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Funding Support for CELA Services for Public Libraries

Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport has extended full funding for CELA (the Centre for Equitable Library Access) services to all Ontario public libraries for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2017. Additionally, Ministry staff have expressed support of CELA's efforts and a willingness to work toward a more sustainable funding solution.

In Ontario, the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) provides books and other accessible resources in French and English to public libraries and offers a borrowing service to schools for students who have a print-disability. Learn more about equitable access for persons with print disabilities in our OLA Information Brief. Visit the CELA website for more information about CELA services, including our new DAISY magazine service in partnership with RB Digital and Zinio and CELA's strategic plan for 2017-2021.

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Taking it to the Streets: Summit on the Value of Libraries, Archives and Museums in a Changing World

On Dec. 5 and 6, 2016, Library and Archives Canada, in partnership with the Canadian Museums Association (CMA), presented <u>Taking it to the Streets: Summit on the Value of Libraries, Archives and Museums in a Changing World.</u>

The event explored the social and economic dimensions of the value of libraries, archives and museums (LAMs) in a rapidly changing world, as well as methods of connecting with their communities and of developing international networks of LAM practitioners and experts.

The Summit's final report is now available.

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The Annual Survey of Public Libraries

The Ontario Public Library Statistics collected by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport are a valuable source of information both for the government and the public library sector. The Annual Survey of Public Libraries Library Statistics (LibStats) database is now open for 2016 submissions.