


W. Kaye Lamb Award for Service to Seniors



 William Kaye Lamb portrait about 1948. Credit Canadian Library Association.

Sponsored by the Ex Libris Association (ELA) and the Canadian Federation of Library Associations / Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA/FCAB).

This award is given in honour of William Kaye Lamb (1904–1999), the first National Librarian of Canada from 1953 to 1968. Dr. Lamb was also the Dominion Archivist from 1948 to 1969 and an eminent scholar who published books and articles on Canadian history. He was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada in October 1969.

There are biographies of W. Kaye Lamb at [Wikipedia](#) and the [Ex Libris biography](#).

The portrait shows William Kaye Lamb as President of the Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques in 1947–1948.

Purpose Of The Award

This award recognizes a library that has developed an ongoing service, program, or procedure that benefits seniors and/or a design and organization of buildings or facilities that improve access and encourage use by seniors. The award will be presented biennially when merited.

Eligibility

Any Canadian public, postsecondary, or special library is eligible for this award.

Application Timelines for 2025

Completed applications must be submitted by **November 6, 2025**. Use the subject line “W. Kaye Lamb Award Application 2025” including your library name or acronym to exlibrisaward@gmail.com (select or right click to copy email address).

Application Procedure

Please provide:

1. Name of the library and address.
2. Library contact person name, position and contact details (email, telephone, fax, etc.).
3. A statement of the service or facility of benefit to the senior population served by the library.
4. Descriptive material, such as photographs, promotional or advertising materials used, articles or news items published, may be included with the application to indicate the ongoing success of the project.
5. The application might include architectural drawings, details of the equipment used, and an outline of the effect on staffing and budget
6. If submitting "notification of the intention to apply," include as much descriptive information as possible by the deadline with the subject line "W. Kaye Lamb Award intention to submit 2025."
7. Submit completed applications with the subject line "W. Kaye Lamb Award Application 2025" to exlibrisaward@gmail.com (select or right-click to copy email address).
8. Use the above email to request further information about the award or application process, adding "inquiry" to the subject line.

Selection Procedure

A committee of Ex Libris members review the submissions and makes a recommendation for approval. The winner(s) will also be announced in ELAN (the Ex Libris Association Newsletter), listservs, the ELA and CFLA/FCAB websites, and social media.

Award Notification

A representative from Ex Libris will present a suitably mounted framed certificate and a monetary award of \$500.

Information regarding the award is also available at the Canadian Federation of Library Associations / Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques website at:

<https://cfla-fcab.ca/en/programs/w-kaye-lamb-award/> .

Past Winners

A list of past winning awards can be [accessed at this link](#).

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