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Edmonton Public Library's Capital City Records project named 2016 recipient of CLA/OCLC Award for Innovative Technology

(Ottawa, April 22, 2016) - The Edmonton Public Library's project *Capital City Records: Edmonton Local Music* has been named 2016 recipient of the CLA/OCLC Award for Innovative Technology.

Capital City Records is Canada's first public library digital local music collection and interactive tool for celebrating local music history. Anyone can visit capitalcityrecords.ca to stream albums from a collection of Edmonton artists, curated by a jury of music community members, and view its collection of 250+ digitized historical local gig posters which illustrate the network of ties between venues, musicians, promoters and poster artists that make up the music community; library card holders have access to unlimited track downloads. Capital City Records offers local musicians fair compensation and promotion while inviting library customers to get in touch with their musical past and present.

Capital City Records: Edmonton Local Music is an innovative example of leadership within libraries in the realm of digital content. Capital City Records has enhanced how EPL collects local music and heralded an increase in musical events and programming at the library. Responding to innovations in how independent music is produced, EPL is now able to collect born digital albums by local musicians.

The launch of Capital City Records was ranked one of the top ten best musical events in Edmonton in 2015 by YEG Music Magazine. Rich Liukko, member of Edmonton musical staple the Mad Bomber Society and owner of Freecloud Records reflects, "As a long time user and supporter of the library, it's great to see the EPL making local music projects easily accessible to Edmontonians. Now with access to music so much easier, it is inspiring to see the EPL getting involved with the community to promote and support our local musicians."

The CLA/OCLC Award for Innovative Technology is presented annually to honour a member or members of CLA for innovative use and application of technology in a Canadian library setting. The award will be presented on June 1 during the CLA 2015 National Forum in Ottawa, Ontario at the Delta City Centre. The National Forum runs June 1-3, 2016.

The Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques (CLA/ACB) is the national voice for Canada's library communities, representing the interests of libraries, library workers, and all those concerned about enhancing the quality of life of Canadians through information and literacy.

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