

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

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NEW USERS

3,496

ACTIVE USERS

25,069

IN PERSON VISITS

206,752

DIGITAL ITEMS BORROWED

136,841

TOTAL ITEMS BORROWED

734,453



TOTAL PROGRAMS

1,137

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

7,644

TOTAL OPEN HOURS

19,500

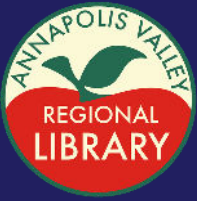
PUBLIC COMPUTER ACCESS (HOURS)

21,205

WIRELESS USAGE (HOURS)

211,448





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Updates from the CEO and Board Chair

Following up from the results of its community consultation in 2024-25, the AVRL Board approved a new strategic plan for 2025-28, with the goals of updating and improving AVRL's internal structures, while responding to the increase in public service needs.

With public usage strong and growing, the dedicated AVRL staff continue to do their best to meet the growing demand and to support the public in accessing reliable and accurate information, entertainment, lifelong learning opportunities, early literacy development, and a welcoming space for all members of the community.



Julia Merritt, Chief Executive Officer

The mandate of providing the best possible library experience for all the citizens of the Annapolis Valley has been challenged following the sobering news that the Provincial Library Funding Formula would not be increased after it ended March 31, 2025. Despite robust and consistent advocacy for sustainable funding, AVRL must now look to a future where quality library service and programs can be delivered in a different model. This path forward comes with much sadness and recognition of the impact of the AVRL in the Annapolis Valley over the last 77 years.

Janet Ness, Chair