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**Implementing Funding Alignment**

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL) is announcing service reductions as part of the funding alignment process for the 2021-2022 budget year commencing April 2021.

“Everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy in-person library service somewhere near their community. The only way the Board can achieve this is by making sure all of ECRL’s municipal funders get their tax dollars spent on local library service. Going forward, library open hours will correspond to the population and tax base generating the funding,” said ECRL Board Chair, Shirley McNamara. “I can understand this may be upsetting for some people. People love their local library branch. I want to assure everyone that after this difficult adjustment period, library open hours will be stable for the next 4 years.”

At this time, ECRL is planning library open hours at the Guysborough, Canso and Sherbrooke library locations will be as follows, beginning April 6th, 2021.

**Canso Library:**

Wednesday’s: 12:30pm-5:30pm  
Thursday’s: 12:30pm-5:30pm  
Friday’s: 12:30pm-5:30pm

**Cyril Ward Memorial Library in Guysborough:**

Tuesdays: 12:30pm-5:30pm  
Wednesdays: 12:30pm-5:30pm  
Fridays: 12:30pm-5:30pm

**Sherbrooke Library:**

Wednesday’s: 10:00am-3:00pm  
Thursday’s: 10:00am-3:00pm  
Friday’s: 10:00am-3:00pm

ECRL provides an umbrella of services to meet the needs of users across the largest geographic library region in the Province of Nova Scotia. In addition to staff assistance, internet and computer access, and browsing collections offered at ECRL library branches, our Borrow by Mail service and digital lending services are available to everyone with an ECRL card. Please check our website [ecrl.ca](http://ecrl.ca) or follow us on social media for more information and service updates: [facebook.com/ECRLibrary](https://facebook.com/ECRLibrary) and [twitter.com/ecrlibrary](https://twitter.com/ecrlibrary).

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