

## **Agenda Document Number 9e**

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**Subject: Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council Report**  
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Please find below a summary of the Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council's activities for 2012.

The Council met January 17, March 21, April 11, and May 10, July 5, Aug. 8, Sept. 7, Nov. 7 and Dec. 14, 2012.

The Council in the first five months of 2012 finalized the changes to the fifth edition of the Guidelines. The 6th edition was completed at the May 10th meeting and sent to the FOPL Board for approval. FOPL approved the 6th edition at their June meeting.

Gay Kozak-Selby, Brant County Public Library and Shann Leighton, Grand Valley Public Library did a session at the Ontario Library Association Conference on the proposed changes to the 5th edition of the Guidelines and promoted the process of accreditation to libraries. Brochures and posters were made for the conference courtesy of Ontario Library Service - North.

The following Libraries received re-accreditation at the 2012 OLA conference.

Barrie Public Library

Brockville Public Library

Haldimand County Library (re-accreditation of Dunnville, Selkirk, Hagersville, Caledonia and Jarvis Branches, first accreditation for Cayuga Branch)

Innisfil Public Library (re-accreditation of Churchill, Lakeshore and Stroud branches; first accreditation of Cookstown Branch)

Lincoln Public Library (re-accreditation of Fleming and Rittenhouse branches)

We are very pleased to report that the Six Nations Public Library in Ohsweken (the first, First Nations Library) has achieved accreditation with a score of 95%! It is important to note that the Six Nations Public Library chose to measure itself against the 5th edition of the Ontario Public

Library Guidelines rather than the Ontario Public Library Guidelines for First Nation Public Libraries (1st edition).

As you are aware the Accreditation Council is now under the auspices of Ontario Library Service - North. At the December meeting the Council reviewed the terms of reference, roles of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

The following libraries have been approved for accreditation or re-accreditation and will receive their certificates at the 2013 Ontario Library Association Conference.

First Accreditations

Stirling -Rawdon

Tweed

North Kawartha

Brant (County of)

Georgian Bay Township

Rideau Lakes Township

Re-accredited

Perth and District

Dryden

#### Plans for 2013

First Nations Public Library Guidelines.

Council has agreed that a need exists to review and update the document.

Particular Issues: governance section - many First Nations Libraries cannot meet the guidelines because of varying methods of governance and financial administration models from Band Council to Band Council.

Our goal is to move forward in creating a 2nd Edition of the First Nation Guidelines that would also include, and update outstanding items which now comprise the 6th edition of the OPL guidelines.

To date there are thirty-five accredited public libraries across the Province.

Thank you.

Shann Leighton

Chair

Guidelines, Monitoring and Accreditation Council