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PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT PROGRAM



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REGISTRATION PERIOD
February 15 - May 1

The Canada Council for the Arts distributes annual payments to Canadian creators through the Public Lending Right (PLR) Program as compensation for the free public access to their books in Canadian public libraries.

The professional expertise of the PLR Commission serves to provide oversight and guidance to the criteria and operations of the PLR Program.

The amount a creator can receive depends on how often a book is found in a selection of Canadian public libraries.

Who Can Register?

Authors, illustrators and photographers, narrators, translators, and editors with an eligible written contribution to a book can register.

The Program is open to Canadian citizens or persons with Permanent Resident of Canada status.

You may be eligible if you meet the following conditions:

- Your book has been published in the last five years.
- There are no more than six contributors to the book (excluding editors and translators, but including illustrators, photographers and narrators).
- Your name appears on the book's title page or copyright page.
- Your contribution comprises at least 10% of the length of the book.

What is eligible?

Works (print, e-books and audiobooks) of fiction, poetry, drama, children's literature, general nonfiction and scholarly books are eligible. Specific criteria apply in each genre.

Only books that have a valid ISBN may be eligible for a PLR payment.

Books must be at least 48 pages in length, or in the case of children's literature, at least 24 pages.

Ineligible categories of works include how-to books, guide books, bibliographies, compilations and textbooks.

For a complete description of the program's eligibility criteria, please consult the PLR website at plr.ca

How do I register?

During the registration period, which opens on February 15 and closes on May 1, a PLR registration form is available on the PLR website, or by contacting the PLR office.

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