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# CANADA'S LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT: SUPPORTING AN INFORMED PARLIAMENT

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# The Parliament of Canada's Work

## Lawmaking

- Create, adopt and review legislation
- Review regulations

## Oversight

- Conduct committee work
- Study legislation and issues of national importance
- Hold government to account

## Representation

- Represent the interest of their constituents
- Consult on legislation and issues of national importance
- Make recommendations to government through reports







## The Parliament of Canada's Work

### Parliamentary Diplomacy

- Engage in international visits
- Receive international or diplomatic delegations
- Participate in meetings or conferences organized by international or multilateral organizations

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## The Library of Parliament

- **Vision:** To be Parliament's preferred and trusted source of information and knowledge
- **Mission:** The Library of Parliament contributes to Canadian parliamentary democracy by creating, managing and delivering authoritative, reliable and relevant information and knowledge for and about Parliament
- **Guiding Principles:** Agility, Collaboration, Excellence, Impartiality and Inclusion
- **Enabling Legislation:** The Parliament of Canada Act
- **Established:** 1841 (with the amalgamation of the Upper and Lower Canada Legislative Libraries)







## The Library's Organizational Structure

- **Office of the Parliamentary Librarian**
  - Oversight and management of the Library
  - Legal, communications and executive services
  - Parliamentary Poet Laureate
- **Corporate Services**
  - Business support services (HR, IT, Finance, Security, Corporate planning)
- **Research and Education**
  - Research and analysis services
  - Visitor's Services and educational products and programs
- **Information and Collection**
  - Branches, reference and information services
  - Collection development and current awareness
  - Collection access and preservation
  - Information Management and description





## Library of Parliament Governance Structure

- **Speakers of the Senate and House of Commons**  
Responsible for the direction and control of the Library of Parliament in accordance with the *Parliament of Canada Act*.
- **Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament**  
Composed of senators and of members of Parliament, this committee assists the Speakers in reviewing the effectiveness, management and operation of the Library.
- **Parliamentary Librarian**  
Responsible for overseeing the management of the Library, and has the status of a deputy head, reporting to the two Speakers.







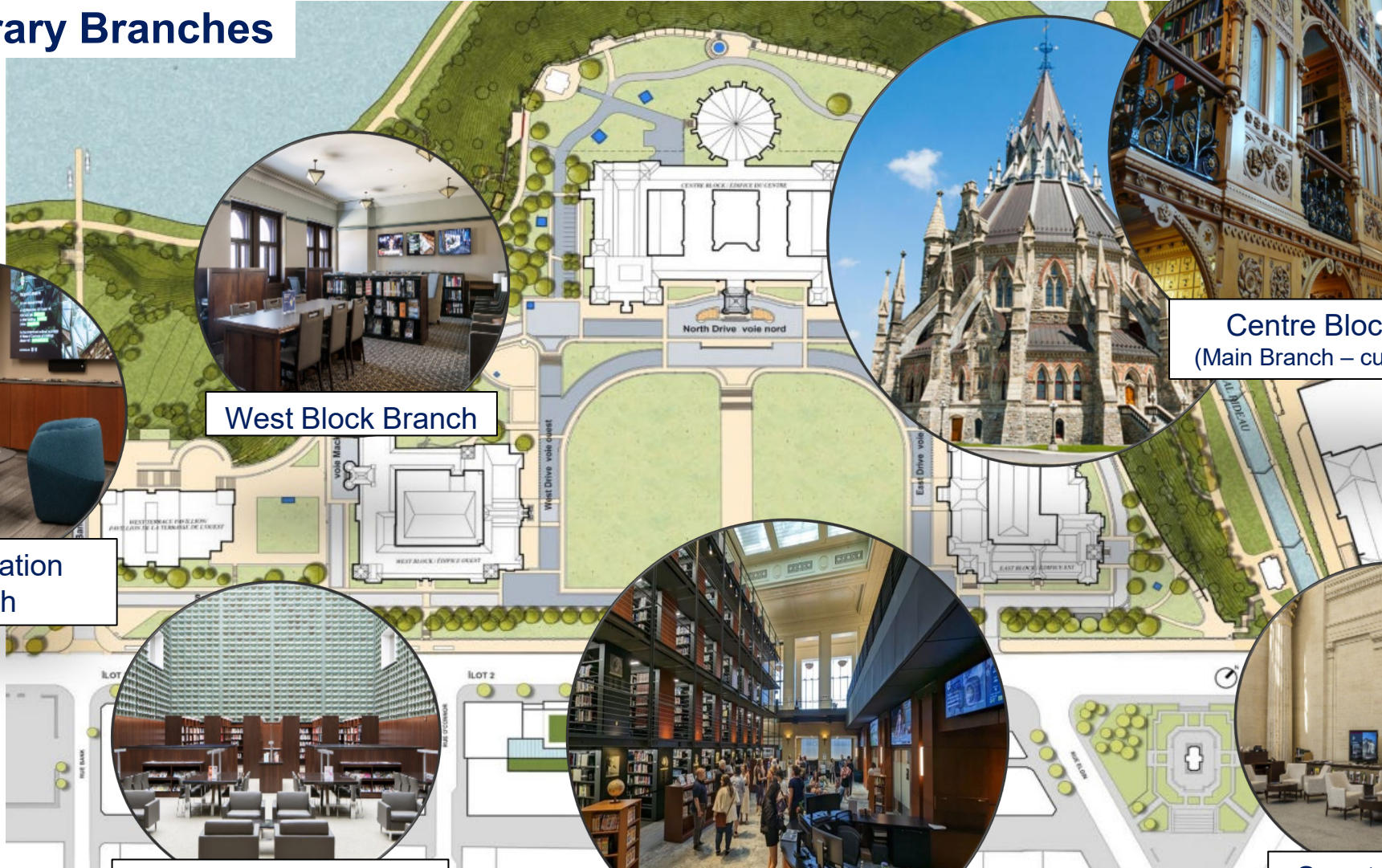
## Branches, Reference, Information and Engagement

Sections	Library Branches	Reference	Parliamentary Information Service	Collection Engagement
Key functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5 branches</li><li>• In-person client service delivery</li><li>• Branch amenities, e.g., newspapers &amp; periodicals, network access, workspaces, and meeting rooms</li><li>• Branch programming, e.g., orientation, tours, and events</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reference services are timely, reliable, and authoritative information and research on a wide range of topics for parliamentary clients</li><li>• Available over the phone, by email, through the client service portal, or in person in Library branches</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information service for the public on behalf of Parliament</li><li>• Provides information about the work and history of Parliament</li><li>• Access to Library outreach publications</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Client support for access to and use of Library information resources</li><li>• On demand training and support</li><li>• Development of self-serve tools for client support and awareness, tutorials, videos, how-tos.</li><li>• Subject Guides</li></ul>





# Library Branches



Centre Block Branch  
(Main Branch – currently closed)



West Block Branch



Confederation Branch



Wellington St. Branch



Sparks St. Branch  
(Interim Main Branch)



Senate Branch





## Reference and Information Services



Information Service  
Parliament of Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A9

Toll-free: [1-866-599-4999](tel:1-866-599-4999)  
National Capital Region: [613-992-4793](tel:613-992-4793)

Email: [info@parl.gc.ca](mailto:info@parl.gc.ca)





## Collection Development, Access and Preservation

Sections	Collection Management	Licensing and Renewals	Library Systems	Preservation
Key functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selection and acquisition, and deselection of Library materials</li><li>• Copyright management</li><li>• Collection Maintenance, i.e., maintenance of the physical collection and collection storage spaces</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Negotiation and management of contracts and licenses for information resources</li><li>• Technical troubleshooting with vendors</li><li>• Off-site authentication</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Management of the Integrated Library System (ILS)</li><li>• Training and support for ILS</li><li>• Collection access and circulation, including ILL and document delivery</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preservation of the Library collection, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Rare books</li><li>○ Parliamentary publications</li><li>○ Art &amp; artefacts</li><li>○ Heritage fixtures in the historic Main Library</li></ul></li><li>• Preservation Lab – book binding &amp; restoration</li><li>• Parlinfo and LEGISinfo</li></ul>



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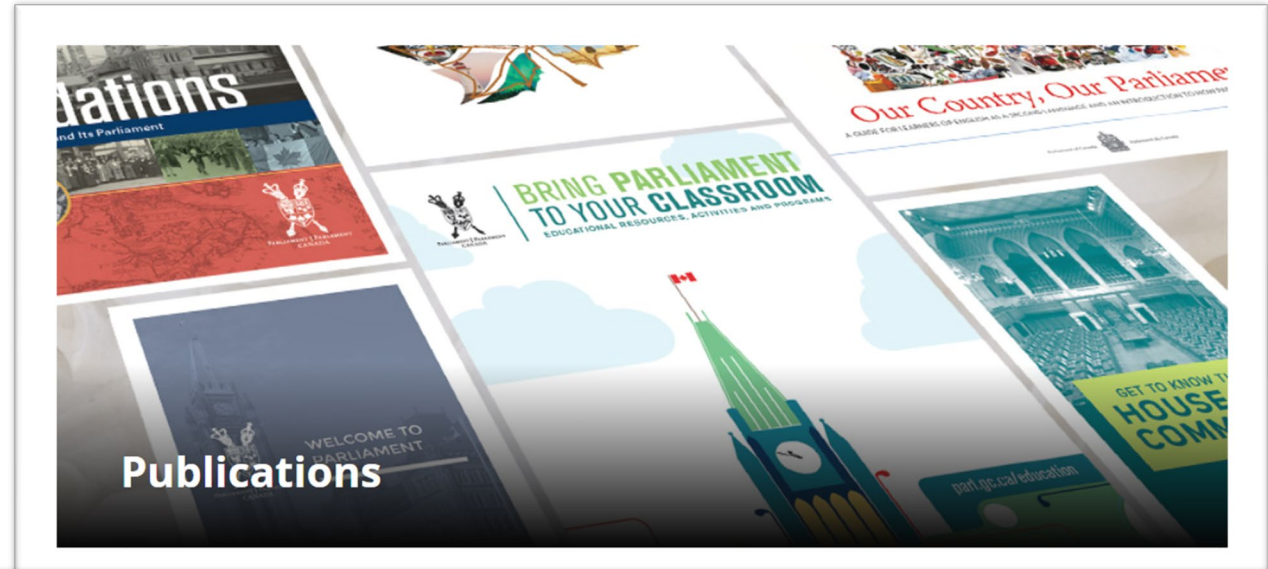
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NewsDesk	Foreign Affairs	The Washington Post





## Access to the Collection



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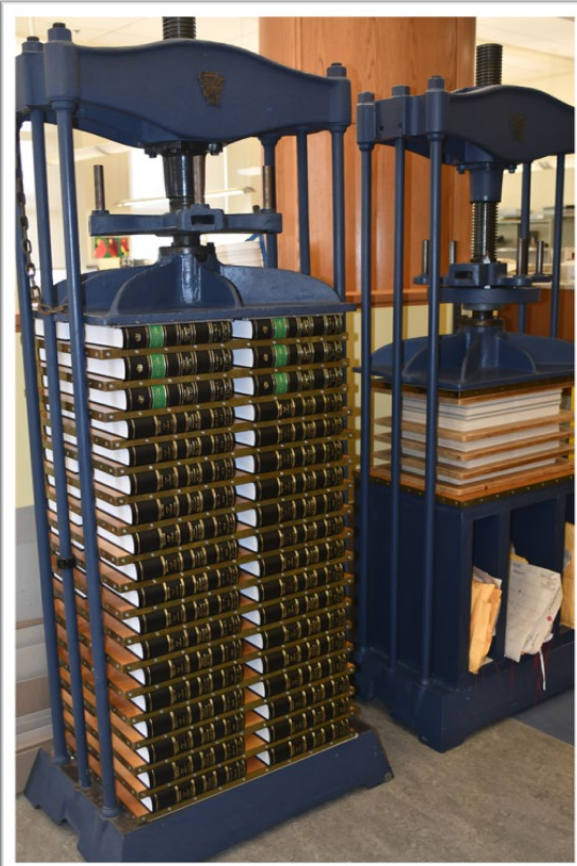
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# Preservation



## Collection Spotlight

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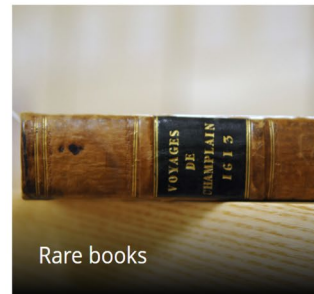
Collection items are selected for inclusion in our *Collection Spotlight* based on various criteria, including but not limited to their rarity, value, a unique instance of creation or acquisition, artistic beauty, and bibliographic or historical significance.

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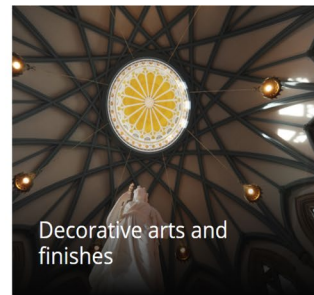
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Audubon's *Birds of America*



Rare books



Decorative arts and finishes







## Current Awareness, Information Management and Description Division

Sections	Current Awareness	Information Management	Information Description
Key Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current awareness</li><li>• Media monitoring</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information management</li><li>• Training and support for business systems<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Electronic documents and records management system</li><li>○ Client request tracking system</li><li>○ Creation of collaborative workspaces</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cataloguing and description</li><li>• Serials processing</li><li>• Metadata management</li><li>• Maintenance of the Library's custom taxonomy</li></ul>



# Media monitoring – Current Awareness

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### [News /](#)

[Les libéraux déposent à Ottawa leur projet de loi sur la transition énergétique](#) (Presse Canadienne)

OTTAWA \_ Le fait que les libéraux déposent un projet de loi pour contraindre le gouvernement fédéral à créer et à protéger des emplois constitue en soi une reconnaissance que le passage à une économie de l'"énergie propre" est déjà en cours, a estim...

[Wilkinson tables sustainable jobs legislation, set to meet with Alberta premier next week](#) (iPolitics)

On Thursday, a fleet of cabinet ministers, MPs, and union leaders congregated on Parliament Hill to announce the tabling of the federal government's sustainable jobs legislation

[Alberta wants guaranteed seats on proposed sustainable jobs partnership council](#) (Cbc.ca: Edmonton)

The federal government should give Alberta the option to appoint members to a new sustainable jobs advisory council, the province's energy and minerals minister says

[Liberals under fire over work on climate](#) (Toronto Star)

Opposition critics voiced disappointment and concern Thursday over the pace of federal climate action, after the Star revealed Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberals failed to spend billions of dollars they pledged on a host of climate-relate...

[Objectifs climatiques](#) (Presse Canadienne)

CALGARY \_ Le Canada n'a aucun espoir d'atteindre ses objectifs climatiques pour 2050 à moins de trouver un moyen d'accélérer le processus d'approbation des grands projets au pays, indique un nouveau rapport.

[New environmental law moved the needle, but how it protects 'sacrifice zones' is unclear](#) (National Observer)

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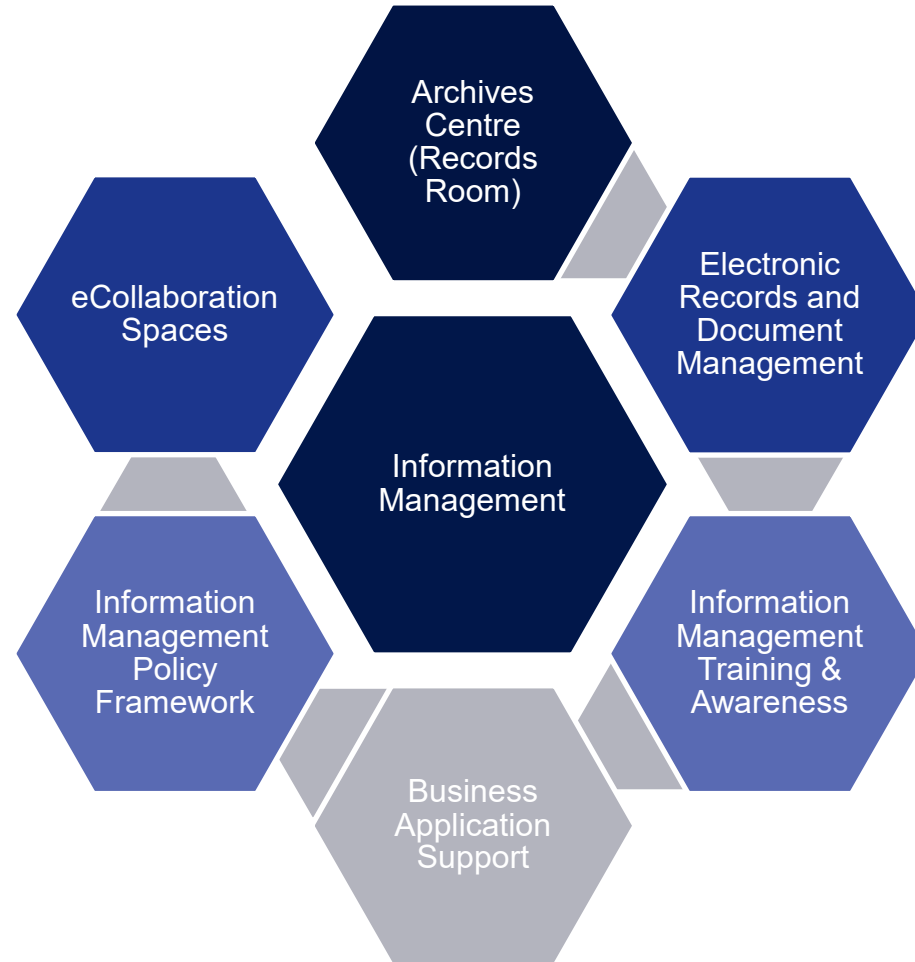
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## Biannual Update on the Canadian Economy: Third and Fourth Quarters of 2022

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## Electrical and Electronic Equipment Waste (Continued): Environmental Considerations and Transboundary Movements

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## Legislative Summary of Bill S-12: An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Sex Offender Information Registration Act and the International Transfer of Offenders Act

2023-05-31 | Legislative Summary | 44-1 | [PDF 851 KB \(23 Pages\)](#)

Bill S-12 responds to the Supreme Court of Canada's 2022 decision in R. v. Nhdlovu, which held that two provisions of the Code that relate to the registration of sex offenders under the Sex Offender ... [Read more](#)

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## Legislative Summary of Bill C-47: An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 28, 2023

2023-05-17 | Legislative Summary | 44-1 | [PDF 1.44 MB \(102 Pages\)](#)

This bill has four parts: Part 1 implements various income tax measures through amendments to the Income Tax Act (ITA) and other related statutes and regulations, including increasing the maximum ded... [Read more](#)

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