

CLA 2006 Survey of Library Literacy Services and Programs: Selected Responses

167 respondents from libraries across Canada completed the survey.

Where are you employed?

	English	French	Total	Percentage
Public Library	127	19	146	87.95%
Other	10	2	12	7.23%
Academic (College or University) Library	2	3	5	3.01%
Provincial Library	1	1	2	1.20%
School (Elementary or Secondary) Library	0	1	1	0.60%
Total	140	26	166	

What is the population of the service area for your library?

	English	French	Total	Percentage
10,000 or less	60	13	73	43.71%
10,001 to 25,000	22	5	27	16.17%
25,001 to 50,000	14	3	17	10.18%
50,001 to 100,000	18	5	23	13.77%
100,001 to 250,000	13	0	13	7.78%
250,001 to 500,000	8	0	8	4.79%
500,001 to 1,000,000	5	0	5	2.99%
More than 1,000,000	1	0	1	0.60%
Total	141	26	167	

What was your total operating budget in 2005 (including external grants)?

	English	French	Total	Percentage
\$250,000 or less	74	14	88	56.41%
\$250,001 to \$500,000	9	2	11	7.05%
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	7	4	11	7.05%
\$1,000,001 to \$2,000,000	12	4	16	10.26%
\$2,000,001 to \$5,000,000	12	0	12	7.69%
\$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000	7	0	7	4.49%
More than \$10,000,000	11	0	11	7.05%
Total	132	24	156	

What is your location?

	English	French	Total	Percentage
Ontario	58	1	59	35.33%
Atlantic Canada (NS, NB, PE, NL)	29	12	41	24.55%
Alberta, British Columbia	40	0	40	23.95%
Quebec	2	13	15	8.98%
Manitoba, Saskatchewan	10	0	10	5.99%
Yukon, Nunavut, Northwest Territories	2	0	2	1.20%
Total	141	26	167	

Does your library presently:

	Yes	English	French	Total	Percentage
Maintain and distribute information about literacy services in the community?	Yes	127	17	144	87.80%
	No	12	8	20	12.20%
Total		139	25	164	
Develop information about literacy services in the community.	Yes	54	2	56	35.44%
	No	80	22	102	64.56%
Total		134	24	158	
Refer potential students to adult literacy programs?	Yes	118	9	127	78.40%
	No	20	15	35	21.60%
Total		138	24	162	
Provide print materials for adult new readers/learners?	Yes	98	14	112	70.89%
	No	36	10	46	29.11%
Total		134	24	158	
Provide collections and materials for tutors?	Yes	92	8	100	62.50%
	No	45	15	60	37.50%
Total		137	23	160	

Engage in community organizing activities focusing on literacy?	Yes	105	9	114	70.37%
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	No	31	17	48	29.63%
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Total		136	26	162	
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Serve as an advocate for adult literacy with your municipal and provincial government?	Yes	67	8	75	46.88%
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	No	69	16	85	53.13%
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Total		136	24	160	
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Does your library presently:

		English	French	Total	Percentage
Administer or directly participate in a program to deliver tutoring or instruction in adult literacy?	Yes	29	0	29	18.13%

	No	106	25	131	81.88%
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Total		135	25	160	
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Administer or directly participate in a program to deliver tutoring or instruction in family literacy?	Yes	54	0	54	33.54%
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	No	82	25	107	66.46%
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Total		136	25	161	
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Provide Adult Basic Education (ABE) instruction/programs?	Yes	10	2	12	7.50%
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	No	125	23	148	92.50%
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Total		135	25	160	
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Provide employment or job training skills to adult learners	Yes	24	5	29	18.24%
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	No	110	20	130	81.76%
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Total		134	25	159	
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Provide space in library meeting or tutoring space to other community literacy providers?	Yes	109	9	118	72.39%
	No	29	16	45	27.61%
Total		138	25	163	

Offer any programs in Family Literacy?	Yes	77	5	82	50.62%
	No	60	20	80	49.38%
Total		137	25	162	

Offer GED classes?	Yes	3	3	6	3.75%
	No	132	22	154	96.25%
Total		135	25	160	

Who provides instruction in your literacy programs?

	English	French	Total	Percentage
Library staff	66	2	68	43.59%
Volunteer teachers/tutors	48	1	49	31.41%
Other	21	1	22	14.10%
Professional teachers/Tutors	16	1	17	10.90%
Total	151	5	156	

Does your library presently:

	English	French	Total	Percentage	
Have a website with sections for adult literacy and outreach?	Yes	25	1	26	16.56%
	No	106	25	131	83.44%
Total		131	26	157	

Utilize computerized assisted instruction in the delivery of adult literacy programs?	Yes	17	2	19	12.34%
	No	112	23	135	87.66%
Total		129	25	154	

Offer Adult Literacy programs through distance (online or web-based) learning?	Yes	9	4	13	8.39%
	No	121	21	142	91.61%
Total		130	25	155	

		English	French	Total	Percentage
Does your library engage in community outreach activities that target literacy organizations?	Yes	101	10	111	68.94%
	No	33	17	50	31.06%
Total		134	27	161	

		English	French	Total	Percentage
Are you part of a community literacy partnership?	Yes	64	8	72	45.86%
	No	68	17	85	54.14%
Total		132	25	157	

What are 2 most significant barriers to partnering?

	English	French	Total	
Lack of time	70	10	80	36.36%
Lack of funding	71	9	80	36.36%
Lack of knowledge on how to create meaningful partnerships	19	5	24	10.91%
Lack of available partners	18	1	19	8.64%
Other	10	4	14	6.36%
No interest in partnering	3	0	3	1.36%
Lack of Board or Supervisor Support	1	1	2	0.91%
Total	191	29	220	

		English	French	Total	Percentage
Does your library contribute to or fund community literacy partnerships?	Yes	57	3	60	38.71%
	No	72	23	95	61.29%
Total		129	26	155	

If yes, what funding do you provide?

	English	French	Total	
Provide in-kind donations e.g staff time, free library space	57	3	60	51.28%

Have written letters of reference for literacy funding applications	24	0	24	20.51%
Contribute to Help with fund raising	18	0	18	15.38%
Fully Fund	15	0	15	12.82%
	0	0	0	0.00%
Total	114	3	117	