



Annual Library Profile 2026-27

Portree 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: Portree Community Library

Address: Viewfield Road
Portree
Isle of Skye
Skye & Lochalsh
IV51 9ET

Telephone No: 01478 614823

Email address: portree.library@highlifehighland.com

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

Associated School Group: Portree High School

Ward: 10 Eilean a' Cheò

Accommodation

Portree Community Library is a bright, modern space that serves both the public and pupils from the adjoining Portree High School. The library is part of the Fingal Centre, which also features a swimming pool and a variety of sports and social activities.

Opening hours

Monday	09:10 – 17:00
Tuesday	09:10 – 20:00
Wednesday	09:10 – 17:00
Thursday	09:10 – 20:00
Friday	09:10 – 17:00
Saturday	10:00 – 16:00
Sunday	Closed

Accessibility

Car parking:

The main car park is located behind the swimming pool. There are 8 designated accessible parking spaces directly in front of the library for ease of access.

Public transport:

During school term time, service buses stop at the school. At other times, buses stop in the village centre nearby.

Additional information

Accessibility Features: A lift is available for access to the mezzanine floor. A wheelchair is also available within the library for customer use.

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:

Reading groups

We have three reading groups: the Afternoon Book Group, the Evening Book Group, and the Crime Book Group. Each book group meets once monthly to discuss the most recent group reads.

Scabble Club

Come to Portree Library every other Friday for a fun session of Scrabble.

ITea & Biscuits

Need a hand getting to grips with a tablet, phone or laptop? Bring yours along to one of our informal sessions, or try out one of our iPads, and we'll figure it out over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits.

You Time

You Time offering a variety of enjoyable activities such as talks, fitness classes, and history sessions designed to improve health, stimulate the mind, and provide fun for adults of all fitness levels.

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?

Portree Community Library

	2024-25
Visits	160,298
Event Attendance	3,497
Issues	19,442
Events	313
Computer Sessions	2,202

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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