



LIBRARY UPDATE

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Library Update Spring 2009

Welcome to Imagine Canada's Library Update, listing new resources available through the Imagine Canada John Hodgson Library, an online collection of resources about and for the Canadian Nonprofit sector.

Top Ten Canadian Foundations

Ranked by assets and grants, these top 20 Canadian foundations represent almost \$12 billion in assets and award grants with a total value of over \$1 billion. Click here to view the list:

http://nonprofitscan.imaginecanada.ca/en/tir_top_ten_foundations

Topic guide: Arts and Culture

We've put together a new topic guide focusing on the Arts & Culture subsector. To view the guide, click [here](#).

Featured Resources

Nonprofits and the Economy Newsfeed, in order to keep you up-to-date on the current economic climate and how it is affecting the nonprofit sector. To view and subscribe, click here :

http://nonprofitscan.imaginecanada.ca/en/economy_newswire

New at the Nonprofit Library Network

Nonprofit Library Network - Ontario: partners now have three new resources all on the subject of Board Governance:

- Board Governance Classics : a compilation of articles, checklists, tools and templates (this resource is reviewed below)
- Governance as leadership : reframing the work of nonprofit boards
- The imperfect board member : discovering the seven disciplines of governance excellence

Find a partner near you : http://nonprofitscan.imaginecanada.ca/en/nonprofit_network

Nonprofit Library Network – Alberta Branch

We have been partnering with two organizations in Alberta that have great libraries and resource centres for the nonprofit sector, Volunteer Calgary and Resource Centre for Voluntary Organizations (RCVO – Edmonton region). We would like to thank and recognize the work of Lynda Robertson, the librarian from RCVO, for her dedication and passion in her work in the nonprofit sector. She has recently retired from a 20 year career with the RCVO and has been a great champion of knowledge sharing in the sector. We have enjoyed working with her immensely and wish her all the best in the future. Please visit their site for more about the [RCVO](#) and their great informative newsletter: [RCVO Connections](#).

Nonprofit Library Network on Twitter: @NPOLibNetwork

We will be "tweeting" updates on our library collection, cool items of interest on the Canadian NPO sector, and events from the NPO Library Network as they arise. You can view our feed and "follow" us here:

<http://twitter.com/NPOLibNetwork>

Look forward to seeing you on the twitter-verse.

[New Acquisitions & Featured resources](#)

New Acquisition List:

See a longer list of our recently catalogued items both in print and online [here](#)

Book Review:

Board Governance Classics : A Compilation of Articles, Checklists, Tools and Templates - From the Canadian Society for Association Executives, this manual that offers a number of discussion points, guidelines and form-style sheets to help volunteer boards be effective such as:

- Overview of governance and board effectiveness
- Recruitment, elections, orientation, education
- Board – staff relations

Additionally, the case studies describe some "real-life" scenarios, such as:

"Changing a governance model that ...didn't work"

"...Executives Speak Candidly About Boards"

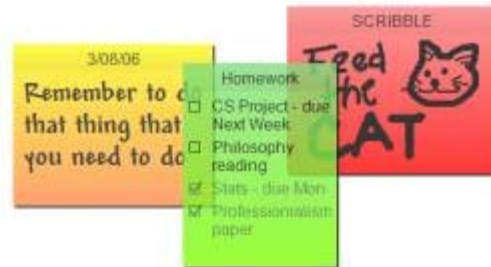
Our Nonprofit Library Network partners all hold this item, find one near you :

http://nonprofitscan.imaginecanada.ca/en/nonprofit_network

"Tech Tools and Tips"

There are a myriad of free tools out there online, some might be more useful to you than others. To lighten your load and hopefully inform the sector, we are going to start this new section to highlight tools we've found useful in our work.

Hott Notes : these electronic sticky notes "stick" on your Windows desktop. They are great little reminders that allow you to make lists, scribble and set alarms for reminders. They are also "archive-able" in case you want to save what you've done (go back and say "I did all that!?") and paper free!



[Please be advised that these tools are not Imagine Canada products and we cannot guarantee these products are problem- free for all individuals. Please read product specifications, details, compatibility and other disclaimers as per item's website]

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