

Celebrate the importance of libraries

Every day, in countless communities across our nation, millions of children, students and adults use libraries to learn, grow, and achieve their dreams. Besides books, computers and other resources, library users benefit from the expert teaching and guidance of librarians and library staff to help expand their minds and open new worlds.

Over 21 million Canadians hold a library card, making public libraries the most popular cultural institution in the country. Over 97 per cent of Canadians live in communities served by a public library, and the library adds to the vitality of every one of these communities – the library has become the 'living room' of their communities.

Let's celebrate the importance of our libraries:

1. Libraries empower the individual.
2. Libraries support literacy and lifelong learning.
3. Libraries strengthen families.
4. Libraries enrich communities.
5. Libraries protect our right to know.
6. Libraries are the great equalizer.
7. Libraries strengthen our nation.
8. Libraries advance research and scholarship.
9. Libraries help us to better understand each other.
10. Libraries preserve our nation's cultural heritage.

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