



... Celebrates Cape Breton Public Libraries!

Cape Breton Regional Library provides public library service throughout Cape Breton and Victoria Counties through 12 public library branches and two bookmobiles. Together they served 21,976 members and received 237,609 in-person visits in 2016-17. They circulated 371,636 items, offered 2,961 programs attended by 26,356 participants & saw 41,086 hours of public computer use. The region's Summer Reading Club attracted 776 children who collectively read 9,828 books.

"To strengthen and inspire our community by providing quality collections, cultural resources, programmes and services in a welcoming environment where all can enjoy reading and learning."
[CB Regional Library Mission Statement]

Libraries are educational and cultural centres offering dynamic programs. A few highlights...

Dietitian Natasha Osmond offered a very popular 'Wellness Series' at the [New Waterford](#) and [North Sydney](#) Libraries.

An African Dance Workshop with Mufaro Chakabuda held at [McConnell \(Sydney\)](#), [North Sydney](#) and [Glace Bay](#) libraries offered an opportunity both to learn and participate.

Drama Queens, a weekly play/script read-out-loud program at the [Baddeck](#) Library, continued to be a fun and enjoyable way to introduce and hear a wide selection of plays. The Baddeck Library Players' fabulous production of *Scrooge's Christmas*, a play by Ken Jones, raised funds to support Library programs and services, and allowed the purchase of a film license to show popular films at the library on a regular basis.

Other exciting programs were made possible through *partnerships* with organizations such as Parks Canada, the Cape Breton Naturalists Society, the Canada Council for the Arts, the Cabot Trail Writers Festival, and Cape Breton University, as well as a host of volunteers.

Engaging children and teens in learning activities is our business!

With support from Nova Scotia Communities, Culture and Heritage, songwriting workshops for teens were held at the [Baddeck](#) and [McConnell \(Sydney\)](#) libraries. Budding songwriters were mentored by singer/songwriter Keith Mullins.

Star War Days at the [Glace Bay](#) Library attracted a large group of enthusiastic participants, including many who dressed up for this fun event that included Jedi training activities.

With the help of local Scout leaders, the [Dominion Library](#) offered a Camping Club for ages 8-12 over the winter months. Participants learned how to be smart wilderness campers.

Public libraries in [Florence](#), [Ingonish](#), [Main-à-Dieu](#), [Louisbourg](#), [Sydney Mines](#) and [Reserve Mines](#) provided equally valuable services and programs throughout the year.

Here's what people are saying about their public libraries!

"Love books, love special events for our family. Please keep doing what you do. It's great."

"Amazing storyteller, great content & very captivating for kids & adults! Thank you!" Attendee at Library Program, Summer 2017

Nova Scotia Public Libraries...Serving Real People in Real Communities