

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Council Orientation
Fall 2024



AVRL serves a population of just over 110,000 in Annapolis County, Kings County, and the West Hants Regional Municipality.



Eleven branch libraries



Downloadable eBook and audiobooks



Borrow By Mail service





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 **Partner Regions**

1,000,000+

 **Items to Borrow**

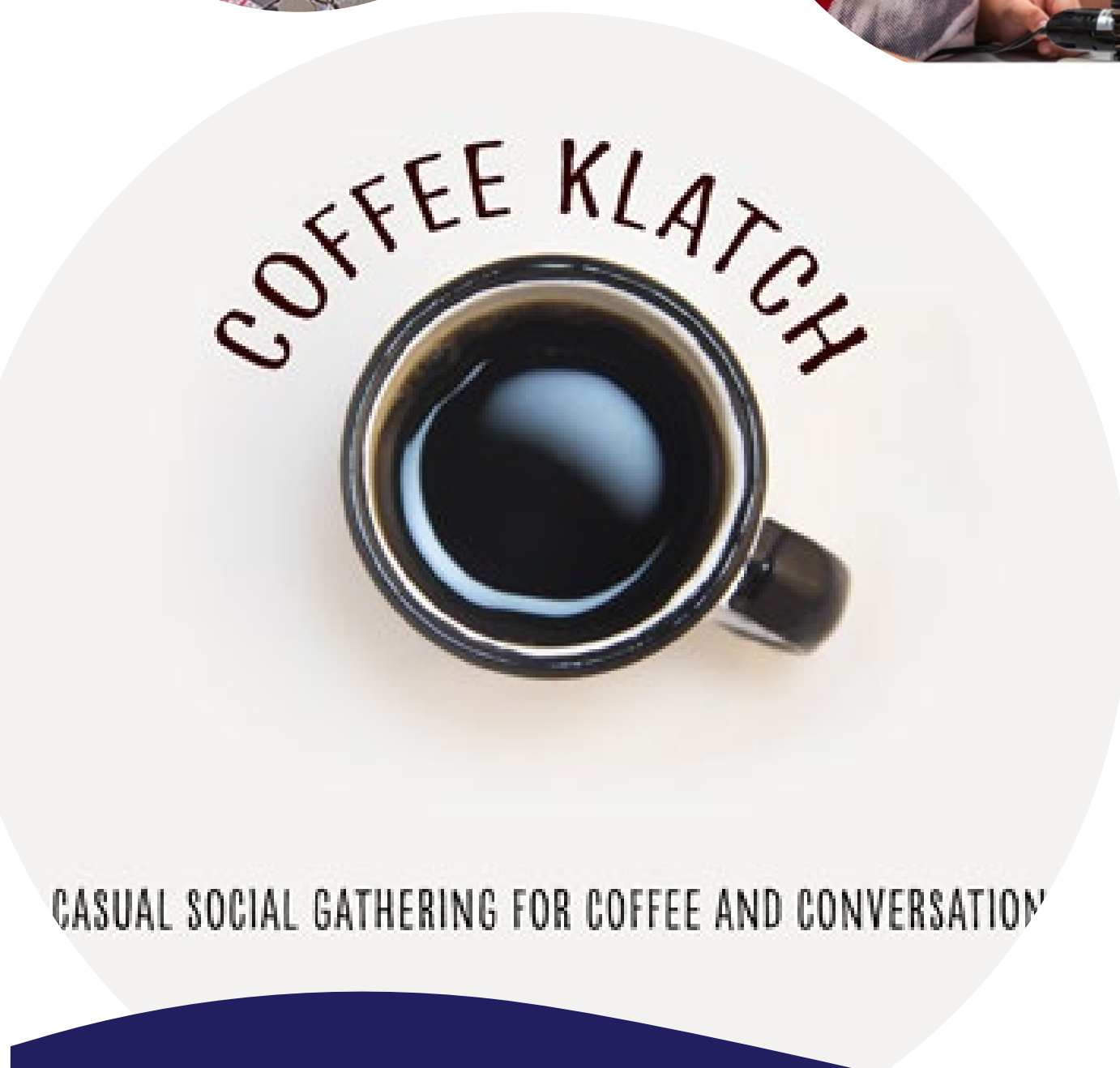
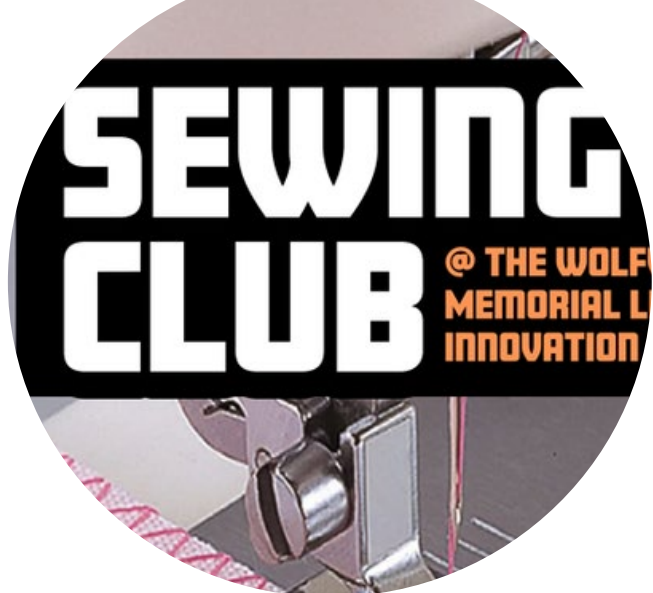
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 **Library Card**

- Three week loans for all users
- Three automatic renewals on all items without holds
- No hold or checkout limits
- Digital titles can be borrowed directly from the new catalogue
- For more information about Same Page, visit the website: www.samepagens.ca

Accessibility

- Large Print Books
- Audiobooks
- Downloadable eBooks and Audiobooks
- Centre for Equitable Library Access
- National Network for Equitable Library Service
- Borrow By Mail



www.valleylibrary.ca/calendar

Programs & Events



2023- 24

In Review

- Same Page usage grew over 20% - AVRL borrowed over 157,000 items
- Over 4,000 new memberships: 1 in 5 residents in Annapolis Valley is an active user
- Total of 5% increase overall in library usage



N S Library Board Structure

Libraries Act *R.S., c. 254, s. 1.*

MCCTH & NSPL

9 Library Regions

AVRL Board

10 Board Representatives

Annapolis
Royal

Annapolis
County

Middleton

Berwick

Kentville

Wolfville

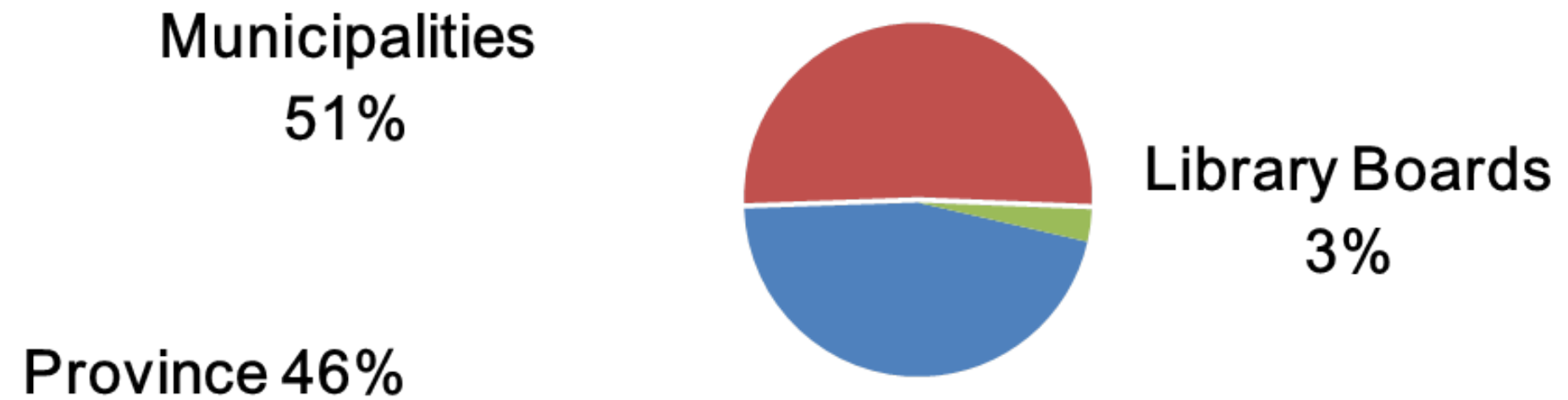
Kings
County

West Hants

2x
Provincial

Current Model

Total Mandated Investment in
\$35,932,400



Rural Same Page Regions

71%



26%



3%



Provincial

Municipal

Board

Urban Halifax Region

71%



26%



3%



Provincial

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Annapolis Valley Funding Formula

April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2025

Province	\$ 1,919,600
Annapolis County	\$ 130,700
Kings County	\$ 331,600
West Hants County	\$ 134,400
Annapolis Royal	\$ 3,400
Middleton	\$ 12,300
Berwick	\$ 17,400
Kentville	\$ 42,800
Wolfville	\$ 30,300
Library Board	\$ 78,675
Total	\$ 2,701,175

Funding Review Update

- Library Funding Review Committee met April– September 2024 to determine recommendations to government for the next funding model
- Committee composed of library CEOs, board members, municipal representatives, and provincial government staff from CCTH and Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Research conducted on salaries, collections, and technology

AVRL Forecast

Successes

- Increasing use by the community
- Greater efficiency through Same Page consortium
- Service improvements like digital accessibility, eliminating supper hour closures

Risks

- Low wages, high staff turnover, gapped positions
- Lack of capacity = 50% less programs, saying no to partnerships
- Deficit budgets to meet labour bargaining agreements



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