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Library Report From People For Education

The education organization, "People for Education," (<http://www.peopleforeducation.com>) just released a Queen's University study titled, *School Library Report: The state of school libraries in Ontario* (peopleforeducation.com/schoollibrary2011).

The study's major findings include:

- 56% of elementary schools have a teacher-librarian, most are part-time; this is a decline from 80% in 1997/98.
- 66% of secondary schools have a teacher-librarian, just over half are full-time; this is a decline from 78% in 2000/01.
- 19% of elementary schools in Eastern Ontario and 10% of elementary schools in Northern Ontario have teacher-librarians, compared to 92% of elementary schools in the GTA.
- Some Northern and Eastern regions are without school libraries.
- There are huge discrepancies between school boards; some have well-staffed libraries, others have non-staffed libraries and a growing number have no libraries at all.

Ontario Teacher's Federation (OTF) Library Summer Camp

On July 6-8, many teachers attended a hands-on library professional development session at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). A registration fee of \$50 covered workshop materials, on-site meals and two nights of shared accommodation. With the *Together for Learning* document as the guide for this camp, highlights included:

- resources to support the Ministry's initiatives on financial literacy
- opportunities to create school library web pages, digital photo stories, virtual knowledge building centers, podcasts, and online tutorial videos
- introduction to cloud computing
- sessions on effectively using Twitter, QR codes and new apps
- information on character education, cyber bullying, on-line research skills and the creation of professional learning communities

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