



## CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY

Highlights – September 13, 2022

### **Regional Librarian's Report:**

#### **Library E-Resources:**

Hoopla is seeing the largest growth right now. Since April, 236 new hoopla users and a 9% circulation growth have occurred. Audiobooks continue to be the most popular format on hoopla, followed by movies and television. There have been 17,700 newspapers/magazines accessed through PressReader since April.

#### **Retirement:**

Charlene Pynn, Glace Bay Library Clerk, retired in June. Charlene has been a long time employee of CBRL with 34 years of service. Her work was mainly focused on planning and delivering children's programs.

#### **Same Page:**

CBRL still continues to see an increased demand on loans to Same Page Libraries since the inception of this new initiative. With no limit on requests, patrons across the province enjoy access to thousands of items.

#### **COVID-19 Response:**

Our Libraries continue to play an important role in COVID. Test kits continue to be available at most of our locations. Due to the rise in cases there have been times that we have run out of test kits. Representatives from Public Health have been holding regular meetings with library regions to keep us up-to-date on upcoming changes to be expected. NS Libraries are also a drop-off location for SPO2 monitors. The monitors are given to people with COVID-19 to monitor their oxygen levels. Two thousand of the monitors have been received at library locations across Nova Scotia.

#### **Programs:**

CBRL offered a summer of fun programs that included in-person branch programs, storybook walks, a few outreach events and exciting partnerships. NS Provincial Library sponsored another summer tour and organized Discovery Centre shows in libraries across the province. CBRL hosted the Discovery Centers 'Sail the Sour Seas' Science Show in Baddeck, North Sydney and Sydney.

Following the success of library outdoor events in 2021, library staff took some fun activities to green spaces near the Sydney Waterfront and Open Hearth Park. The outdoor activities included an obstacle course with a goal to 'Save Prince Pantaloon', a scavenger hunt, crafts, snacks and button making. We also partnered with CB Pride for Drag Story Time at the Wentworth Park Bandshell.

Baddeck and Glace Bay Libraries filled their summer calendars with regular activities for children and families: games nights, themed days, art afternoons, baby & toddler programs, films, etc.

This year's Summer Reading Program had over 550 participants. Library patrons of all ages were able to join the summer reading program online, and paper ballots were also available to participants if online wasn't an option.