

News from Nova Scotia

News from Cumberland Public Libraries

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Period Poverty Grant

Cumberland Public Libraries (CPL) has received a one-time \$25,000 grant to help with period poverty in Cumberland County. This money will be used to purchase menstrual products for all CPL locations as well as for some education initiatives.

DEIA Overview of Policies

CPL recently hired Chrysalis Human Rights Agency to conduct an audit of our Personnel and Operational policies. The goal of this assessment was to provide CPL with guidance on how to improve our policies with respect to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility. Chrysalis completed the audit of our policies and have provided us with a full report. The report includes recommendations for improvement and an overview to share with our board.

Happy 1st Birthday Same Page



A social media graphic used to celebrate one year of Same Page!



A photo of menstrual products located in a CPL branch.

On April 21st, we celebrated one year of Same Page.

Same Page is a partnership between eight regional libraries from across Nova Scotia. This partnership allows us to offer a much wider selection of items to borrow, both in-person and online. The Same Page library card provides residents of Nova Scotia with easy access to almost 1,000,000 materials held at over 60 public library branches.

Same Page members are breaking down interregional barriers and providing equitable access to library resources to Nova Scotia residents — all with one card!

State of the Library Meeting

On June 1st, we will host our annual State of the Library Meeting at the Amherst Library. This meeting gives us the opportunity to hear from Cumberland County residents and to share library happenings with the community.

Staff Updates

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