



LIBRARY UPDATE

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Welcome to Imagine Canada's Library Update Newsletter

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Helping you locate new and relevant resources that support your work in the charitable and nonprofit sector in Canada.

NEW & NOTABLE FROM THE LIBRARY

New Top information requests and resource guides:

[Donations and fundraising for international disaster relief](#)

When a tragic international disaster strikes it often raises questions similar to this among donors and nonprofit organizations alike. On January 12, 2010 a 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit the already impoverished nation of Haiti bringing these important questions to the forefront once again. Whether you are a charity or nonprofit dealing in international aid or a donor, this [topic guide](#) presents reports on lessons learned from previous international disasters.

[Social Enterprise: How to start up!](#)

With funding pressure increasing for nonprofits and charities, "social enterprise" is an increasingly hot topic these days. We're often asked:

- What is a Social Enterprise and can charities operate them (without losing charitable status)?
- How do we go about starting a social enterprise if we are a charity or a nonprofit?

Read more about where to get the answers to these questions [here](#).

Thank you for taking our online Library Survey!

Thanks to everyone for taking our survey. We had a great response rate with well over 300 completed surveys. We appreciate your time and feedback to help us improve the library. We will analyze the results in further depth, here are some top level results right away!

Where we helped:

Over three quarters of you reported that the online library has supported your work in a positive way and improved our audience's knowledge and skills. The major subjects of impact were:

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Check out some of the newest print and electronic resources in our library catalogue:

- [Fundraising and Funding](#)
- [Nonprofit Management](#)
- [Research and Statistics](#)

[Click here](#) to see the full list of new acquisitions.

NEW FROM IMAGINE CANADA

Imagine Canada launches Charity Tax Tools website!

[Charity Tax Tools](#) is a free comprehensive information website with easy-to-understand content developed by Imagine Canada that will provide Canadian charities with timely information and tools to ensure they have the resources to meet Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requirements. The website is most advantageous for small and medium-sized charities, as well as the many legal and accounting advisers/practitioners who do not specialize in the sector, but nevertheless support charities.

The overall goal of the Charity Tax Tools website is to provide support to Canadian charities in the areas of receipting fundraising activities,

1. Governance and board relationships
2. Volunteer management
3. Human resource management

What we can improve:

A number of you suggested that we needed to improve our collection to provide more concrete & practical resources, including: policies, templates and "How to" manuals. Another common request was for a "new" resources page more obviously available at our website & improving the promotion of the most recent statistics and research on the sector. Thanks for this valuable feedback and stay tuned for updates!

TECH TOOLS AND TIPS

Cool Tool - Rate & comment resources in our collection.

Have you found a resource through our collection that is particularly useful or potentially not that great? Make your opinion heard – try our Ratings and comments function, it helps us know what is best and it helps our peers too!

The screenshot shows a search result for 'Conscious governance toolkit'. On the left is a navigation menu with items like 'BY CATALOGUE', 'COLLECTIONS', 'THE ONLINE JOURNAL', and 'SINGLES'. The main content area includes a search bar, a 'Full Display' button, and an 'Add to My Book List' checkbox. Below this, it says 'Full Display - one record at a time. Viewing Record 5 of 13.' and 'Use your browser's BACK button to modify your query, or click on New'. A line indicates 'This record has 1 community comments.' with a circled '3'. Below that is a rating section with a circled '1' next to 'Rating' and a circled '2' next to 'Rate or Comment on this Resource'. The record details are: Title: Conscious governance toolkit; Publisher: Victoria, Australia: Conscious Governance, 2008; Notes: "The Conscious Governance toolkit provides many exa...

When you do a search in the library catalogue (at <http://library.imaginecanada.ca>) you will get a list of records. Look for the link to "Rate or Comment on this Resource"

1. When an item is rated , you will see its average rating (no dots = not rated)
2. Click the "Rate or Comment..." link to add your own ratings.
3. Click the link that brings you to the comment to read more.

To view this example online, [click here](#)

maintaining books and records and reporting to the CRA.

Charities and individuals who wish to learn more about Charity Tax Tools can visit the website at <http://charitytax.imaginecanada.ca> or email charitytax@imaginecanada.ca

CANADIAN DIRECTORY TO FOUNDATIONS AND CORPORATIONS

The Canadian Directory to Foundations and Corporations is improving its corporate listings! We now have over 320 corporate funders, such as Coast Capital Savings, The Cumis Group, and The Home Depot Canada Foundation.

For additional information on the Canadian Directory to Foundations & Corporation, visit our [website](#) or phone 416-597-2293 ext. 257 or 1-800-263-1178 ext. 257.

OTHER LIBRARIES FOR CANADA'S NONPROFITS

Other libraries supporting resources for the Nonprofit sector

- [Resource Centre for Voluntary Organizations – Edmonton](#)
- [Volunteer Calgary](#)
- [University of the Fraser Valley – BC centre for nonprofit development](#)
- [Vantage Point \(formerly Volunteer Vancouver\) – This organization in Coal Harbour has a great \[resource library\]\(#\) and \[volunteer database\]\(#\)](#)
- [Vancouver Public Library- A great public library collection, with leading literature and resources.](#)
- [Ontario Nonprofit Library](#)

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