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## **Grey House Publishing Canada announces the Twenty-Fourth Edition of *Libraries Canada***

Grey House Publishing Canada is proud to announce the publication of the twenty-fourth Edition of *Libraries Canada*. Other directories now published by Grey House Canada include *Canadian Almanac & Directory*, *Associations Canada*, *Financial Services Canada*, the *Canadian Parliamentary Guide*, and the *Canadian Environmental Resource Guide*.

Over the years, *Libraries Canada* has provided the most comprehensive picture of Canada's library community. The wide range of informative data gathered from libraries across Canada is 100% current, and continues to be the hallmark of this outstanding Canadian resource. All 7,320 entries are categorized into 5 broad chapters, including Public Libraries, College & University Libraries, Special Libraries, Library Services & Resources, and Library Associations & Groups.

A new field in the library listings is **Population Served**, indicating the number of registered users of the Library.

Beginning this edition is an article from the Canadian Library Association titled, *Critical Issues Facing the Government of Canada*. Topics include Cultural and Economic Impact of Libraries in Canada; Children's Issues; and Investing in Libraries. Included after this is a Sample Entry page to give users an idea the breadth of information in each association listing. The last few subsections of the Introduction give English to French translations of general topics like Days of the Week, Street Addresses, and Geographical Terms. As well as many useful abbreviations for academic and other degrees, membership in and degrees conferred by Societies and Institutions, Honors, Labor Union Affiliations, Military Titles, etc.

In the first chapter **Public Libraries**, listings are arranged alphabetically by Province, then by Regional System. Branches are listed in alphabetical order under their central branch. There are 3,287 listings in this first section. A **NEW** field in the library listings is Population Served, indicating the number of registered users of the Library. The second chapter, **College & University Libraries** includes 664 institutional libraries that are arranged alphabetically by Province.

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The third chapter, **Special Libraries** includes 3,020 libraries in six sub categories, almost 200 more listings than last edition. Sub-categories include Archives, Business & Finance, Environment, Government, Health, and Legal. These listings are arranged alphabetically by Province.

Chapter four, **Library Services & Resources** groups together several types of resources that broaden the picture of the library industry. In the 200 total listings for this chapter you will find general and company information on Book Wholesalers, Library Supplies & Software, Magazine Subscriptions, Periodicals, Trade Shows.

The fifth and final chapter, **Library Associations & Groups** include 380 listings that are crucial to the health of the library industry in Canada. Categories of the listings include Associations, Library Consortia, Library Schools, Provincial Agencies, and Regional Systems.

Rounding out this *Directory* are **Six Indexes** and each entry now includes page numbers.

- ◇ **Entry Index** is located in the front of the book and includes all 7,242 listings in alphabetical order.
- ◇ **Archive Index** lists all archival libraries in alphabetical order.
- ◇ **Government Library Index** lists all government libraries in alphabetical order.
- ◇ **Subject Index** categorizes the libraries by 38 defining topics to help users find the exact collection they are looking for.
- ◇ **Geographic Index** lists all entries by province, and then by city.
- ◇ **Personnel Index** lists all key contacts and their affiliated library.

Available in print and online via Grey House Publishing Canada at [www.greyhouse.ca](http://www.greyhouse.ca). *Libraries Canada* is widely used by publishers, library professionals, information specialists, researchers, library suppliers, and anyone needing important, concise information on each of the libraries in this vast community, from services offered to special collections to acquisition budgets. It's all here, and more, in the *Directory of Libraries Canada, 2008/2009*.

*Libraries Canada* is also available as part of **Canada Information Resource Center (CIRC)** where subscribers have full access to this rich database right at their computer.

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