

Canadian Government

This Library Subject Guide is for students studying the Canadian Government. It will help you find books, recommended Internet links, DVDs and other resources for your assignment. You may still need help from the staff at the Information Desk to get the best results from your search. Librarians are available to help you find useful resources in the library and answer your questions.

Finding Items on the Shelves

This subject heading list tells you where books and other materials on the Canadian Government are kept in the library. You can use these call numbers as a guideline to browse for books. A librarian can explain how to use this list.

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT	320.971
ELECTIONS – CANADA	324.971
CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION	323.60971

Finding Items in the Catalogue

This Guide shows you how to use the "Browse Search" function on the library catalogue. If you get stuck, ask a librarian for help. Make sure you are on the "Browse Search" menu. If you aren't sure, go to the top of the screen and click on "Browse Search"

- Go to the left-hand drop-down menu and select "Subject".
- Then go to the right-hand entry field and type in one of the subject headings listed above.
- Click on "Search"
- A list of subject headings will be displayed. Click on an appropriate subject heading to view resources related to that topic.
- A list of titles will be displayed. To view further information about a title, click on the title. Details about the item will be displayed. Click on "View Copies" to find out which library has the book and if the book is available today.

Recommended Web Sites

Visit "Homework Zone" on VPL's Web site to find useful sites on this topic reviewed by librarians:

- Go to www.vaughanpl.info and click on "KidZone"
- Select "Homework Zone".
- Select "Homework Links".
- Choose "Links by Subject", and then choose "Social Studies (Grades 1-6)".
- Click on "Citizenship and Government in Canada" to bring up a list of recommended sites.

Other Useful Guides

Use these other Guides to help you find materials in the library:

- **How to Find a Book**
Explains how to use an item's "Call Number" to find where it is kept on the library's shelves.
- **Words Librarians Use**
Explains some of the terms you will come across in the library.

A Short List of Books in the Library

There are many more books in the library on this topic than are listed here. Use the catalogue to find more, or ask a librarian for help.

Canada Votes: How We Elect Our Government

by Linda Granfield (J 324.971 Gra 2007)

Available at: BC, MA, PBRL, WO

Suitable for Grades: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Describes the electoral process in Canada, including historical and present-day facts about political parties, the campaign trail, and voting rights.

Discovering Canada's Government

by Daniel Francis (J 320.471 Fra)

Available at: AN, BC, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO

Suitable for Grades: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

A clear description of all aspects of politics and government in Canada. Illustrated.

A Look at Canada

by Citizenship & Immigration Canada (323.60971 Loo 2004)

Available at: AN, BC, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO

Suitable for Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8

Provides an overview of Canada's government.

Parliament: Canada's Democracy & How it Works

by Maureen McTeer (J 320.971 McTeer)

Available at: AN, BC, MA, WO

Suitable for Grades: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

An introduction to Canada's parliamentary system, including a tour of parliament. Also describes the legislative and electoral process.

Who runs this country, anyway? A guide to Canadian government

By Joanne Stanbridge (J 320.471 Sta)

Available at AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, WO, PBRL

Suitable for Grades: 2,3,4,5

Humorous approach to Canada's government! A student documentary maker and her offbeat sidekick - guide readers through Canada's electoral and governing process, from casting a vote in an election to passing a bill in Parliament, and all the points in between.