



Board Assembly Meeting

Fall 2023

Stronger libraries. Stronger communities.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Updates from the Ontario Library Service:
 - Board Assemblies
 - Governance HUB
 - Annual Statistics and Reporting
 - Valuing Ontario Libraries Toolkit
3. Update from Partners
4. Roundtable Discussion

Introductions

Updates from Ontario Library Service

Who is Ontario Library Service?

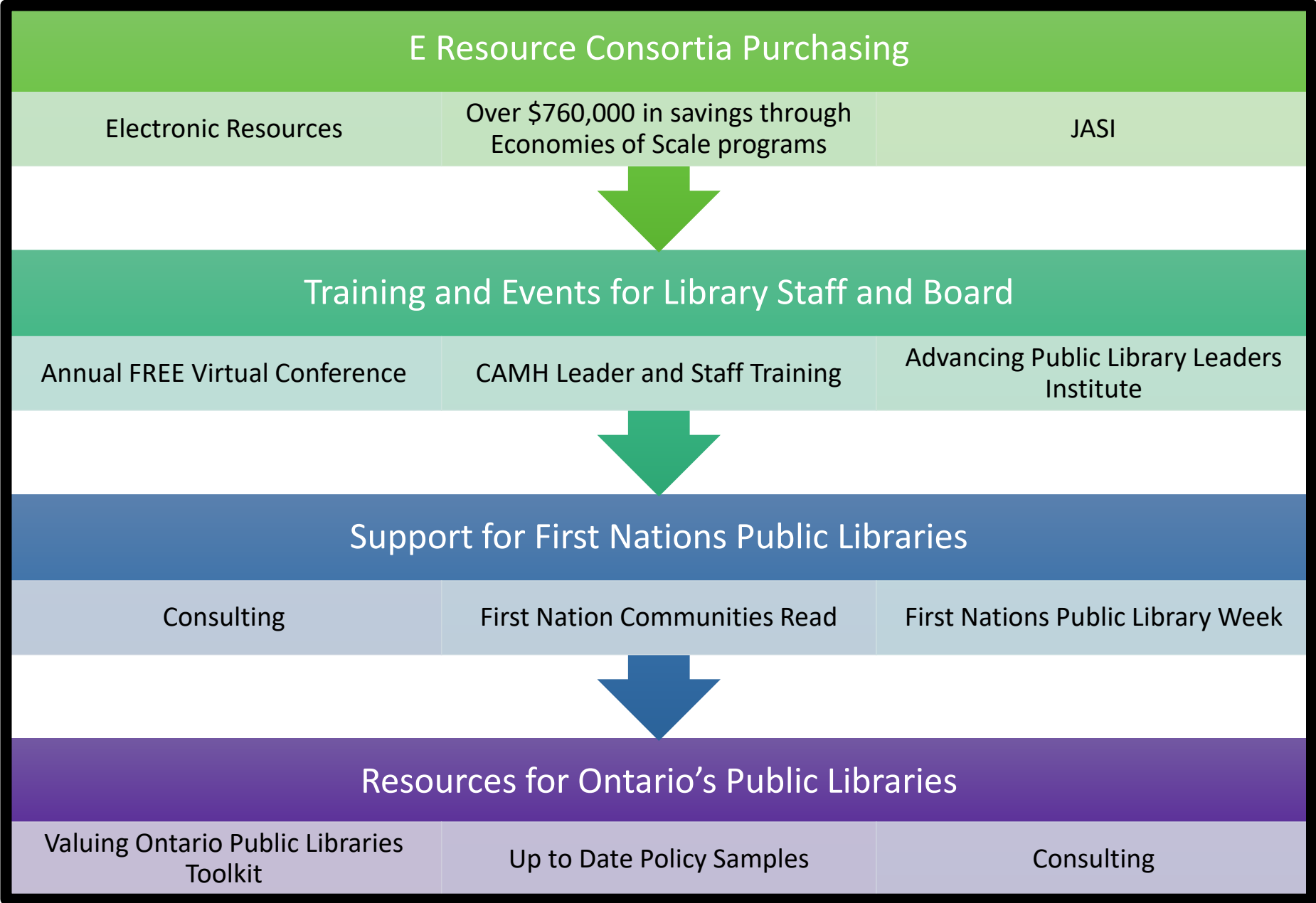
- Provincial Transfer Payment Entity

Mandated by the Province to:

Increase cooperation and coordination among Public Library Boards and other information providers in order to promote the provision of library services to the public.

Assist Public Library boards and First Nations public libraries by providing them with services and programs that meet their needs including, consulting, training and development services.

OLS Services



ONTARIO LIBRARY SERVICE | GOVERNANCE HUB

One Stop Shop for your governance info needs.

Resources Include:

- Appointed to the library board? What you need to know as a municipal councillor.
- 10 Things You Need to Know as a New Library Board Member
- Strategic Planning Support
- Board training

<https://www.olservice.ca/gov-hub>

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FUNDER

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CORPORATION

Board



GOVERNING BODY

2 Board
Assemblies
(< 2500)

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(2,500-4,999)

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(5,000-9,999)

Board
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(10,000-
19,999)

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appointees)

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(20,000-
39,999)

Board
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(40,000-
74,999)

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(75,000-
149,999)

Board
Assembly
(< 150,000)

REPRESENTATION



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Public Libraries



CLIENTS

Board Assemblies

- 9 Board Assemblies organized according to population served
- All Public Library Boards entitled to appoint a representative
- OLS Board Members are elected from each of the 9 Board Assemblies
- Board Assemblies meet twice annually
- Provide an opportunity for networking with other Board members
- Professional development and provincial updates

Ontario Library Service Board

- The OLS Board on behalf of the people of Ontario as represented by the Minister with jurisdiction for public libraries, will govern Ontario Library Service with a strategic perspective.
- 13 member volunteer board
 - 9 Elected members from Board Assembly Reps
 - 4 Ministerial Appointees
- Policy Governance Model (Carver)
- Meet 3 times annually



Why Serve the OLS Board?



Have an impact on the Public Library sector in Ontario



Gain experience governing on a Provincial Board



Make connections with others from many sectors who support public library service

Governance HUB

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INTRODUCING

The Redesigned Governance Hub

The GovernanceHUB is an online portal for Ontario's public library board members. The GovernanceHUB is your first place to look for information and resources related to your duties as a public library board member. The GovernanceHUB is managed by the Ontario Library Service, with input from the Ontario Library Boards' Association and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.



The Four Year Board Cycle



10 Things to Know



Explore Webinars and Podcasts



Frequently Asked Questions



About the Governance Hub

Year 3: Assessing & Planning for the future

Performance Measures

Risk Management

Board Succession Planning

<https://librarygovernance.ca/>

Annual Statistics and Reporting

Typical Week Survey

- Library staff collect information for Typical Week to fill out the Annual Survey of Public Libraries
- Libraries can choose to do their Typical Week Survey during a week without a statutory holiday in October, November or the first part of December.

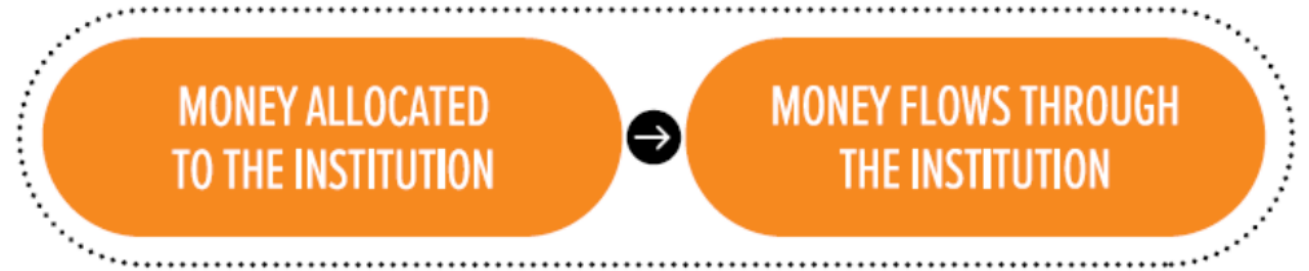
Annual Survey of Public Libraries

- Using the Typical Week information collected, library staff complete the Annual Survey each year
- The Annual Survey reporting is required by the Ministry to access PLOG funding
- [Historical data available online](#) and is useful for advocacy, performance tracking, and comparator purposes

Social Return on Investment

At its most basic form, Social Return on Investment (SROI) calculations take something that is offered at no charge and applies a dollar value to it. SROI is an approach to representing the value of an organization or initiative that provides monetary estimates (i.e. dollar values) to the benefits that are created by goods, programs, or services that don't typically have a monetary value.

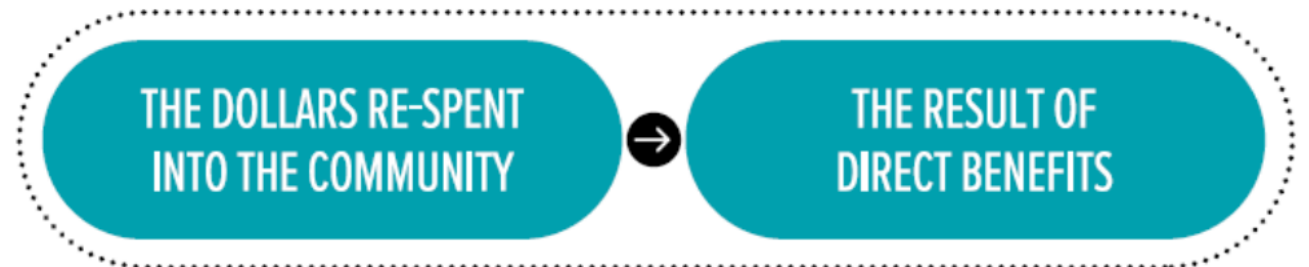
DIRECT SPENDING



DIRECT BENEFITS



INDIRECT BENEFITS



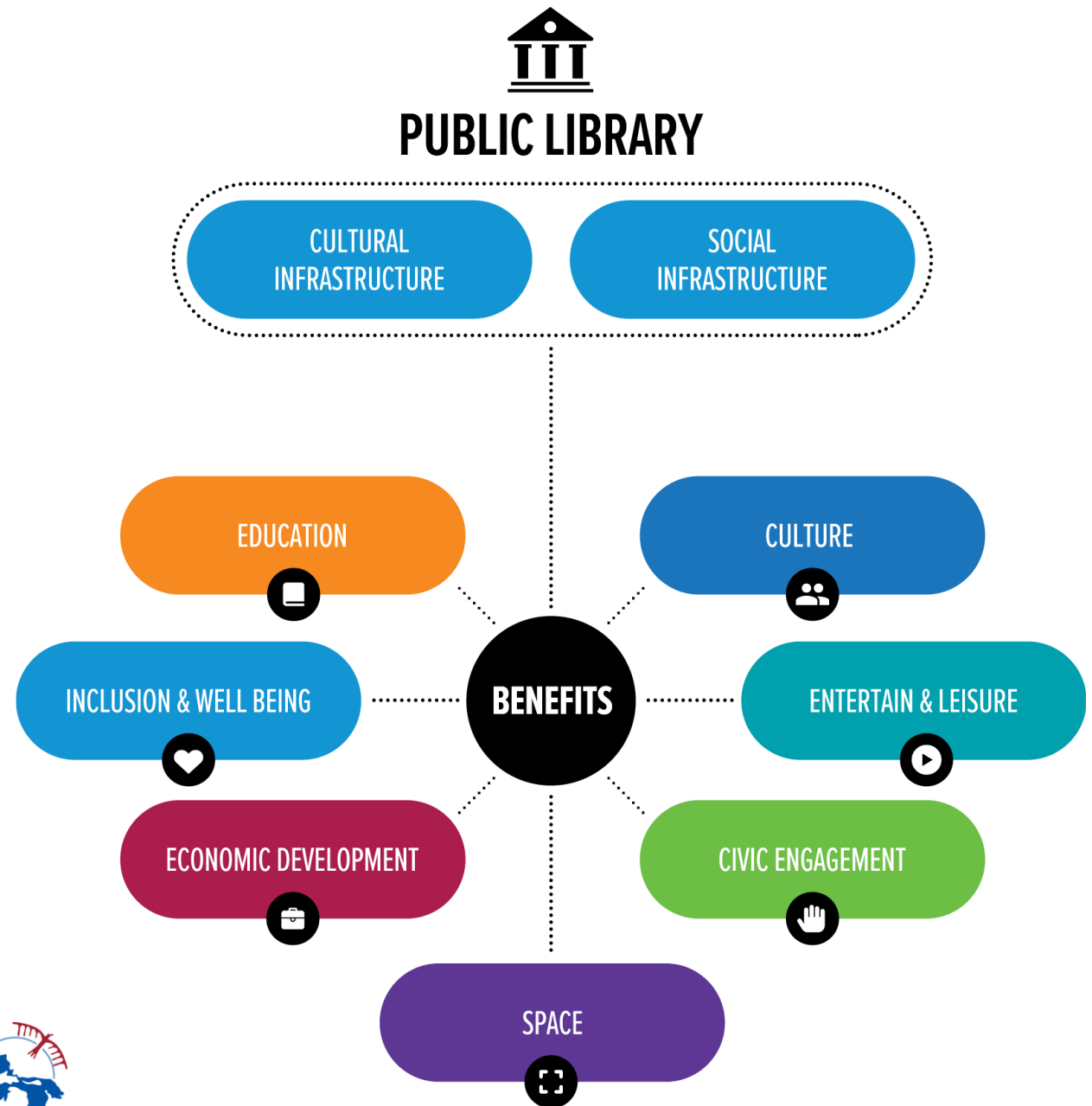
Valuing Ontario Libraries Toolkit (VOLT)

The Valuing Ontario Libraries Toolkit (VOLT) is designed to help Ontario public libraries measure and demonstrate their value and impact within the community.

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The toolkit is a step-by-step guide for taking information that the library already regularly collects and organizing it into a Library Value Report (comprised of the SROI value calculations, optional community profile, and customizable information sheets) that can be used to share the public library's impact with a wider audience.

Valuing Ontario Libraries Toolkit (VOLT)



Updates from OLA and FOPL

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE OLA

LEARNING, NETWORKING & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Discounted registration rates for events & programs
- Volunteer opportunities –expand your network & develop leadership skills
- Monthly e-newsletter
- Connect through our monthly, virtual #ONLibChats

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- Learning and development opportunities for your board
- Discounted registration for Library Trustee Bootcamp at Super Conference
- Access to "Inside OLBA" publication
- Education and Professional Development Opportunities for Board Members

**SIGN UP
YOUR BOARD
TO BECOME
MEMBERS
TODAY!**



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UPCOMING EDUCATION

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Marketing Libraries Think Tank: Level Up Your Library Game –November 21, 2023
- Restorative Management Workshop –November 25, 2023
- Copyright Symposium –December 7-8, 2023

VISIT
Accessola.com
to register and
for details

OLA AWARDS

RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF LIBRARY STAFF

- Recognize outstanding staff at your library!
- Through OLA's award program, members have the opportunity to recognize the contributions and achievements of colleagues and staff by nominating them for an OLA Award.
- Recipients will be awarded and celebrated at the upcoming OLA Super Conference.
- Submit nomination: accessola.com/membership-information/awards
- Nominations close November 30



LIBRARY DAY AT QUEEN'S PARK

NOVEMBER 14-15, 2023 (OLA and FOPL)

- Building the library sector's capacity for advocacy
- Building relationships with elected & Ministry officials
- Raising the profile of libraries among government decision makers
- Bringing focus and momentum to the sector's priority asks



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Government Relations and Support for Ontario's Libraries Fall 2023

- **Working towards the 2024 Ministry of Finance Pre-Budget Submission**
 - February 2024
- **Budget Priorities**
 - Increase to the PLOG: \$25 mil increase to the existing \$21 mil envelope
 - Funding an Ontario Digital Public Library
 - Immediate Funding and Sustainability for FNPLs
- **Library Day at Queen's Park**
 - November 14-15th, 2023
 - 22-26 meetings with MPPs and Stakeholders

- **Municipal Engagement and Outreach**

- AMO, AMCTO, FONOM and ROMA Conferences
- Campaigns: “Keep Public Libraries Independent” and “The Value of Public Libraries”
- Shift for 2024: New campaign in response to protests, book banning, censorship and issues of intellectual freedom

- **Supporting Safety and Security in Public Libraries**

- FOPL is working with CULC and OLS
- Dina is sitting on the CFLA Intellectual Freedom Committee



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Questions?

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Roundtable Discussion

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Thank you!

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