



**Press Release**  
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## 24 hour checkout @Library ... the first in Nova Scotia!

As part of ongoing innovations at the new Antigonish Town & County Public Library and with the financial assistance of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, library patrons can now pick up their books and other materials 24 hours a day. Starting this November - the new outdoor, self-service, book lockers located at the main entrance are open and ready for business. By request, patrons can pick-up their hold-requests after-hours. Individual patrons are temporarily assigned an access code, that when entered, will open a book locker that contains their requested materials.

“Public Libraries are committed to literacy and reading regularly convenient for the entire community,” said Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian (Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library). The Antigonish Town & County Library is the first in Nova Scotia to offer a 24-hour accessible book locker for patrons. The funds received to provide the infrastructure for this outdoor book locker were provided as part of a pilot project with the Provincial Library - Communities, Culture & Heritage.



Pat Cameron, Branch Assistant Manager for Antigonish Library is placing books in a book locker for a patron. The 16-drawer book locker is located in the exterior wall of the library, just to the left of the main front entrance.

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For more information, please contact Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian, Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (755-6031/toll-free 1-866-779-7761), or Kristel Fleuren-Hunter, Supervising Branch Librarian – Antigonish (863-4276).