"But I'm not an activist"

Library Advocacy for the Scared or Reluctant Librarian.
What type of library do you work in?

- Public: 79%
- Academic: 10%
- Other: 12%
- School, Health, Government, Corporate: 0%
What is your role at the Library?

- Front-Line Staff: 20
- Management/Supervisor: 10
- Senior Manager/Director/CEO: 5
- Board Member: 3
- Other: 6
How long have you worked/been involved in libraries?

- 35% for 0 - 5 years
- 29% for 6 - 10 years
- 19% for 11 - 15 years
- 8% for 16 - 20 years
- 8% for 21+ years

Total respondents: 48
Where are you from?

- Southern Ontario: 33
- Northern Ontario: 2
- Eastern/Central Ontario: 8
- Outside Ontario: 5
- Outside Canada: 1

Total: 49
On a scale of 1-10 how do you feel about the following statements?

- I am confident engaging in library advocacy. (5.4)
- Advocacy is a regular part of my job. (6.5)
- I am an experienced library advocate. (4.1)
- I am one of the "scared or reluctant" librarians. (5.5)
What are your biggest barriers to participating in library advocacy?
What are your advocacy priorities?

- Food literacy and food insecurity for all
- Outreach to community groups
- Value in the municipal and provincial landscape.
- Decolonization, accessibility,
- Community engagement
- Children’s rights to information access
- Secure funding for food programming
- Fostering empathy and newcomer inclusion
- Knowledge and language
What are your advocacy priorities?

- Educating local and provincial officials about the value of libraries and increasing community awareness of library services.
- Community support, building needs.
- Community engagement and outreach.
- Staffing/keeping the school library open.
- Money from university administration; decolonization.
- To make people understand that a prison library deserves support and good resources.
- Highlighting what our branch can do for EVERYONE in our community.
- Accessibility and outreach.
- Value of the library ("not just books").
What are your advocacy priorities?

- Increased funding from province, use of resources by community
- Open access to information Censorship
- Help people understand all the benefits of today's evolving libraries.
- Stakeholders fundraising value
- Breaking stereotypes about libraries
- Diversity in programs and services
- Engaging municipal leaders and community members.
- Community engagement
- Spread knowledge, educate others, provide resources
What are your advocacy priorities?

- Better awareness of the library in the community we serve. How do we get the word out to people who don’t already know about the awesomeness of the library
- Relevancy
- Empowerment for women
- Political support. Community engagement. Children’s rights
- Outreach and access
- University support, decolonization
- Accessibility for all, supporting the homeless population
- Grow our library, community engagement, child and youth rights and programming availability
- Decolonization, early literacy, access for rural patrons
Submit your questions here!

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Thank you!