

**CFLA-FCAB Indigenous Matters Committee Pilot Program
Indigenous Information Workers' Community of Practice**

Are you an Indigenous library worker and interested in helping to develop an Indigenous Information Workers Community of Practice (CoP) in Canada?

The Canadian Federation of Library Associations - Fédération Canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB) Indigenous Matters Committee (IMC) is piloting a program to establish a supportive online community of practice for librarians, archivists, information professionals and non-professionals working with Indigenous peoples and resources. This Community of Practice (CoP) would provide opportunity to:

- network amongst other professionals and non-professionals;
- connect on potential employment opportunities;
- explore collaborations in areas of common interest;
- share programs, services and other initiatives; and
- create and provide access to an online resource list.

The community of practice directly connects to the seventh recommendation in the Truth and Reconciliation report and has been approved by the CFLA-FCAB board. The recommendation reads: “enhance opportunities for Indigenous library, archival and information professionals...” The IMC believes this initiative could potentially empower and support individuals and institutions in meeting their respective goals.

We would like to welcome Indigenous library workers from all sectors and include both LIT and MLIS holders to come together to support each other, establish connections and build community. A special invitation is extended to students and new librarians to join the conversation. There is no cap on the number of attendees.

Indigenous attendees must self-identify via a [registration form](#) that would also give the Task Force Executive the permission to contact their claimed community in the event there are allegations of false identity. We thank Allies for their interest and support however this is an Indigenous-only space. Membership in at least one CFLA-FCAB library or archival association is preferred but not required. If you have any further questions, please email the Indigenous Matters Committee Chair at: **imc-chair@cfla-fcab.ca**

The first CoP meet will be over Zoom on **Thursday December 5** at 1pm EDT (10am PDT/11am MDT/ 12 pm CDT/ 2pm ADT). To register, or provide feedback on future meeting times, please use the [registration form](#). Our following meetings will be determined in part by feedback from initial attendees.

For the December 5th meeting, **please register by December 4th** to ensure we have time to send you the zoom link.

For more information on CoP, please see the attached [CoP Terms of Reference](#).

