

# Ontario Library Service

## Funding, Program & Service Structure

This flow chart visualizes the Ontario Library Service (OLS) in relation to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and the public libraries we serve. The chart also highlights a sample of OLS programs and services. Speak to an OLS Consultant for more information.



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## Partners

The 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 that collaboratively advocate for libraries in Ontario at the provincial and federal levels.

Additionally, OLA and FOPL work closely with the Ontario Library Service (OLS) to form high-level partnerships. This collaboration aims to prevent duplication of services and outreach efforts while identifying and pursuing joint initiatives.



**Provincial service agency** through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming.

“The Ontario Library Service was established in 2021 and is mandated to deliver programs and services on behalf of the Ontario Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming by:

- 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 Nation public libraries by providing them with services and programs that meet their needs including consulting, training and development services.”

**Membership-based.**

“The purpose of FOPL is to strategically support and advocate furthering Ontario public libraries and the communities they serve. In order to strengthen and improve the provision of public library service, FOPL will act in a cooperative manner with other organizations to market public libraries’ value and collaboratively, coordinate opportunities to build people capacity within Ontario’s public libraries. A resilient federation will support our own research and build a sustainable public library sector.”

**Indigenous Library Partnerships Working Group**

“The FOPL Board recognizes the need for Indigenous and Ally members to support Indigenous librarianship, our First Nation Public Library (FNPL) members, and Indigenous supports and services across our province. This Working Group shall also be tasked with ensuring accurate representation of First Nations Public Libraries and their interests in FOPL’s advocacy efforts by reaching out and collaborating with said libraries.”

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 Library workers. FNPLs also receive complementary registration to the OLA Super Conference and Education Institute (EI) webinars.

**Indigenous Advisory Council**

“The Council works collaboratively 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 Library staff. Travel and accommodation scholarships are available through the Spirit of Reconciliation program.

**The Partnership | 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 **complementary access** to all Education Institute webinars.

# First Nation Library Initiatives Across Turtle Island

Many national and international organizations advocate for First Nation Public Libraries and Tribal Libraries in their respective territories. This infographic highlights the organizations across Turtle Island that offer resources, conferences, and advocacy for Indigenous librarianship.



## Canada



### National Indigenous Knowledge and Language Alliance (NIKLA)

“The National Indigenous Knowledge and Language Alliance (NIKLA) mission is to create an association to unify and amplify the voices of Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) to network and nurture a community of practice related to Indigenous knowledge, cultural memory, language, and Indigenous ways of knowing, as they relate to culture memory and heritage.”



### Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA) | Indigenous Matters Committee

“Explore issues and identify work-related concerns and identify current work and sound practices related to the service offerings of libraries, archives and cultural memory institutions with and for Indigenous (First Nations, Metis and Inuit) peoples on behalf of CFLA-FCAB. Promote initiatives in all types of libraries that advance and implement meaningful reconciliation as addressed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report and in the Calls to Action....”

## United States of America



### Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM)

“ATALM is an international non-profit organization that maintains a network of support for Indigenous programs, provides culturally relevant programming and services, encourages collaboration among tribal and non-tribal cultural institutions, and articulates contemporary issues related to developing and sustaining the cultural sovereignty of Native Nations.”



### 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.”