

News from Nova Scotia

News from Cumberland Public Libraries

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Advocate Grand Opening

Our new Advocate Harbour library soft opened on November 15th, after being closed since March. Grand Opening celebrations for the new location were held on November 22nd, and we hosted approximately 45 people at the new space.

We want to take this time to thank the amazing community of Advocate Harbour, and the Advocate District Development Association. It is because of your hard work and determination that we are able to have this fantastic new space, and continue to provide library service in your community.



Members of the Advocate District Development Association, Municipality of Cumberland County officials, Library officials, and community members preparing to cut the ribbon opening the new Advocate Library. (Photo credits: **Darrell Cole**, Municipality of Cumberland County).

Record Breaking* Fundraiser

We recently hosted a vinyl sale at our Amherst location. The event was proposed to the library by a patron, **Wayne McCabe**, who kindly donated 800-1,000 records as a fundraising opportunity. The sale took place from November 28, until December 2, and raised approximately \$1,000.

*No records were harmed to raise money for the library, we promise!



Accessibility Efforts Continue

A call for community members to join our Library Accessibility Committee was officially published on July 18th. We extended the deadline, and received a total of five applications. Our Accessibility lead hosted the newly formed Committee for a “Meet and Greet” in November. The Committee will officially start meeting in January to work on implementing the Library's Accessibility Plan. The Committee will consist of one Board member, one staff member, and five community members.

Library staff also conducted an audit of the Springhill Miners Memorial Library with the Municipality of Cumberland County's Community Engagement Coordinator on November 26. This directly relates to the Library Accessibility Plan's commitment to audit library locations, and the Board's desire for us to conduct facility audits with our Municipal partners.