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Public libraries open doors to reading and culture to all. The Public Lending Right Program gives authors fair compensation for the free access of their works in Canadian public libraries.

25 years of the Public Lending Right Program for all: authors and readers.

News

The autumn literary season: celebrating reading across the nation

In Trois-Rivières

The Festival international de la poésie de Trois-Rivières marks the 25th anniversary of the Public Lending Right (PLR) Program and the 75th anniversary of the Governor General's Literary Awards (GGs). Carole David, poet and former Chair of the Public Lending Right Commission (PLRC), will participate in poetry luncheons and dinners, the Poèmes de nuit event and a poetry-film event. From September 30 to October 9, experience the beauty of poetry every day!

In Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Medicine Hat, London and Scarborough

The Playwrights Guild of Canada is celebrating the PLR Program with the public during Culture Days. On September 30, seven playwrights will give readings in seven public libraries throughout the country. Consult the [Guild's website](#) for the schedule and then go to the library for a taste of theatre.

In Edmonton

The Edmonton Public Library is supporting the activities of LitFest, Edmonton's Nonfiction Festival, to mark the 25th anniversary of the PLR Program. On October 16, Ken McGoogan, Chair of the PLRC, will give a Scottish flavour to the festivities. From October 12 through 23, this unique festival will also celebrate the GGs 75th anniversary.

Across Canada

The Canada Council for the Arts, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the Canadian Teachers' Federation and the PLR Commission will invite some 200,000 teachers and their students to choose a GG-winning book and to take part in a project (imagine-action.ca) to explore Canadian literature, social justice and literacy. The literary season: literally ready for school.

Public libraries have been invited to celebrate the PLR Program and the GG Awards. During your next library visit, check out the displays – your local library might have a showcase of Canadian books on display. Pick up a PLR bookmark and a book by one of Canada's many GGreat authors.

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