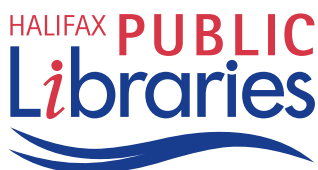


Bedford PUBLIC LIBRARY



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the e-mail notification.”
– Patron Comment*



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FACTS & FIGURES 2008-09

- ▶ 119,002 visitors borrowed 316,602 items; a 6.6% and 3.7% increase respectively.
- ▶ The 5,949 sq. ft. Bedford Public Library has been at its present location since 1990.
- ▶ 6,954 people attended 277 programs offered at the Bedford Public Library.
- ▶ 15,829 patrons used Bedford Public Library's computers and wireless Internet services.
- ▶ Bedford Public Library serves 18,396 residents of HRM. (2006 Census figure)

Who has a Library card?

- ▶ 47.41% of the population served by the Bedford Public Library have a library card.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Bedford Public Library is the only branch in HRM to offer special programs for teens who are learning English as new Canadians. Teens appreciate the help with their English and are very grateful for the social interaction as well. Lots of families with no previous public library experience first come to visit because their teen is enrolled in the program.
- ▶ The Bedford branch attracts lots of families, including those who enjoy youth programs for preschoolers. The Tuesday morning Baby/Toddler drop-in is always full to capacity, with 45 people attending.
- ▶ The Bedford branch attracts many older adults, including first-time library users. Along with book clubs and technology training programs, a weekly bridge program is popular and brings adults who return to use the library's collections and other services regularly.

“I retired eight years ago and my first grandchild was born. I started taking him to Bedford Public Library at six months of age and he is now in grade 2 – he’s at the top of his class in reading and has a wonderful love for books.”
– Patron Comment



WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

- ▶ Bedford Public Library is the one place to go in the community to consult documents related to the Bedford Visioning project. The comprehensive collection of planning documents will be housed at the branch’s information desk.
- ▶ Increased outreach to older adults is on Bedford Public Library’s horizon as well, as we make connections through senior centres and with families caring for older adults.
- ▶ In the coming year, we’ll introduce home-delivery service to residents in Bedford who qualify for it.
- ▶ Self-service will be added to our check-out options in the future.

SERVICE AREA

Bedford Public Library serves all of the following HRM Districts:

- ▶ **District 12** – Bedford

...as well as portions of these HRM Districts:

- ▶ **District 2** – Waverley - Fall River - Beaverbank
(also served by Cole Harbour and Sackville Libraries, the Mobile Library and Books by Mail)
- ▶ **District 23** – Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets
(also served by Keshen Goodman, J.D. Shatford and Tantallon Libraries)

HOURS & LOCATION

- ▶ Tuesday - Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
- ▶ Friday and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
- ▶ Sunday 2 pm - 5 pm (between Labour Day and Victoria Day)

15 Dartmouth Road, Bedford

- ▶ General Inquiries 490-5740
- ▶ Sharon Haley-Mancini, Branch Manager 490-5828

