

External Committee Report

Cumberland Public Libraries

April 4, 2019

Election of Officers

The Board re-elected Mr. Fawthrop as Chair, and Councilor MacKenzie as Treasurer.

Public Meeting

The Cumberland Public Library Board will hold an annual State of the Library meeting on April 25th. Chief Librarian Denise Corey will discuss how libraries in Nova Scotia are funded, present an overview of the funding we receive from the Province and Municipalities and how we allocate those funds. Deputy Chief Librarian Chantelle Taylor will present end of year statistics. The meeting will include time for the public to ask questions and/or express opinions.

Operational Policies Review

The Board updated the Libraries' Operational Policies, which haven't been updated since 2009. Newly added was the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policy.

March Break 2019

Cumberland Public Libraries had a very successful March Break with 412 people attending 21 programs held during the week. This is up over one hundred people from last year.

Youth Services Librarian

Fiona Watson, Youth services librarian, will be leaving Cumberland Public Libraries on April 26. The Library is currently advertising for a new librarian and is hoping to have someone in the position in June.

Statistics

In the month of December, Cumberland Public Libraries signed out over 9,592 items, over 3,800 items in Amherst alone. This includes books, movies, TV shows, magazines and more.

Also, in March Four Father Library held 22 programs for children and adults, with 425 people in attendance.

5,489 people visited in the Four Fathers Library during the month of March.

Next Board meeting June 6, 2019.