



Annual Library Profile 2026-27

Fort William 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: Fort William Library

Address: 2 High St,
Fort William
PH33 6EU

Telephone No: 01397 703552

Email address: fortwilliam.library@highlifehighland.com

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

Associated School Group: Lochaber High School

Ward: 21 Fort William and Ardnamurchan

Accommodation

Fort William Library is located at the east end of Fort William High Street and provides the community with free Internet access, public computers, and a variety of weekly events for adults and children. The library also hosts special events, including author visits and community activities.

Opening hours

Monday	10:00 – 20:00
Tuesday	10:00 – 18:00
Wednesday	10:00 – 13:00
Thursday	10:00 – 20:00
Friday	10:00 – 18:00
Saturday	10:00 – 13:00
Sunday	Closed

Accessibility

Car parking:

The library does not have designated customer parking. A public pay-and-display car park is available on Middle Street, located to the rear of the library for convenient access.

Public transport:

There is a regular local bus service to and from Fort William. The library is conveniently located between two bus stops, making it easily accessible by public transport.

Additional information

The library has automatic doors and is fully on one level, providing step-free access throughout. It features moveable height desks and a dual-height enquiry counter to accommodate different user needs. Public toilets are available nearby at Fort William railway station and in the public car park on Bank Street.

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.

LEGO Club where children develop skills through collaboration and building.

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

Regular adult events:

Craft & Chat. Bring along your knitting, sewing or other craft project and enjoy a chat and a cuppa. Every Thursday 18:00 – 19:30 & Friday 14:00 – 15.30.

Fort William Library runs an afternoon **Reading Group** who meet on the third Wednesday of the month 14:30 – 15:30. The evening reading group meet on the fourth Monday of the month 19:00 – 20:00.

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?

Fort William Library

	2024-25
Visits	33,120
Event Attendance	8,276
Issues	20,531
Events	982
Computer Sessions	3,104

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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