

## News from Cumberland Public Libraries

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### Pugwash Is Now Open

Years of planning have finally come to fruition... our new Pugwash Library is officially open! The purpose-built library opened on February 6<sup>th</sup> and patrons are loving the new space.

Work on the 3,900-square foot building began in 2022, when the Municipality of Cumberland announced plans to build the library that will replace the existing facility located in the former Pugwash train station.



*A photo of the new purpose-built Pugwash Library.*

With the new space, massive improvements have been made to accessibility and a beautiful programming room has been added to the Village - ensuring the library will be a community hub for Pugwash residents.

A grand opening celebration of this space will occur in this summer to coincide with the Village's Harbourfest.

### Free Internet Access on the Go!

We have recently partnered with @NS Community Technology to offer four-week loans of five mobile hotspots with unlimited data. This is a one-year pilot project, with hotspots being available in all Same Page library regions.

Internet hotspots are available to patrons 18+, and require cellular coverage within your area to operate. Reliable internet can be difficult to acquire in our region's more rural areas, and we hope that patrons can take advantage of these hotspots to improve their access.

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Poster Promoting Mobile Hotspots to Patrons

## Staff Updates

CPL has hired a new Library Clerk. **Marsha** joined our team in February, and will work at our new Pugwash Library part-time. Her responsibilities will include working the circulation desk, checking out materials, shelving, and helping patrons gather information.