

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

*April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017*

*"The Annapolis Valley Regional Library  
builds strong communities  
through the sharing of places  
for collections and connections."*

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, two exciting new areas have been created in BRIDGETOWN: a vibrant children's section, and the Devenney Room, our new event/community room. In December, the much-loved branch manager Connie Jodrey retired.

In November, the KENTVILLE Library was the winner of the National Trust for Canada's "This Place Matters" competition, with a cash prize of \$40,000!



KINGSTON successfully partnered with Autism Nova Scotia, who bring their youth and school age groups once a month for library visits. Kingston branch has also updated their children's area with new furniture and play area.

**LAWRENCETOWN**  
branch launched the  
very successful  
Seed Library.

The Town of  
**ANNAPOLIS ROYAL,**  
AVRL, and the Friends  
group agreed to  
move the branch to  
The Academy.  
Plans for the new  
branch are  
underway!

**MIDDLETON** has an average of sixteen girls  
between the ages of 10 - 14 years who  
faithfully come to the GirlPower program.  
They have a blast with Tessa (the facilitator)  
and have become a very close group of  
friends.





**HANTSPORT**  
continues to  
offer regular and  
special programs  
which are  
well-attended and  
appreciated by the  
community,  
especially the  
Cozy Corner  
Storytime and the  
Wednesday Fibre  
Craft group.

In **PORT WILLIAMS**, Story-times are very popular, especially BusyBabies, which now averages around ten babies each week -quite a handful, but lots of fun!





**WOLFVILLE's  
Summer Patio  
Concert Series  
was a huge hit,  
and they are  
planning  
another this  
summer.**



**BERWICK is loving their new  
spacious, bright and comfortable  
space—and so are our patrons!  
People from across our region  
are coming in for a peek and  
lots of people are signing up for  
new library cards.**

**BOOKMOBILE is able to meet the needs  
of residents at individual institutions with the  
purchase of additional movable  
bookcarts.**

The new AVRL blog site was launched in January. RenewYourCuriosity.ca includes a regular AVRL feature article written by library staff, a video series (Car Pool Book Club), and Book Club 150, a celebration of Canadian storytellers to honour our sesquicentennial.

Digital library cards can now be stored on a phone with the free apps Key Ring or CardStar.



WINDSOR can now reveal that "The Mist", a TV series about to debut in June on Spike, used this branch as the library in the filming. Check out the trailer, you'll see us.





A partnership was created with the Acadia University Library and the NSCC Kingstec to bring The Garden of Reading, a leisure reading collection from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library onto campus.



The AVRL Administration Office moved to the brand new facility in Berwick.

## AT A GLANCE

### Income:

\$2,646,578

Provincial 66%

Municipal 24%

Board 10%

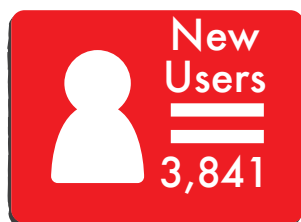
### Expenses

\$2,797,237

Staff 73%

Other 17%

Library Materials 10%





Total programs offered  
1,935  
Program attendance  
17,791



### AVRL Blogs



Instagram  
followers:  
385



views:  
23,477



Twitter followers  
@valleylibs: 1,258  
@annavalley: 1,015

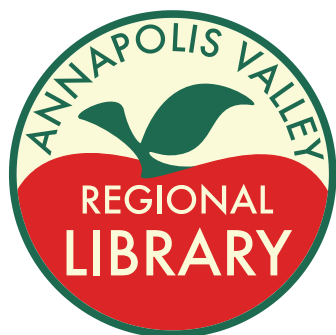


Facebook  
followers:  
1200

# BRANCH ACTIVITY

BRANCH	Items Borrowed	Active Members	Hours of Public Computer Use	Information Questions Answered	Number of Programs Offered	Program Attendance
Annapolis Royal	40,042	1,681	3,152	365	149	713
Berwick	49,400	2,149	2,328	181	217	2,083
Bridgetown	21,390	956	1,888	1,287	165	1,135
Hantsport	14,314	695	998.5	523	226	1,525
Kentville	72,854	4,542	4,040.5	3,419	89	1,281
Kingston	34,768	1,744	1,999.5	1,081	115	674
Lawrencetown	12,049	553	2,328.5	539	113	211
Middleton	68,573	2,073	3,727	2,969	241	1,214
Port Williams	19,959	611	2,758	1,234	103	1,018
Windsor	59,381	4,068	8,701	4,001	195	2,213
Wolfville	85,070	3,859	5,129	3,716	294	3,152
Bookmobile	32,170	604		774		
Borrow by Mail	4,106					
Headquarters	12,082	131		104	28	2,572
Online Renewals	52,172					
Overdrive Circulation	35,338					
Zinio	2,138					
TOTAL	615,651	23,666	37,050	20,193	1,935	17,791

# FIND US



Administrative Headquarters  
236 Commercial Street  
PO Box 510  
Berwick, Nova Scotia  
B0P 1E0

Tel: (902) 538-BOOK

Toll Free: 1-866-922-0229

Fax: (902) 665-4899

Email: [administration@valleylibrary.ca](mailto:administration@valleylibrary.ca)

[www.valleylibrary.ca](http://www.valleylibrary.ca)



AVRLibrary



@valleylibs

[renewyourcuriosity.ca](http://renewyourcuriosity.ca)

[valleystorytime.wordpress.com](http://valleystorytime.wordpress.com)

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## ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY BRANCHES

Annapolis Royal	285 St. George Street	532-2226
Berwick	236 Commercial Street	538-8060
Bridgetown	38 Queen Street	665-2758
Hantsport	10 Main Street	684-0103
Kentville	440 Main Street	679-2544
Kingston	671 Main Street	765-3631
Lawrencetown	489 Main Street	584-3044
Middleton	45 Gates Avenue	825-4835
Port Williams	1045 Main Street	542-3005
Windsor	195 Albert Street	798-5424
Wolfville	21 Elm Avenue	542-5760
Bookmobile	236 Commercial St.	1-866-922-0229





## A note from the CEO



2016-2017 represents another year of facilities development, with the opening of the new Berwick and District Library in the Berwick Town Office, and the expansion/renovation of the Bridgetown Library. Response to these new libraries has been incredible. As well, the Kentville Library is well underway and will be open to the public in the late Summer 2017, and the planning for a new library in Annapolis Royal has begun. Additionally, we completed the monumental task of moving our Administrative Office from Bridgetown to Berwick! I really want to commend the Administration Office Staff for their "grace under pressure" through all phases of our relocation - from the planning, breaking down of shelves, packing...to putting it all back together - truly everyone was helpful and positive. We are very happy with our new home, and I would be remiss if I didn't mention how wonderful it was to work with the Berwick CAO, Don Regan, and the Mayor and Council. They have made us feel very welcome indeed.

I am now coming up on my second year with AVRL, and I want to state how grateful I am to the dedicated library staff, the Board, the generous donors, and our municipal units. It's been a pleasure. To the citizens of the Annapolis Valley, your continued support for the library speaks volumes!

Ann-Marie Mathieu, CEO



# BOARD MEMBERS 2016-17

*Municipality of Annapolis County:*

*Municipality of Kings County:*

*Municipality of West Hants:*

*Annapolis Royal:*

*Town of Berwick:*

*Town of Kentville:*

*Town of Middleton:*

*Town of Windsor:*

*Town of Wolfville:*

*Province of Nova Scotia:*

Alex Morrison

Bob Best

Shirley Pineo – Chair

Pat Power

Jane Bustin

Lynn Pulsifer

Jill Cox

Shelley Bibby

Janet Ness – Vice Chair

Lesley MacDonald – Treasurer

Another year has come and gone and what an exciting year it was.

Our long awaited move of our Administration Offices from Bridgetown to Berwick was accomplished in February. Many thanks go to the CEO and her staff who worked so hard to make this a reality.

In October the Municipal elections were held and we saw several board members loose their seats and therefore we have some new members around the table. In my personal situation, I asked the West Hants Council to appoint me as their citizen representative and they were agreeable.

Board members we lost included: Tony Bentley, Scott Geddes, Sherry Brideau, Peter Muttart and Timothy Habinski. We welcomed Alex Morrison, Shelley Bibby and Lynn Pulsifer.

This year we saw renovations take place in the Bridgetown library and the opening of a new library in Berwick.

Although the Provincial government has not increased the core funding, our region continues to be supported by the local citizens and they tirelessly raise money to support these expansions and new builds. Two new and exciting projects are the Annapolis Royal project which will see a new library which has been a need for several years and Vice-Chair Janet Ness and CEO Ann-Marie are working on a needs assessment for the Town of Wolfville which may result in a new or enlarged library. We continue to work with the Town of Kentville in securing a safe and welcoming space for a new library for the town and area residents.

This year we tried a new approach to our committee structure and have been trying a pilot project where we are holding Committee of the Whole for the main committees. We have also struck a new committee to deal with Advocacy and Marketing. Vice Chair Janet Ness is heading up this project and we are starting to see some results, especially for the work that has been done to educate our politicians before the election. In March, CEO Ann Marie and I visited all the MLA's in our riding to personally educate them on the role that libraries play in supporting their individual departments.

A Culture Action Plan was presented which seems to need more investigation to determine if libraries will benefit from it.

This year AVRL is the host for the NSLA/LBANS conference which will be held in Annapolis County. We are looking forward to hosting librarians and trustees from across the province. Thanks to Charlotte Janes and Wendy Trimper for all the hard work they have put into this project.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the board members, especially the Chairs of Committees that put in many hours on behalf of the board's business. Every board member has taken their responsibility seriously and has helped make our district a better place to work.

As with other years, I would like to say a special "Thank you" to Vice Chair, Janet Ness for all her help and assistance throughout the year. Janet makes my job much more enjoyable.

We continue to press Government to give us stable and sustainable funding.

Thank you for allowing me to be the Chair of this wonderful organization.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Pineo





# BENTO BOXES:

## HEALTHY SNACKS FOR KIDS

April 2-2

Chef Chantelle from the Mason Jar will show you how to make yummy, healthy snacks in portions that are just the right size for lunchbox food containers!



**Thursday, March 16th**  
2:30-3:30pm

Please call or register online  
Bridgetown & Area Library  
38 Queen Street  
902-443-2778  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# Book Club 150



To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, AYRL is highlighting a different Canadian author or illustrator for each month of 2017.

**February's featured author: André Alexis**



Celebrate with us by reading the books, joining our online conversation, and entering our monthly contests.


Visit our library website at [www.valleylibrary.ca](http://www.valleylibrary.ca) to place books on Book Club 150 lists. Look for featured book month on our new library blog site: [Blog.ValleyLibrary.ca](http://Blog.ValleyLibrary.ca)


# CASUAL FRENCH CONVERSATIONS

EVERY TUESDAY 1-2PM FOR 8 WEEKS  
JAN. 30TH - FEB. 28TH  
ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS WELCOME  
PLEASE CALL OR REGISTER ONLINE

A FUN, INTERACTIVE & INFORMAL FRENCH CLASS WITH INSTRUCTOR SUSAN OUELLE-SHAW



Isobel and Roy Jodrey Memorial Library  
10 Main Street  
Bridgetown  
902-484-0103  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# WOMAN DISRUPTORS


CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**LOCAL WOMEN SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE.**

A TALK WITH DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW:  
#RESIST #PERSIST

**TUESDAY, MARCH 07**  
START TIME: 7:00 PM  
END TIME: 8:00 PM

Isobel and Roy Jodrey Memorial Library  
10 Main Street  
Bridgetown  
902-484-0103  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# Stumped About Social Media For Your Small Business?



**Let us help!**

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library is offering assistance to small businesses looking to start or improve their social media presence.


Group sessions and 1-on-1 assistance is available. This FREE service is available for a limited time. Contact Matt today for more information.  
mattavri@gmail.com



# Network Knitting

Last Tuesday of the month!  
Last Tuesday of the month: 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 26th, 28th, 30th  
12:00pm-1:45pm

Kentville Library  
480 Main Street  
902-679-2544  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# GREAT BIG BOOK SALE & more!

Our office has moved, and we have loads of books (and more) to sell! Office equipment, supplies, and assorted odds will be sold. Prices will be amazingly low, we want to sell it all!

**Friday, March 3rd**  
5pm-8pm  
**Saturday, March 4th**  
9am-12pm

26 Bay Road, Bridgetown



# FRIDAY FUN

FOR AGES 10-14

**CRAFTS+GAMES+SNACKS=FUN**

FRIDAYS 3-4:30PM  
JAN 6TH - MARCH 10TH  
ONE CLUMPT PLEASANT

Isobel & Roy Jodrey Memorial Library  
10 Main Street  
Bridgetown  
902-484-0103  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# Kidz Book Club

ages 9-14

PICK UP A COPY OF THE BOOK AT THE LIBRARY, KNOWLEDGE A TOWN COPY FROM THE LIBRARY, OR READ YOUR COPY FROM HOME.

FROM THE LIBRARY ON DECEMBER 29th 1:00-5:00 PM FOR GAMES AND A FUN DISCUSSION OF THE BOOK

HARRY POTTER

Barwick Library  
213 Commercial Street  
902-638-4030  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# TRY SOMETHING NEW!

## Mixed Media Art

Paint, colours, tape, buttons, beads, string, and so much more.

FOR CHILDREN AGES 9 - 12 YEARS  
SUPPLIES ARE PROVIDED

**TUESDAY, JULY 19**  
3:00PM TO 4:00PM

Space is limited. Please register by calling during open hours

Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library  
43 Galtie Avenue  
902-825-4835  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# books, songs and rhymes for BusyBabies

For ages 0-3 and caregivers

**Fridays**  
11:30am to 12:00pm



Mandeville C. Smith Memorial Library  
1044 Main Street  
Port Williams  
902-442-3001  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# SKYWATCH

## Summer Solstice

**Fri, June 24th**  
9:30pm - 11:30pm

Amateur astronomers Bruce & Melody Hamilton bring their telescopes to Fort Anne National Historic Site on the weekend of Summer Solstice. Join us to observe and learn about the night skies.

Presented with the cooperation of Fort Anne

Please meet at Fort Anne National Historic Site  
Sun. June 25

Sponsored by Annapolis Valley Regional Library  
902-442-3001  
www.valleylibrary.ca





# DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Tuesday, November 29th 6:30-8:30 pm

Age 14-17

## Calling all warriors!

You are invited to join a group of young, adventure-minded, in their pursuit of the Holy Grail.

Registration is at the Library

Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library  
45 Gates Avenue  
902-825-4835  
www.valleylibrary.ca




# Conversations About Death & Dying: End of Life Planning

Let's talk about how to plan end-of-life affairs in order to make it easier for our loved ones. We hope everyone will participate and share thoughts and experiences. The goal is to better understand, support and care for those facing or coping with death.

Tuesday, November 29th  
10:30 am-12:00 pm

Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library  
45 Gates Avenue  
902-825-4835  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# Family Fort Night

Thursday, August 18th 7:00-8:30pm

Build your own special family fort at the library! Join Lois for after-hours stories and snacks!

We will provide some building supplies but feel free to bring some pillows and blankets from home. It might be fun to wear your pajamas and bring along a flashlight!

Please register to help us with our planning!

Isabel and Roy Jodrey Memorial Library  
10 Main Street  
Hullington  
902-884-2103  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# PUB QUIZ NIGHT

fundraiser for new Berwick Library

Cash Bar - \$5/10 draw door and cash prizes


Food provided by Meadowbrook Meats Market

8:00 pm prompt

Trish and Tina will be at the Service Library and Women's Pharmacies

Saturday, November 19th  
7pm-9pm

Berwick Library  
1000 Main Street  
Berwick, Nova Scotia  
B0P 1S0




# PICTURE BOOK PALOOZA!

CELEBRATE PICTURE BOOK MONTH WITH ANGELA AS SHE SHARES HER FAVOURITE PICTURE BOOKS OF 2014. YOU MAY FIND A NEW FAVOURITE TOO!

AGE 5+

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH  
11:00AM-NOON

Kingston Library  
87 Main Street  
902-763-3431  
www.valleylibrary.ca



This month's book selection is "Fall On Your Knees" by Ann-Marie MacDonald. Bring a favourite mug and join us for coffee or tea and conversation.

## Between the Covers Book Club MIDDLETON

ANN-MARIE MACDONALD  
FALL ON YOUR KNEES

Thursday, May 26th  
6:30-8:30pm

Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library  
45 Gates Ave.  
902-825-4835  
www.valleylibrary.ca



Join local author **CHRISTY ANN CONLIN** for a dramatic reading from her new book, **THE MEMENTO**.

Friday, October 2nd  
8:00pm-9:50pm

Ghost stories! Fairy Tales! Haunted Tales!

Annapolis Royal Library  
1815 St. George Street  
902-707-2226  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# The Garden of Reading

Leisure reading collection

## Read. Relax. Grow.

The Garden of Reading is a leisure reading initiative between the Acadia University Library and The Annapolis Valley Regional Library.




Dress to make a mess!

Make your own Alan Syliboy

Saturday, Jun 25  
12:30pm to 2:00pm  
ages 6 to 12  
registration required

Berwick Library  
213 Commercial Street  
902-538-4030  
www.valleylibrary.ca




"...if there are no young readers and writers, there will shortly be no older ones."

M. Atwood

Margaret Atwood is helping the AVRIL fundraiser for the youth space in the new Kentville Library. You can help too!

www.valleylibrary.ca/new-kentville-library-project



# Girl Power

Friday, May 27th 6:30-8:30pm

Register at the library or call during open hours.

Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library  
45 Gates Avenue  
902-825-4835  
www.valleylibrary.ca



# Wolffville Library Patio Concert Series 2016

## Ida Red

Playing a rowdy fun mix of old-time fiddle/banjo tunes and original music.

Sunday, August 21st  
1:00-2:00pm

Wolffville Memorial Library  
21 Elm Avenue  
902-542-3760  
www.valleylibrary.ca



Partnerships  
Freedom  
Homey Caring  
Unique Lively  
Technology/Computers  
Awareness  
EgalitarianHaven  
Intellectual  
Service  
Information  
Resourceful  
Atmosphere  
Vibrant  
Informal  
Educational  
Engaging  
Busy Knowledgeable  
Accessible  
Friendly  
Entertainment  
Inspiring Patron-Oriented  
Acceptance  
Shelter Relaxed  
Inclusive  
Colourful Opportunity Supportive  
FunDiverse  
Comfortable  
Consistent  
Open  
Family-Oriented  
Trusted  
Bright  
Free  
MobileFlexibility  
Approachable

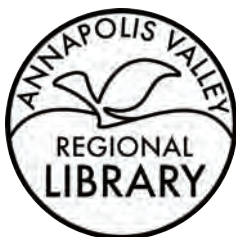
# Welcoming

## Inviting

## Helpful

## Community

## Programs



June 2017