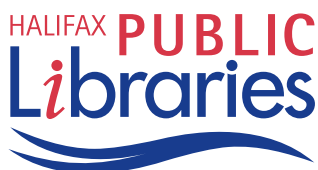


Keshen Goodman PUBLIC LIBRARY



"Oh you are one of those modern libraries. Very beautiful!"
– visitor from Toronto



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FACTS & FIGURES 2008-09

- ▶ 443,789 visitors borrowed 948,496 items; a 5% and 2% increase respectively over 2007-08.
- ▶ This 25,000 sq. ft. library opened in 2001, replacing the Thomas Raddall Public Library, which served the community from 1989 to 2001.
- ▶ 20,000 people attended 559 programs offered at Keshen Goodman Public Library.
- ▶ 116,382 patrons used Keshen Goodman Public Library's computers and wireless Internet services.
- ▶ Keshen Goodman Public Library serves 54,492 residents of HRM. (2006 Census figure)

Who has a Library card?

47.38% of the population served by the Keshen Goodman Public Library have a library card.



HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Keshen Goodman Public Library is a community destination point. The architecture, open and flexible spaces, meeting rooms, seating areas, collections and technology continue to attract the diverse communities of Halifax West.
- ▶ On average, over 37,000 visits are made each month to the Keshen Goodman Public Library. Visitors attend large performance programs, open community meetings, special classes, and take advantage of our comfortable soft seating, as well as browse the high-interest collections.
- ▶ This year the community borrowed almost 950,000 items from our collections making this library the busiest in our system and one of the most actively used libraries in Atlantic Canada.
- ▶ In May 2009 the community joined staff in the dedication of Democracy Corner. Made possible by MLA Diana Whalen through her generous gift of Democracy 250 legacy funding, the Library now has comfortable outdoor seating areas for the public to enjoy.

“Just wanted to say that KG Library is doing a fabulous job of making this library a community meeting place - a place not just to borrow books but to learn, to play (e.g. Scrabble, etc.), to relax (with a magazine or a coffee) - in short - a wonderful place to pass a few hours. Thank you, thank you, thank you.”
– P. Hudson



WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

- ▶ Situated on the Mainland Commons, Keshen Goodman Public Library is part of a community-centred development which includes Halifax West High School, the Bella Rose Theatre, an indoor soccer field and various other sports fields. This year, a 176,000 sq. ft. Recreation Centre will be built close to the library and will be the site of the 2011 Canada Winter Games.
- ▶ The Library will continue to evolve in response to the expected increase in traffic on the Commons. With this, and the continuing growth of the immediate and surrounding areas, Keshen Goodman Public Library will maintain its fundamental role as a community space open to all.
- ▶ The branch will continue to enhance Teen Services by using input from the teens to develop a new slate of exciting programming. In response to requests from our older customers, the Library will work with both teen volunteers and the Regional Services to Older Adults Team to implement a pilot of one-on-one, intergenerational IT instruction .

SERVICE AREA

Keshen Goodman Public Library serves the following HRM Districts:

- ▶ **District 10** – Clayton Park West
- ▶ **District 16** – Rockingham - Wentworth

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

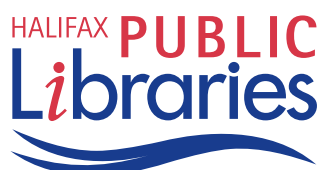
- ▶ **District 15** – Fairview - Clayton Park
(also served by Spring Garden Road Memorial Library)
- ▶ **District 17** – Purcell's Cove - Armdale
(also served by Captain William Spry Library)
- ▶ **District 22** – Timberlea - Prospect
(also served by Tantallon and Mobile Libraries)
- ▶ **District 23** – Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets
(also served by Bedford, J.D. Shatford and Tantallon Libraries)

HOURS & LOCATION

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

330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax

- ▶ General Inquiries 490-6410
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