

External Committee Report

Cumberland Public Libraries

April 2023

Funding Formula

Council of Regional Librarians (CORL) is in the process of looking at the funding formula for libraries. We are in year 4 of 5 years. CORL has met twice in March to discuss funding going forward.

Period Poverty Grant

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

DEIA overview of policies

Cumberland Public Libraries is currently undergoing an audit of all of our Personnel and Operational policies through a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility lens. This audit is being conducted by Chrysalis Human Rights Agency and the library received a grant to cover the cost.

Statistics

In the month of February, Cumberland Public Libraries signed out over 9,208 items, 5,274 items in Amherst alone. This includes books, movies, TV shows, magazines and more.

Also, in February Four Father Library offered 18 in-person programs with 410 people in attendance. The Four Fathers library had 2,007 in person visits.

Next Board meeting April 25, 2023.