

Celebrating Ontario Public Library Week

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TORONTO, ON (October 20, 2024) – It's time to celebrate **Ontario Public Library Week (OPLW)** taking place October 20 to 26. This year, the theme is "Libraries for Life / Biblios pour la vie."

"All across Ontario public libraries serve as vital community hubs that offer countless opportunities for education, recreation, and connection," said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. "During Ontario Public Library Week, I encourage patrons of all ages to visit their neighbourhood library and support the work that librarians, library staff, and volunteers do to help libraries thrive and make our communities better places to live, work, study, and play."

October is **Canadian Library Month (CLM)**. During this month, libraries and library partners across Canada raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in the lives of people in Canada. **First Nations Public Library Week (FNPLW)** is celebrated on the first week of October to raise awareness of First Nation public library resources, services, programs, and activities. This year's theme was: "Remember When."

"Libraries are the ultimate bridges in our communities – they transform from a toddler's story time castle to a student's study fortress, then shape-shift into a job seeker's opportunity hub, and finally become a retiree's adventure launch pad," says Michelle Arbuckle, Executive Director, OLA. "They're the only place where you can build bridges between generations using nothing but paper and imagination. In a world of constant change, libraries are our lifelong learning liaisons, proving that having fun isn't just for kids and wisdom isn't just for elders."

During this month, the OLA encourages members to share the joys, possibilities, and connections that libraries bring to people of all ages in Ontario. Learn more and access OPLW resources [here](#).

Join the conversation and share how you use your local library space with #OPLW and #LibrariesForLife.

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About the Ontario Library Association: The Ontario Library Association (OLA) is a centre of excellence for the library and information sector, with 4,000 members who work in public, school, academic and special libraries. OLA members advocate for the right of individuals to have free and equitable access to information. Our members research, develop and participate in educational programs designed to provide exemplary library services. Signature OLA events include the annual Super Conference and the Forest of Reading® program.

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