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HAMILTON, October 1, 2020 - The Canadian Federation of Library Associations/ La Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques

Libraries are an essential part of the democratic access to knowledge and discovery in Canadian communities. The Canadian Federation of Library Associations is pleased to proclaim October as Canadian Library Month, an annual celebration of libraries, library workers and the services they provide to their users.

During this most challenging of years, libraries of all types and sizes have proved themselves more important than ever to the communities they serve. When the pandemic forced the closure of most physical facilities, libraries and library staff across the country quickly pivoted to ensure Canadians were able to access the content and services they depend upon. Initiatives such as expanded availability of online learning and electronic media, development of virtual programming, outreach to isolated community members, and the introduction of curbside pickup allowed users to stay informed, be entertained and access the critical information they required in the quickly evolving environment.

Library staff are the vital component of any library to ensure that services and programs are available and relevant to their communities. Libraries rely on their staff to work with the users they support and serve to help libraries and communities grow. CFLA-FCAB is pleased to recognize Friday, October 16 as Canadian Library Workers Day to celebrate the valuable contributions made by all those who work in and for public, academic, school, government, corporate and private libraries that are integral to our communities.

"We salute the incredible efforts made by Canada's libraries and library workers to be even more relevant than ever and support our communities during these turbulent times. As we mark Canadian Library Month, I am proud of the many innovations in our field that are making culture and knowledge even more accessible to Canadians."

Leslie Weir, Librarian and Archivist of Canada

The theme of this year's celebration is "One card, one million possibilities." For Canadians, membership in a library allows them to connect to shared resources that allow them to learn, explore, discover, and empower themselves. CFLA-FCAB invites you to join your neighbours, colleagues, and classmates in connecting to a library created by and for your community.

The Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération Canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB) is the national voice of Canada's library associations. Our purpose is to advance library excellence in Canada, champion library values and the value of libraries and influence national and international public policy impacting libraries and their communities.

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