

Informal Library Chat

Summary Notes

July 8 2021

OLS Updates

- The [Public Library Operating, Pay Equity, and First Nation Salary Supplement Grants Program \(PLOG\)](#) is anticipated to launch in August and be open for approximately 6 weeks. A pre-launch notice with instructions on updating the “organization contacts information” went out from the Ministry on July 2
- Access Copyright has developed an addendum to the existing Public Library licencing that will facilitate the continued use of the Read Aloud program. More information is available via the Read Aloud FAQs and an email will be shared via the OLS.
- FOPL has welcomed their new Executive Director, Dina Stevens
- Congratulations to the multiple libraries who will benefit from funding as per various government announcements recently

COVID-19 Snapshot of Library Services

- CEOs in attendance were polled on a variety of current service levels at their libraries
- See [COVID-19 Snapshot of Library Services](#) document for results
- Poll to be repeated at upcoming chats and document to be updated for sharing in the chat summary notes

Cultural Competency Staff Development

- CEOs discussed examples of recent development opportunities such as the [Reconciliation Education](#) from the [First Nations University of Canada](#) and the [Walk a Mile](#) film project

Finances

- CEOs discussed the Employer Health Tax and library requirements
- CEOs discussed PLA requirements for public libraries to have their own bank account in the legal name of the library for the purpose of provincial funding deposits

Collections

- CEOs discussed the pros and cons of print and digital subscriptions for newspapers and magazines, including considerations around connectivity issues, accessibility, circulation and collection performance, publication trends, etc

COVID-19 Protocols

- CEOs discussed topics related to library operations during the current time, including the use of [masks in the workplace](#), [employer responsibilities](#), vaccinations and privacy, Ministry of Labour communications, long term ramifications on policy and procedure, and more
- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/vaccine-passports-privacy-1.5972943>

We look forward to seeing you at our next scheduled Informal Library Chat:

Date/Time: Thursday July 22, 2021 - 10:00AM (9:00AM CT)

Connection details to be provided via email