



# Annual Library Profile 2026-27

Inverness 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: Inverness Library

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

Associated School Group: Millburn Academy, Inverness High School & Inverness Royal Academy.

Ward: 13 Inverness West, 14 Inverness Central, 15 Inverness Ness-side, 16 Inverness Millburn.

## Accommodation

Inverness Public Library occupies a historic building originally constructed as Bell's Institution, a school, in 1841. After closing as a school in 1937, the building served as a courthouse, police station, and theatre before becoming a public library in 1980. Today, visitors can access the lending library, co-working hub, and reference room. The library also hosts regular activities, exhibitions, and author events.

## Opening hours

Monday	09:00 – 18:30
Tuesday	09:00 – 18:30
Wednesday	09:00 – 18:30
Thursday	09:00 – 19:00
Friday	09:00 – 18:30
Saturday	09:00 – 17:00
Sunday	Closed

### **Inverness Library board room space**

A spacious, modern room with Wi-Fi and videoconferencing facilities is available for booking for events and meetings. For availability and pricing, please contact Inverness Library.

## **Accessibility**

### **Car parking:**

The library is next to the Rose Street multi-storey car park. Accessible parking spaces are available at the front entrance of the library.

### **Public transport:**

The library is located next to the bus station and railway station. Local bus services can be reached from the town centre, which is about a 5-minute walk away.

### **Additional information**

The library provides one public computer equipped with accessibility features to support users with visual impairments.

## **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 and Facebook for up-to-date events information.

### **Regular adult events:**

Reminiscence Group. Last Wednesday of each month.

Craft Group. First Tuesday of each month.

Library Book Group. End of month, every two months.

The Square Table Club every month.

'La Tertulia' held each month.

Highland Rainbow Warriors (Independent Writing Group). Second Thursday and Third Tuesday of each month.

We hold regular author visits.

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**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?**

Inverness Library

	<b>2024-25</b>
Visits	77,571
Event Attendance	8,136
Issues	52,338
Events	343
Computer Sessions	10,571

**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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