

## Library Book Rate

Since 1939 Canada Post has provided a reduced rate to book delivery between libraries and to library customers. The rate has enabled wider access to information, and is particularly crucial to library systems in smaller or remote communities. The Library Book Rate has been under threat of elimination. Ontario's public libraries and their library customers would be negatively impacted by the elimination of the book rate. Bill C-321, An Act to amend the Canada Post Act (library materials) is scheduled to receive Royal Assent today thanks to the efforts of MP Merv Tweed and CLA. Watch [OLA's twitter feed](#) for more details.

## New at the olaStore

**Featured New Release:** [XML for Catalogers and Metadata Librarians](#)

Authors Timothy W. Cole and Myung-Ja K. Han:

- Cover XML from basic concepts, such as core syntax and grammar, to advanced topics, such as transformation and schema design
- Provide an in-depth look at metadata standards used in the library domain, including MARC, Dublin Core, MODS, and others
- Introduce available XML tools, utilities, and XML related technologies
- Include case studies that draw from real-world applications that show how XML is used in library cataloging and metadata workflows

The summer sales continue! From now until June 28th save on all [Bill Nye DVDs](#). Regularly priced at \$35.95, all titles are now only \$19.99.

## Spots still available for The Annual Institute on the Library as Place

The Annual Institute on the Library as Place is less than 3 weeks away! You still have a chance to register.

Mark off July 9 and 10 at the beautiful Bram & Bluma Salon in the Toronto Reference Library.

Craig Dykers is the keynote and this year's theme is 'Digital Spaces, Library Places: Leveraging Technology'. It should be a truly inspiring event — great chance to network too!

[Register online](#)

## WIPO Treaty

This is an important moment in the development of WIPO's Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities. In response to the most recent draft of the Treaty and a serious concern about the increasing lobbying of corporate trade associations not involved in book publishing (who are concerned about potential future treaty implications in other arenas unrelated to print disabled issues), the Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC) sent a formal submission to Canada's negotiating team for consideration as they prepare for the June 17-28 meetings in Morocco.

CULC/CBUC urges that Canadian representatives involved in the concluding stages of the WIPO negotiations argue for the following positions in treaty for the print disabled: