

# CELUPL's Report to the AGM: 2024 Activities

April 4, 2025

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CELUPL met twice in 2024. Key topics and activities from the meetings are noted below:

## April 19, 2024

- Ministry staff provided an update on the Annual Survey and asked for a CELUPL representative for the Library Service Award review committee
- First Nations Public Library funding increase was announced
- Interlibrary loan platform transition continues.
- OLS Board elections to take place in the spring.
- A new FOPL Board trustee and a CEO will be elected at the AGM. A new FOPL strategic plan will be brought forward in 2025.
- FOPL provided an overview of its mandates, initiatives and provincial priorities.
- FOPL will host a Service Ontario and Youth Wellness Hub information session.

## October 4, 2024

- Representatives from the Ministry shared that the Public Library Service Awards have shortlisted 34 nominees, and open data from the annual survey is available.
- OLS provided updates about launch of the new interlibrary loan platform and that FNPL resources are available on their website.
- D. Stevens highlighted continued advocacy for the Internet Grant program, an increase to PLOG, on Ontario Digital Public Library, and a continued focus on sustaining the increased funding to FNPL.
- CELUPL passed a motion in October 2023 requesting FOPL explore partnerships with a public relations agency to support libraries with Intellectual Freedom issues, including cost and timeline.
  - The Government Relations working group is addressing the matter. Additionally, the “Libraries are for Everyone” campaign was created in response to Intellectual Freedom challenges, and new position statements were passed at FOPL in September.

The Chief Executives of the Large Urban Public Libraries that comprise the CELUPL Working Group are committed to serve as a strong voice on behalf of the Federation and look forward to continued collaboration and alignment this year and beyond.

This report is circulated on behalf of the 2023/2024 CELUPL Executive:

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