

First Nation Public Library Resource

Commonly Used Acronyms

BCR

Band Council Resolution.

CCA

Canada Council for the Arts is a national funding agency based in Ottawa.

CARI

Collections and Acquisitions Resource Initiative is a free collective purchasing program offered by Ontario Library Service – North. Libraries can take advantage of discounts titles, DVDs, and audiobooks from selected vendors.

EI

The Education Institute is a professional development program for the library community developed by The Partnership of Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada and hosted on the OLA website. FNPLs receive complementary access to all Education Institute webinars.

EXCEL

Excel Certificate Program is a pay to fee-based online training program offered through LearnHQ and managed by Southern Ontario Library Service. The first training module is free.

FNCR

First Nation Communities READ is an annual juried literary award managed by Southern Ontario Library Service.

FNPLW

First Nation Public Library Week is an annual celebration of First Nation Public Libraries in Ontario organized by Ontario Library Service – North.

FNLP

First Nation Languages Portal is an online resource managed by Ontario Library Service – North.

FNSAG

First Nations Strategic Action Group is a committee comprised of two Northern FN public librarians; two Southern First Nation public librarians; Ontario Library Service – North Manager and First Nation Advisors from OLS - North and SOLS.

FNSS

First Nation Salary Supplement. See PLOG/PE/FNSS for description.

FOPL

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries is a membership-based group that politically advocates for Ontario public libraries.

ILS

Integrated Library System is a software used to check in and out books, catalogue books, register customer cards related to the lending and use of library materials and is used in the Joint Automated Server Initiative.

INFO

Information Network for Ontario is a provincial resource sharing network. INFO incorporates web-based interlibrary loan management software (VDX) with the catalogues of public libraries across the province. INFO users can also access non public library resources such as Archives of Ontario.

IPAA

Indigenous Performing Arts Alliance is a national arts service organization claiming space for all Indigenous performing artists.

JASI

Joint Automated Server Initiative is a program developed by Ontario Library Service – North to provide library services, technologies and resources through a shared integrated library system. Annual fees apply.

LearnHQ

LearnHQ is a learning portal relevant to public library staff and trustees. Online courses, tutorials and webinar recordings are available to complete at your own pace. Some courses have fees, and others are free. EXCEL and APLL certificate programs are hosted on this platform.

MHSTCI

Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries works to improve quality of life and promoting economic growth by supporting and delivering tourism and cultural experiences, supporting the arts and cultural industries and championing participation in sport and recreation activities across Ontario. MHSTCI manages the FNSS/PE/PLOG programs and the Ontario Public Library Statistics Program (Annual Survey).

NIKLA

National Indigenous Knowledge and Language Alliance is a national Indigenous alliance to bring together cross-disciplinary professionals, para-professionals, Indigenous knowledge keepers and Indigenous grass-roots community and organizations to address matters of importance around Indigenous ways of knowing, knowledges, language and cultural memory/heritage.

OAC

Ontario Arts Council is a provincial funding agency based in Toronto.

OLA

Ontario Library Association is a membership-based, non-profit organization that offer opportunities for learning, networking, recognizing, influencing and celebrating within the library world. Membership fees are waived for First Nation Public Librarians. FNPLs also receive complementary registration to the OLA Super Conference and Education Institute (EI) webinars

OLSN

Ontario Library Service – North is an agency that works from the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries. Located in Sudbury, Ontario, OLS – North supports public libraries located Parry Sound north to the James Bay Coast, Manitoulin Island, and areas between the Manitoba and Quebec borders. Together, OLS – North and SOLS are under of the Ontario Library Service umbrella.

OPLA

Ontario Public Library Association is a division of the Ontario Library Association (OLA) and represents librarians and library staff who work in public libraries in Ontario on issues of common concern. OPLA organizes continuing education, publications, and lobbying and advocacy.

OPLG

Ontario Public Library Guidelines program is managed by Ontario Library Service – North and provides an accreditation process to recognize the achievement of public libraries that meet the program's requirements.

PLOG/
PE/
FNSS

Public Library Operating Grant, Pay Equity, and First Nation Salary Supplement grant is an annual mandatory funding application submitted to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries through the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system.

SOLS

Southern Ontario Library Service is a scheduled agency of the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries located in Toronto, Ontario. SOLS supports public libraries located south of Parry Sound/Muskoka, and east from Lake Huron/Detroit border to the Quebec border. Together, SOLS and OLS – North are part of the Ontario Library Service umbrella.

TPL

Toronto Public Library.

TPON

Transfer Payment Ontario (formally Grants Ontario) is a database used by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries to submit the Public Library Operating, Pay Equity, and First Nation Salary Supplement Grants (PLOG/PE/FNSS).

VDX

The product name for the web-based interlibrary loan management software used by the INFO network.