



Annual Library Profile 2024-2025

Inverness Library



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Introduction

Library Profiles are prepared annually for each library within the Highland Libraries network as part of our commitment to service improvement, and to engage with our communities. They serve three main purposes:

- To assist local staff to evaluate the performance of their library in relation to their local community.
- To assist managers to monitor performance and plan service improvements across the wider network.
- To provide a concise document that can be offered to any person or organisation seeking information about a library.

Each library reflects its specific local community, making it unique. Any comparison of statistics such as issue figures must be made cautiously.

Performance and community information is based on library statistics, ward statistics or where available data relating to specific Integrated Learning Communities (Secondary school catchment areas) *. Ward or census information can be found at: http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/695/council_information_performance_and_statistics/575/highland_facts_and_figures

Summary of Library and Services Available

Branch: Inverness Library

Address: Farraline Park,
Inverness
IV1 1NH

Telephone No: 01349 781370

Email address: inverness.library@highlifehighland.com

Web Address: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/libraries/inverness-library/>

Associated School Group: Millburn Academy, Inverness High School & Inverness Royal Academy.

Ward: 13 Inverness West, 14 Inverness Central, 15 Inverness Ness-side, 16 Inverness Millburn.

Accommodation

Inverness Public Library was built as a school, Bell's Institution in 1841. It ceased to be a school in 1937 and functioned as a courthouse, police station and theatre before becoming a public library in 1980. Customers have access to the lending library, Co-working hub and reference room. Regular activities, exhibitions, and author visits.

Opening Hours

Mon - 09:00 - 18:30

Tue - 09:00 - 18:30

Wed - 09:00 - 18:30

Thur - 09:00 - 19:00

Fri - 09:00 - 18:30

Sat - 09:00 - 17:00

Sun - closed

Inverness Library Board Room Space

We have a large modern room with Wi-Fi access and videoconferencing facilities available to book for events and meetings. Please contact Inverness Library for availability and prices.

Accessibility

Car Parking:

Rose Street multi-storey car park adjacent to the library. Disabled parking available at front of library.

Public Transport:

Library situated adjacent to bus station & railway station. Local buses accessed from town centre 5 minutes' walk.

Additional information

One public access computer with extra features for the visually impaired.

Activities

Regular Children's Activities

Bookbug sessions

Every Thursday morning and every 2nd Saturday 11:15 - 11:45.

Children's Lego Club

Children's Lego Club every Wednesday at 15:30 - 16:30.

Regular Adult Events:

Adult Lego Club

Every Tuesday, 12:00 - 14:00.

Scrabble Club

Every Monday afternoon, 13:30 - 16:00.

Author Visits

We hold regular author visits, Reading Groups and regular exhibitions.

Knitting & Crochet Group

The first Tuesday of every month at 14:30.

Chess Club

Every Saturdays, 14:00 – 16:00.

Inverness Library Book Group

Please Email or call us on 01349 781370 for more information or check out our Facebook for updates.

Meet the Books

Join UHI for informative presentations and a close up look at Inverness Library’s special collections, including Fraser Mackintosh book collection.

Author Visits

We hold regular author visits. Please Inverness Library Facebook for upcoming events. Check our [YouTube](#) for author visit recordings including Dr Katy Turton’s talk ‘Women of the Revolution’ at Inverness Reference Library.

Collect and Return Service

For customers who do not wish to browse our shelves in the library, we provide a Collect and Return service. By phoning or emailing your local library, a member of staff will select books for your chosen genre and arrange a convenient time for you to collect them.

How are we performing?

Inverness Library

	2023-24
Visits	73197
Event Attendance	10585
Issues	56563
Events	400
Computer Sessions	10734

Reference and Local History Collections

(Please tick)	Basic collection	Collection of Area significance	Collection of Highland Significance	Collection of National Significance
Reference Collection		✓	✓	✓
Local History		✓	✓	✓

Please visit our website for more information: www.highlifehighland.com

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