

Library and Archives Canada's Library System Renewal

Funding for copy cataloguing/reporting holdings and interlibrary loan services

Update to library community October 2017



Library and Archives Canada's objective for the new National Union Catalogue, hosted by OCLC, is to have a comprehensive representation of Canadian library collections that support the work of the Canadian library community and facilitate access by users. For this reason, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has set aside a designated budget to help financially support small public libraries and small libraries at post-secondary institutions (community colleges, CEGEPs and universities) wanting to be part of the project to enrich the Canadian national catalogue by becoming members of OCLC.

Many provinces already provide services in this area and LAC will not duplicate or replace services that are already in place. Where provincial or territorial funding models do not cover interlibrary loan (ILL) services, eligible small libraries will be able to apply to LAC for funding for ILL services. Where provincial or territorial funding models do not cover copy cataloguing/reporting holdings, eligible small libraries will be able to apply to LAC for copy cataloguing services.

LAC's priority is supporting the smaller libraries who, without that financial assistance, would not be able to participate in this national project, while making effective use of its budget and taxpayers' money.

Overview of subscriptions

Libraries that receive funded subscriptions will become OCLC members and will receive access to specific services.

Copy cataloguing and reporting holdings service

The funded subscriptions for copy cataloguing and reporting holdings give access to the CatExpress product. CatExpress is an easy to use web interface for copy cataloguing and updating library holdings in OCLC. As a library does their copy cataloguing, the library's holdings are added to WorldCat. More information on CatExpress can be found on OCLC's [CatExpress support](#) webpage.

Interlibrary loan service

The funded subscriptions give access to WorldShare ILL. WorldShare ILL is a simple-to-use, web-based ILL management service. It connects you to Canadian libraries and libraries around the world, allows you to view other libraries' holdings, policies and fees before you make a request, and enables you to automate workflows. More information is available on OCLC's [WorldShare Interlibrary Loan](#) support and training webpage.



Eligibility

Small libraries that are not already covered by provincial or territorial funding for copy cataloguing/reporting holdings and/or ILL services are eligible to apply for LAC's support, if they are:

- public libraries with up to 50,000 population served; or
- libraries at post-secondary institutions with a collection size of up to 60,000 items (print books, serial backfiles, e-books, audio/visual, serials, e-reference sources).

Financial assistance is not available to:

- elementary and high school libraries (including school districts and school boards);
- regional library system headquarters serving total populations of 50,000 people or more;
- libraries that receive cataloguing or ILL services from another library or a provincial office;
- special libraries;
- other government libraries.

For libraries that do not already subscribe to OCLC services, there are options available for ILL and copy cataloguing services. Please see ["What options are offered for libraries that don't want to join OCLC?"](#).

Application process

Information on the application and funding process will be published in late October 2017 and LAC will start accepting applications using an online form at the same time. LAC will communicate broadly with the library community to alert them that the form is available online.

Applications will be accepted for a period of 6 weeks. The application due date will be clearly indicated in all communications around the process. In the first year of funding, funded subscription will last until March 2019. As of April 2019, the funded subscriptions will be for a period of one fiscal year (April 1 to March 31).

In 2018, LAC will re-open applications for the next cycle of funding.

Contact us

Questions about this exciting project? Visit our website for more information and for frequently asked questions:

- [A new library management system to share Canada's published documentary heritage](#)
- [Questions and answers for Canadian libraries in light of LAC's contract with OCLC](#)

Want to be added to our mailing list for updates on the transition to OCLC? Please send us your email to receive updates on our effort to provide the Canadian library community world-class services to make the published heritage of our country increasingly visible, and to share Canada's culture and knowledge with the world.

For other questions or to be added to the mailing list, please contact bac.servicesauxbibliothèques-libraryservices.lac@canada.ca.