has received a one-time \$53,000 grant to help with food security in Cumberland County. With this grant funding, we plan to collaborate with local organizations who are already doing food security work; namely the YMCA of Cumberland and Cumberland Adult Network for Upgrading (CANU).

Within the library, we are supporting patrons by providing snacks at our seven locations. We have also installed a food pantry in our Amherst location.



The food pantry located at our Amherst location. The food pantry is a partnership between the library and our community partner CANU.

Now more than ever, food insecurity is a growing concern in our community. We hope that this initiative will help. Need a snack? The next time you are at the library, grab one on us!

Amazing Astronomy at the Advocate Library

Through generous financial contributions from the Public Health Agency of Canada, we are able to offer our Amazing Astronomy program! Patrons will have the opportunity to use a telescope to view planetarium presentations.

The first Amazing Astronomy program will take place at our Advocate Harbour location on May 23rd. Throughout the summer, we plan to host other Amazing Astronomy programs throughout Cumberland County.



An image of the moon taken in Advocate Harbour, NS on April 18th, 2024; displaying what library patrons can view at our Amazing Astronomy program. This photo was taken using equipment purchased through a Public Health Agency of Canada grant.