 **Sister Libraries 2023**

**Questionnaire**

We would like to gather information on your unique library situation to better pair you with another like-minded library. Please respond to the questions below.

Library name:

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Library address:

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Library website:

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Library blog / social media tags:

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**General information**

1. Is this your first year participating in the Sister Libraries program?

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |

1. What is your primary interest in being a sister library? Rank the answers below using a scale of 1 to 3, with 1 being the most relevant and 3 being the least relevant.

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|  | For library staff to be able to exchange ideas/experiences and hold activities with another library in Canada |
|  | As a way for children at your library to interact with children at a library in another part of Canada |
|  | For both a staff exchange of ideas and a way for children to interact with children in other parts of Canada |

1. Are you answering on behalf of a system with many locations or a single location?

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|  | A system with many locations (answer question 4) |
|  | A single location (skip to question 5) |

1. If you are answering on behalf of a system, list the locations that will be involved in the Sister Libraries program.

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| 1. |  |
| 2. |  |
| 3. |  |
| 4. |  |
| 5. |  |
| 6. |  |

1. What is the approximate population of the community your library serves? (If you represent a larger system of libraries, please base your response to this and all following questions on the population served by your branch only.)

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|  | 1,000 and under |
|  | 1,001–5,000 |
|  | 5,001–15,000 |
|  | 15,001–50,000 |
|  | Over 50,000 |

1. On average, how many children have participated each year in your TDSRC programs since you started?

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1. Would you be willing to be paired with a library that has slightly fewer participating children?

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |

1. Would you be willing to be paired with a library in the same province as yours, but in a different city, town or region?

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |

1. How would you describe your library’s dynamic?

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|  | Calm/quiet—children keep to themselves during activities and/or prefer reading quietly |
|  | Very interactive |
|  | Other (please specify): |

**Communication**

1. Which methods of communication would you prefer to use when interacting with your sister library? (Check all that apply.)

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| --- | --- |
|  | Mail (Canada Post) |
|  | Email |
|  | Phone calls |
|  | Shared social media (e.g., Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram) |
|  | Video conference (e.g., Google Chat) |
|  | Other (please specify): |

1. How frequently would you be available to communicate and interact with your sister library during the summer?

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| --- | --- |
|  | More than once a week |
|  | Once a week |
|  | Once every second week |
|  | Once a month |
|  | Less than once a month |

1. When you think about communicating with your sister library, how do you envision the relationship?

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|  | Casual—we will contact each other when desired |
|  | Structured—we will schedule phone calls, emails or meetings to keep in touch with one another |

1. Choose the language(s) of communication.

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|  | English |
|  | French |
|  | Bilingual (English/French) |
|  | Other (please specify): |

1. Will you be gone on vacation at any time during the summer?

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |

If yes, fill out the following:

I will be on vacation from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Would there be someone available to replace you during a vacation or extended absence?

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |

**Activities**

1. Which type of interactions would you be interested in having with your sister library? (Check all that apply.)

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|  | Sharing new ideas, activities and variations of activities |
|  | Sharing challenges encountered and solutions |
|  | Video chats between the library staff of the two libraries |
|  | Book suggestions—librarians could send each other a list of the children’s favourite books |
|  | Pen pals—children exchange letters or postcards in which they can write about their favourite book or character and include drawings |
|  | Souvenir/craft exchanges |
|  | Photo or drawing exchanges |
|  | Audio/video exchanges |
|  | Joint activities |
|  | Competitions between libraries (for example, book-reading competitions) |
|  | Shared blog |
|  | Other (please describe): |

1. If you participated last year and wish to be paired with the same library again (if possible), indicate the name of your sister library from 2022.

Name of sister library: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of sister library coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address of sister library coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your interest in the Sister Libraries program!**

