Public Library Service Options for First Nations in Ontario

All First Nation Band Councils in Ontario are eligible to apply for provincial library funding.

The *Public Libraries Act of Ontario* states that a First Nation Band Council can access library services by completing one of the following:

- Creating their own on-reserve public library.
- Partnering with a nearby municipal public library so community members can access resources and programs.

The following grid summarizes the steps to (1) establish a public library or (2) contract for library service.

For a more detailed explanation and conversation, reach out to Ontario Library Service and connect with a First Nation Consultant.

Questions?

email Ontario Library Service
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	Establishing a public library	Contract for library service
Description	The *Public Libraries Act* states that a First Nation Band Council can establish a public library on-reserve.	The *Public Libraries Act* states that a First Nation Band Council can contract for library service. For example, a Band Council can contract with a nearby municipal public library board allowing on-reserve band members to use the municipal public library.
Funding	Three provincial programs: Public Library Operating Grant (PLOG), First Nation Salary Supplement (FNSS), Fund for Digital Expenses (FDE). All recur annually on a fiscal calendar.	Public Library Operating Grant (PLOG). PLOG is received annually by Band council and transferred to the partnering library board.
Establishing Documents	Band Council Resolution, proof of insurance for the public library, two signing authority contacts, library branch address.	Band Council Resolution, two signing authority contacts, agreement with contract for library service partner.
Grant Requirements	Submit one application and one statistics report annually.	Submit one application and one statistics report annually.
How to Start	Email the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming to schedule a meeting: librarygrants@ontario.ca	Email the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming to schedule a meeting: librarygrants@ontario.ca