

Home to the Bluenose II tall ship, Nova Scotia's South Shore is known for its lively festivals, mild temperatures, and great surfing. Residents enjoy some of the most affordable housing in the country, a relaxed pace of life and a strong sense of community.

Chief Librarian/CEO South Shore Public Libraries

South Shore Public Libraries is the primary library service provider to 60,000 residents in Lunenburg and Queens Counties, Nova Scotia and takes particular pride in its responsive collections and programs. Since 2004, the board and staff have been creating and implementing a vision of excellence in rural public library development and delivery. Recent successes include a rebranding of the library's look, an increase of more than 100% to its collections budget, the replacement of the bookmobile, and the opening of a new rural satellite branch.



The new Chief Librarian/CEO will have the opportunity to build a flagship branch and administrative headquarters, work with more than one community in developing a long-term vision for their library services, and develop a comprehensive plan for collection evaluation. In addition, Nova Scotia boasts strong working relationships amongst its public libraries and other types of libraries in the province through the Council of Regional Librarians and the Libraries Nova Scotia Steering Committee. These groups have created one of the strongest reciprocal borrowing agreements in the country and are looking to cooperate on further projects such as joint collections and training initiatives. The Library Board is seeking candidates who possess the following:

- Confidence and strong character to represent the library in external political and community arenas
- A high level of energy and enthusiasm, and a positive attitude
- Highly developed decision-making skills
- A sense of community and a willingness to represent the library in innovative ways
- Demonstration of effective leadership, both within work organizations and the profession
- Solid communication and negotiation skills
- An ability to seek out and develop responsive initiatives

A Master's Degree in Librarianship and previous administration experience is required. Experience with public libraries preferred. Applications will be accepted for the position until it is filled; however a review will begin on **March 31, 2010**.

*More information about the library can be found at southshorepubliclibraries.ca.
Questions and applications can be directed to **SouthShoreCEOSearch@gmail.com***