



# Annual Library Profile 2026-27

Tain 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: Tain Library

Address: Stafford St,  
Tain  
IV19 1AZ

Telephone No: 01862 892391

Email address: [tain.library@highlifehighland.com](mailto:tain.library@highlifehighland.com)

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

Associated School Group: Tain Academy

Ward:

## Accommodation

Tain Library is bright and welcoming, carrying on the tradition of the Carnegie building in which it has been housed for over 100 years.

## Opening hours

Monday	14:00 – 17:30
Tuesday	10:00 – 13:30; 15:00 – 19:00
Wednesday	10:00 – 13:30
Thursday	14:00 – 17:30
Friday	14:00 – 17:30
Saturday	10:00 – 13:30
Sunday	Closed

## Accessibility

### Car parking:

Parking: Limited street parking is available nearby. Free car parks are located within approximately 100 m and 200 m walking distance.

### Public transport:

The railway station (Inverness–Thurso/Wick line) is located on the opposite side of town. Long-distance and local bus services operate from the town centre, approximately a 5-minute walk from the library.

### Additional information

The library is the busiest in East Ross and is highly valued by residents of Tain and the surrounding area.

## Activities

### Regular children's activities

Regular Bookbug sessions bringing families together to enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes with babies, toddlers, and pre-school children. Gaelic Bookbug on the first Wednesday of the month.

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 Group meet every 6 weeks on a Thursday Evening.
- Chess Club – all welcome, both experienced players & beginners; refreshments provided, Tuesday mornings.
- LGBT+ monthly gathering - Wednesday evenings once a month.
- Poetry for All - Looking at poetry of all kinds, including your own, every 2nd Thursday.
- Shakespeare Aloud - every second Thursday.
- Writing Group - every second Tuesday.
- Knitwits - Bring your own project or craft for charity, every 2nd Saturday.
- Jigsaw - All welcome to have a go, we have an on-going communal jigsaw in the library as well as over 100 jigsaws you can borrow.

### 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?

Tain Library

	<b>2024-25</b>
Visits	14,570
Event Attendance	2,992
Issues	13,048
Events	441
Computer Sessions	673

### 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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