

WHAT IS LAWMATTERS?

LawMatters works with public libraries to enhance public access to legal information in all communities throughout British Columbia

LawMatters helps support libraries through:

- Grants
 - Collection Guidance
 - Skills Development
 - Partnerships
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We aim to build community capacity through partnerships with libraries and other legal information organizations



A **Courthouse Libraries BC** program

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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LAW?

Answer questions on the reference desk

Add legal material to your collection

Stay up-to-date with new legal information

Create connections

10 YEARS OF LAWMATTERS

LawMatters started as a 3 year project in 2007 - a decade later, we are pleased to continue to offer the LawMatters program!

Did you know?

- **BC was the first** jurisdiction in Canada to develop an ongoing program to help public libraries provide legal information to the public
- LawMatters works with other Courthouse Libraries programs **Clicklaw** and **Clicklaw Wikibooks**
- In the past 5 years alone, LawMatters has helped BC libraries add over **5000 legal titles** to their legal collections



COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

What information should you collect?

LawMatters is here to support your legal collection queries! We provide selection guidelines, a full list of recommended titles, weeding support, and more!

LawMatters also distributes grants to public libraries to help purchase legal materials.

Digital meets Print:

Clicklaw Wikibooks

We provide libraries with free, bound, print copies of popular **Clicklaw Wikibooks!** These wikibooks are accessible online and, through the program, in print to public libraries!

We also train on legal information online!

If you have any questions about reliable online resources or collecting print legal materials for your library contact the **LawMatters Program Coordinator:**

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TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

LawMatters offers training sessions to public librarians to improve their confidence helping the public with legal information questions.

- In-Person Workshops
- Webinars
- Community Legal Information Meetings

We train on topics such as:

- Legal reference interview
- The difference between legal information & legal advice
- Finding legal information in print and online

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