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GATINEAU, October 7, 2019 – The Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques celebrates Canadian Library Month

“A library is a place that is a repository of information and gives every citizen equal access to it. It's a community space. It's a place of safety, a haven from the world. –Neil Gaiman

October brings Canadian Library Month, an annual celebration of libraries, library workers, and the services they provide to their communities. Libraries are the crux of knowledge, community engagement and social awareness.

This year, Canadian Library Month intersects with our federal elections. We encourage you to talk to those candidates vying to form the next government on the importance of supporting libraries. CFLA-FCAB's campaign www.votelibraries.ca provides background information, promotional tools, and information on how to contact your local candidate to discuss important issues such as advancing social infrastructure, copyright legislation, Indigenous ways of knowing and language preservation, and support for accessible formats.

In addition to the discussions on the importance of libraries, it is equally important to recognize the work of the people within the library. Without library workers libraries simply cannot function. Libraries rely on their staff to work with the communities they support and to help libraries and communities grow. The vital contribution of library workers to libraries and communities across our country deserves national recognition.

CFLA-FCAB has designated the third Friday in October as **Canadian Library Workers Day**. CLWD is a day for Canadians to recognize the valuable contributions made by all those who work in and for public, academic, school, government, academic, corporate and private libraries that are integral to our communities.

We are very pleased to proclaim **October 18, 2019 as Canadian Library Workers Day**.

More information can be found about Canadian Library Month here: <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/programs/cdn-library-month/>

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