



# Annual Library Profile 2026-27

Gairloch Community 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: Gairloch Community Library

Address: Gairloch High School,  
Gairloch  
IV21 2BP

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

Associated School Group: Gairloch High School

Ward: 5 Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh

## Accommodation

Gairloch Library is situated at the heart of Gairloch High School and provides a combined school and public library service for residents, workers, and visitors in the area. The library maintains strong community connections, welcoming regular visits from local nursery and primary school classes.

## Opening hours

Monday	16:00 – 18:00	Monday	11:00 – 15:00
Tuesday	16:00 – 18:00	Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed	Wednesday	12:00 – 16:00
Thursday	16:00 – 18:00	Thursday	Closed
Friday	14:00 – 17:00	Friday	13:00 – 17:00
Saturday	Closed	Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed	Sunday	Closed

## School holiday opening hours

## Accessibility

### **Car parking:**

There is an on-site car park with designated disabled parking spaces available for convenient access to the library.

### **Public transport:**

A bus service is available; however, it runs infrequently, especially during holiday periods.

### **Additional information**

Accessible entry is available. Nearest Accessible Toilet is Located at Gairloch Community Hall, approximately 200 m away.

## 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.

Fortnightly primary class visits and nursery visits.

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

### **Regular adult events:**

Book Group Meetings (First Tuesday on or after the 15th of the month, at 17:00). Please check the library website for up-to-date events information.

### **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?

Gairloch Community Library

	<b>2024-25</b>
Visits	2,736
Event Attendance	132
Issues	3,008
Events	18
Computer Sessions	69

## Reference and local history collections

(Please tick)	<b>Basic collection</b>	<b>Collection of area significance</b>	<b>Collection of Highland significance</b>	<b>Collection of national significance</b>
Reference collection		✓	✓	✓
Local history		✓	✓	✓

Please visit our website for more information: <https://www.highlifehighland.com>

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