The Ontario Library Service includes two non-scheduled agencies of Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries: **Ontario Library Service-North** and the **Southern Ontario Library Service**. These agencies provide a wide range of support programs and services to public libraries throughout northern and southern Ontario, excluding Toronto, on behalf of this ministry.

Their mandate is to:

- Increase cooperation and coordination among public library boards and other information providers
- Promote the provision of library services to the public by assisting public library boards with services and programs that reflect their needs, including consulting, training and development services.

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**Ontario Library Service - North**

- First Nations Capacity Building Advisor
- Annual Survey & PLOG/FNSS Assistance
- First Nation Public Library Week Planning Committee
- First Nation Languages Portal

**Southern Ontario Library Service**

- First Nations Consultant
- Annual Survey & PLOG/FNSS Assistance
- First Nations Communities READ

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**Ontario Library Service**

- Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

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**Joint Automated Server Initiative (JASI)**

- Collections and Acquisitions Resource Initiative (CARI)

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**Excel Certificate Program**

- Collections & Collective Purchasing
- Interlibrary Loan

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**Excel Update**

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Ontario Library Association (OLA) and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) are membership-funded non-profit organizations. Both OLA and FOPL are registered lobby groups, and work corroboratively to advocate to provincial and federal governments on behalf of libraries in Ontario.

OLS – North, SOLS, OLA, and FOPL facilitate high-level partnerships with one another to avoid service and outreach duplication, and to identify collaborative partnership initiatives.

Ontario Library Association (OLA)
Ontario Library Association is a membership-based, non-profit organization that offers opportunities for learning, networking, recognizing, influencing and celebrating within the library world. Membership fees are waived for First Nation Public Librarians. FNPLs also receive complimentary registration to the OLA Super Conference and Education Institute (EI) webinars.

Indigenous Task Group
The Task Group works corroboratively and strategically with other organizations across Ontario and Canada to encourage and strengthen libraries that provide library services to Indigenous populations.

Super Conference (Toronto)
Super Conference is Canada's largest continuing education event in librarianship. The program is built brick-by-brick, time slot by time slot, by some twenty coordinators working with dozens more to identify the needs to be addressed in this time and this place.

Registration fees are complimentary for First Nation Public Librarians. Travel and accommodation scholarships are available through the Spirit of Reconciliation program.

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL)
Federation of Ontario Public Libraries is a membership-funded organization that politically advocates for public libraries. FOPL represents 246 public library systems in Ontario, including 45 First Nations public libraries, in communities throughout the Province.

Indigenous Library Partnerships Working Group
All indigenous public libraries in Ontario are twinned with another non-indigenous public library for the purposes of potentially sharing knowledge, resources, and programming. The FOPL strategy to provide a forum for inter-library system cooperation and collaboration will be led and advised by a small team (this working group) that ensures progress and sharing.

Forest of Reading
The Forest of Reading® is Canada's largest recreational reading program. The Forest helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators.

Education Institute
The Education Institute is a professional development program for the library community developed by The Partnership of Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada and hosted on the OLA website. FNPLs receive complimentary access to all Education Institute webinars.
Many national and international organizations advocate for First Nation Public Libraries. This web highlights the organizations across Turtle Island that offer resources, conferences, and advocacy for First Nation librarianship.

First Nation Library Services Across Turtle Island

Canada

National Indigenous Knowledge and Language Alliance (NIKLA)
A national Indigenous alliance to bring together cross-disciplinary professionals, para-professionals, Indigenous knowledge keepers and Indigenous grass-roots community and organizations to address matters of importance around Indigenous ways of knowing, knowledge, language and cultural memory/heritage.

Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA)
Indigenous Matters Committee
The Committee on Indigenous Matters exists to and work with Indigenous people to address issues related to libraries, archives and cultural memory institutions; to promote initiatives in all types of libraries by advancing and implementing meaningful reconciliation as addressed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report and in the Calls to Action to implement the recommendations of the CFLA-FCAB Truth and Reconciliation Committee report; to monitor ongoing progress in these areas; and to promote collaboration in these issues across Canadian libraries, archives, and cultural memory institutions.

USA

Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM)
The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums is dedicated to preserving and advancing the language, history, culture, and life ways of indigenous peoples.

American Indian Library Association
An affiliate of the American Library Association (ALA), the American Indian Library Association is a membership action group that addresses the library-related needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives.