



Annual Library Profile 2026-27

Caol 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: <https://www.highland.gov.uk/planning-area/highland-profile-key-facts-figures>

Summary of library and services available

Branch: Caol Library

Address: Glenkingie St,
Caol,
Fort William
PH33 7DP

Telephone No: 01397 709643

Email address: caol.library@highlifehighland.com

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

Associated School Group: Lochaber High School

Ward: 11 Caol and Mallaig

Accommodation

Caol Library is situated near Caol Primary School on Glenkingie Street.

Opening hours

Monday	14:00 – 17:00
Tuesday	10:00 – 13:00; 16:00 – 19:00
Wednesday	14:00 – 17:00
Thursday	10:00 – 13:00
Friday	11:00 – 14:00
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Accessibility

Car parking:

There are two designated disabled parking bays. Parking is shared with the nearby school and adjacent Youth Centre, so spaces may not always be available.

Public transport:

Bus services stop in the village centre. The library is then accessible on foot from the bus stop.

Additional information

The library features press-button operated doors and step-free access via a ramp. Inside, there is a dual-height enquiry counter for ease of use, and the entire library is located on the ground floor for full accessibility.

Activities

Regular children's activities

Regular Bookbug sessions bringing families together to enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes with babies, toddlers, and pre-school children.

The Summer Reading Challenge aimed at children from 4-11 years.

Please check the library website for up-to-date events information.

Regular adult events:

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?

Caol Library

	2024-25
Visits	15,379
Event Attendance	5,750
Issues	2,095
Events	468
Computer Sessions	60

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: <https://www.highlifehighland.com>

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