

Library and Archives Canada

Funding for copy cataloguing/reporting holdings and interlibrary loan services



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Library and Archives Canada (LAC) launched Canada's new National Union Catalogue, Voilà, on February 2, 2018. LAC's objective for Voilà, hosted by OCLC, is to have a comprehensive representation of Canadian library collections that supports the work of the Canadian library community and facilitates 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.

LAC began accepting applications for funding in 2017. Our fourth funding cycle is now open and will run from November 25 2020 to January 26, 2021.

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

For libraries that did not receive funding last year: If you believe your library may be eligible for this funding, apply to the program through the [OCLC Funding Application Form](#). Canadian libraries that are not eligible for financial support can [contact OCLC](#) directly to determine pricing for copy cataloguing and interlibrary loan services.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 23:59 p.m. (Eastern Time). We are currently accepting applications for the funding cycle covering the period April 2020–March 2021. Please allow approximately six weeks for LAC to respond to your funding application.

In fall 2021, LAC will re-open applications for the next cycle of funding.

Contact us

Visit our website for more information and for frequently asked questions:

- [Questions and answers for Canadian libraries about Voilà and Aurora](#)

For other questions, please contact bac.servicesauxbibliotheques-libraryservices.lac@canada.ca.