

## News from Cumberland Public Libraries

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### Celebrating 30 Years of Library Service

On Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, library staff and patrons celebrated the retirement of **Mary Hartling**, our Pugwash Library Branch Clerk. Mary worked for CPL for thirty years, and has become an integral part of library service in Pugwash.

Well-wishers enjoyed light refreshment, cake, and conversations with Mary on her last day. We greatly appreciate the work Mary has done to provide library service to the Village of Pugwash, and our patrons and staff will miss her.



### Period Underwear Giveaway

As part of our ongoing work to reduce period poverty, CPL has started a period underwear giveaway in Cumberland County. Each of our seven locations will have a pop-up event that will allow community members to get a free pair of reusable period underwear.

Funding for this initiative is part of the Government of Nova Scotia's cost of living support to increase access to menstrual supplies for all Nova Scotians.

### Seniors' Day for Climate Change

Pugwash's first Seniors For Climate Day of Action occurred on October 1. We partnered with the group to provide them with a venue for a climate action panel, informational book lists of library resources, and light refreshments. The panel featured six dynamic panelists sharing innovative strategies to address climate change in our community. The room's collective enthusiasm and respect for each other was palpable, reflecting a shared goal of addressing the climate emergency.



With an age range of attendees spanning from 24 to 98, the day was informative and well attended.

## NSLA Conference

From October 25<sup>th</sup> to October 27<sup>th</sup>, CPL hosted the annual Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA) conference in Amherst, NS. The weekend was filled with professional development and networking opportunities.

Our Keynote speaker, **Lorisia MacLeod**, provided attendees with an exceptional talk on uplifting the community, working collaboratively with your peers, and making things happen in the library world.

Thank you at all who sponsored and attended our conference! The 2025 NSLA Conference will be held in Halifax, NS.



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Amherst, NS

## Provincial Funding Review Update

Due to a provincial election, the library funding review has stalled. Recommendations went forward to the government for consideration; however, with an ongoing election all work on this has been halted. Once the election is complete, it will be up to the newly elected government to determine if this work will continue or if it will be scrapped.