



Western Counties Regional Library serves 61,676 people (Statistics Canada) in Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties.

<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> 254 Water 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

FUNDING AND GOVERNANCE

- ⇒ WCRL is part of the regional library system 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.



Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on your decision to run in the 2009 Provincial election.

During these tough economic times, library use is up and the need for our services is greater than ever.

The Province has an opportunity to support that need by providing adequate funding and resources to public libraries. Such support will allow people to access important services that might otherwise be out of reach.

Through this brochure, we are providing you with some information about your public library, a shared provincial and municipal responsibility. We also extend an invitation to visit any of our branches.

Gary Archibald
 Board Chair

Western Counties Regional Library

The Provincial and 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.**

⇒ Approximately 20,000 people are active users of your regional library.

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

⇒ The provincial government provides 71 per cent of your library's operating budget. Municipalities provide 26 per cent based on their population.

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

⇒ People use public libraries to write resumes, apply for work and explore job opportunities.
⇒ Inadequate funding will jeopardize services in many libraries, one of the most cost-effective public services in our communities.



Your free library card opens a world of wonders.

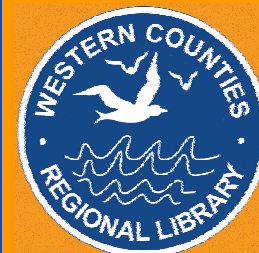
Check out
www.westerncounties.ca

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.
- More than 1,000 programs are held, attracting over 18,000 people.
- 250,000 items are borrowed and 165,000 patrons visit.
- 78 computers are used over 40,000 times.

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



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