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Western Counties Regional Library serves 60,814 people (2006 census) in Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties.

Dear Candidate,

<u><i>Barrington Municipal Library</i></u> 3588 Highway 3, Barrington Passage 637-3348	<u><i>Senator Ambroise H. Comeau Memorial Library</i></u> 8196 Highway 1, Meteghan 645-3350
<u><i>Clark's Harbour Branch Library</i></u> 2648 Main St., Clark's Harbour 745-2885	<u><i>Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library</i></u> 84 Warwick St., Digby 245-2163
<u><i>Lillian Benham Library</i></u> 35 North St. Lockeport 656-2817	<u><i>Pubnico Library</i></u> 35 Highway 335, Pubnico Head 762-2204
<u><i>McKay Memorial Library</i></u> 17 Glasgow St., Shelburne 875-3615	<u><i>Westport Branch Library</i></u> 17 Second St., Westport 839-2955
<u><i>Weymouth Branch Library</i></u> 4609 Highway 1, Weymouth 837-4596	<u><i>Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library</i></u> 405 Main St., Yarmouth 742-5040

Congratulations on your decision to become a candidate for election in your municipality.

Through this brochure, we are providing you with some information about your public library, a shared provincial and municipal responsibility. Each municipal unit appoints one representative to serve on the Western Counties Regional Library board. We hope you take the time to read this and get to know your library system a little bit better.

Good luck with your campaign. If you would like more information about the library, please call me at 742-4195 or Regional Director Trudy Amirault at 742-2486 ext. 225. We would be happy to arrange a tour of your local library branch or Headquarters and meet the library staff.

Sincerely,

Gary Archibald, Board Chair
 Western Counties Regional Library

FUNDING AND GOVERNANCE

- ⇒ WCRL is part of the Public Library Service in Nova Scotia.
- ⇒ Western Counties Regional Library operated its 10 branches and e-library services last year with an operating budget of \$1.,575 million.
- ⇒ The province's public libraries are governed by boards of trustees appointed by the province, municipal units and designated community groups.

Interested in a visit?
 Drop in to any of our branches or call
 Director, Trudy Amirault, (902) 742-2486.

Connect to the Power of Your Library!

Municipal governments partner with public libraries to provide free information services to all.

Here are some things you should know about your library.

⇒ Through its regional system, Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL) operates 10 library branches from Brier Island to Lockeport in the Tri-Counties, as well as an e-library service at www.westerncounties.ca.

⇒ **Your regional library contributes to the economy, employing over 50 local people.**

⇒ More than 20,000 people are active members of your regional library.

⇒ **Library cards are available free to every resident.**

⇒ Your regional library's membership is growing; up five per cent in the last year.

⇒ Municipal units provide 26 per cent and the provincial government provides 71 per cent of your library's operating budget.

⇒ **Your library must fund raise 3 per cent of its operating budget.**

⇒ Your library partners with the media to get the word out, through its Library Report every Tuesday at noon on Radio CJLS and generous coverage in regional newspapers and radio stations AVR, CKBW and CIFA.



Your free library card opens a world of wonders.

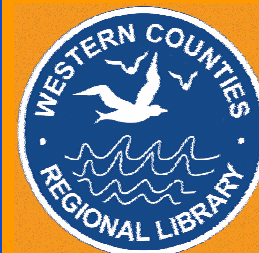
Check out
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With a computer, residents can browse for books, and access a wide range of information sources (encyclopedias, magazines, newspapers and journals) at home. The library is open 24 hours a day through its Web site.

Every year at your library

- There are 150,000 items on the shelves at our 10 library branches and access to millions more through Interlibrary Loan.
- Over 1,000 programs are held, attracting 15,000 people.
- 250,000 items are borrowed and 165,000 patrons visit.
- 50 computers are used 54,000 times.
- Staff answer more than 38,000 questions.

Did You Know? Your library offers opportunities for life-long learning to all residents. Through the provincial library system, people in your area have access millions of titles. Patrons can borrow books online and even arrange free delivery to their home.



Our mission:
To preserve the traditions of public library service while embracing changing technologies.