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iSchool Brings Library Advocacy Online – Everywhere – in its First MOOC

The iSchool is proud to announce its first MOOC (Massively Open Online Course), entitled “Library Advocacy Unshushed: Values, Evidence, Action.”

Wendy Newman, a Senior Fellow and Lecturer at the Faculty of Information, will offer a six-week adaptation of her popular online elective on advocacy for libraries and librarianship, giving anyone, anywhere in the world, the opportunity to learn more about advocacy for libraries and strengthening of the communities they serve.

“I’m passionate about libraries, like millions of others,” Ms Newman says. “Personal access to digital information has prompted some people to question the relevance of libraries and librarians. But I believe that they are essential to our learning and creativity, our economy and our democracy, now and in the future, and I have evidence to back me up.”

"[Library Advocacy Unshushed: Values, Evidence, Action](#)" is a free MOOC that explores how can we strengthen libraries and librarians in the advancement of knowledge, creativity, and literacy in the 21st century.

Notice of Release of the Chief Drinking Water Inspector’s Annual Report 2011-12

On Dec. 5, Environment Minister Bradley released the 2011-12 **Chief Drinking Water Inspector’s Annual Report**.



The report provides an overview of the ministry’s progress during 2011-12 and includes in-depth information on the performance of Ontario’s drinking water systems and licensed laboratories. The report is available online at www.ontario.ca/drinkingwater.

Our drinking water quality and inspection results continue to demonstrate that Ontario’s drinking water is well protected. Remain committed to providing high quality drinking water in Ontario through [programs and resources](#) for all ages.

Nominate Your Library for the W. Kaye Lamb Award for Service to Seniors

If you represent, use, or support any library in Canada that you believe offers exemplary service to seniors, you may wish to nominate that library for the Kaye Lamb Award. This award recognizes a library that has developed an ongoing service, programme or procedure of benefit to seniors and / or a design and organization of buildings or facilities and encourages use by seniors.