

Informed Consent

The Academic Library and Truth & Reconciliation Initiatives: 2020 Status Update

ABOUT

You are invited to participate in an online survey of academic libraries in what-is-now-known-as-Canada and their responses to the [Canadian Federation of Library Association Truth & Reconciliation Committee Report and Recommendations](#). The purpose of this survey is to investigate initiatives, awareness, and engagement with TRC in post-secondary libraries. This proposed research has been reviewed for ethical acceptability and approved by the University of Lethbridge Human Participant Research Committee.

PARTICIPATION

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. You may refuse to take part in the research or exit the survey at any time without penalty. Incomplete surveys will be deleted and will not form a part of the aggregate.

WHY IS THIS STUDY BEING DONE

The purpose of this study is to investigate the status of the recommendations made by the *CFLA TRC Report* in post-secondary libraries.

This research project is conducted by Mary Greenshields, a librarian at the University of Lethbridge Library.

The research will be presented in an open access report which will be sent out to this and other Canadian library LISTSRVs.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART?

The number of responses are not capped but, ideally, each institution contacted will provide at least 1 response.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THE STUDY?

You will be asked to take a survey about your library's engagement with the *CFLA TRC Recommendations*. It should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

RISKS

The possible risks or discomforts of the study are minimal. This survey asks questions about the programming and environmental changes that your library has undergone based on the recommendations in the *CFLA TRC Report*.

BENEFITS

You will receive no direct benefits from participating in this research study. However, your responses will help us learn more the impact of the TRC on academic libraries, which is currently underrepresented in LIS research.

WILL MY INFORMATION BE PROTECTED?

Your survey answers are confidential. No identifying information will be asked of you. As such, no names or other identifying information would be included in any publications or presentations based on these data.

The survey will be hosted on Qualtrics. Please see Qualtrics' [Privacy Statement](#) for more information.

WILL I BE PAID FOR PARTICIPATION

You will not be paid for participating in this study.

CONTACT

If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact the principal investigator, Mary Greenshields, greemc@uleth.ca.

For questions about your rights as a research participant, to discuss problems, complaints, or concerns about a research study, or to obtain information or to offer input, please contact the University of Lethbridge's Research Ethics Office at (403) 329-2747 or research.services@uleth.ca.

CONSENT

You may print a copy of this form for your records.

Clicking [this link to the survey](#) indicates that you have read the above information, you are 18 years of age or older, you work at a post-secondary library in what-is-now-known-as-Canada, and you voluntarily agree to participate in this study.