



Canadian Federation of Library Associations
Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques

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Dear CFLA-FCAB Members:

We are rapidly approaching the first anniversary of your membership in CFLA-FCAB, and I am writing to ask you for your organization's continued support. Over the last year, we have:

- Worked closely with CLA to wind down their operations and transfer assets and programs to CFLA-FCAB and other organizations;
- Responded to the federal pre-budget consultation, as well as other specific issues, and seen a number of our key priorities reflected in increased spending in the 2017 federal budget;
- Advocated on emergent issues such as proposed cuts to Saskatchewan libraries;
- Established a Canadian Library Workers Day and worked with member associations to re-establish Canadian Library Month;
- Created a Truth and Reconciliation Committee which released a major report on Truth and Reconciliation with recommendations that were endorsed by the Canadian library community;
- Established a national Copyright Committee to prepare for consultations on the *Copyright Act*;
- Secured Canadian representation in key leadership roles at IFLA and WIPO's Accessible Book Consortium;
- and Appointed Canadian observers for ALA accreditation of three major Canadian universities.

Our annual report and audited financial statements are available at: <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/about/annual-general-meeting-2017/>

2017 will see some major issues come to the fore that will affect the Canadian library community, including Government consultations on the *Copyright Act*, which will likely include challenges from creator groups. CFLA-FCAB will continue to press the federal government for action on issues including support for Indigenous languages and cultures, digitization of and access to Canadian cultural content, and recognition of libraries as cultural institutions. We need your continued support to ensure that the voice of the Canadian library community is heard in these debates.

Sincerely,

Peter Bailey
Chair of the Board
CFLA-FCAB

