

# CUPE Ontario Library Workers Caucus

April 7, 2025 Agenda

*Library Workers: Not All Cardigans and Kittens*



- 8:30am Registration and Breakfast:  
Sponsored by:  
Mississauga – Local 1989  
Whitby – Local 53  
Kingston Frontenac – Local 2202  
North Bay – Local 122  
CUPE 905  
Hamilton – Local 932
- 9:00am Equality Statement  
Land Acknowledgement  
UN Declaration  
Welcome Remarks:  
**Kim Burgess**, CUPE Ontario Library Workers Committee Chair  
**Fred Hahn**, CUPE Ontario President  
**Yolanda McLean**, CUPE Ontario Secretary-Treasurer
- 10:00am Keynote Speaker: **Kendra Cowley**, Librarian, Toronto Public Library and organizer, Ontario Library Workers for Supervised Consumption Sites  
  
*The Impact of Closing Safe Consumption Sites on Libraries*
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00am Keynote Speakers: **Mary Ellen Ruddell**, Director of Mental Health Court Support and Peer Support Services Canadian Mental Health Association, Hamilton and **Misty Thaler**, Peer Support Worker, Canadian Mental Health Association, Hamilton  
  
*The Peer Support Worker Program at Hamilton Public Library*
- 12:30pm Working Lunch Sponsored by Toronto Public Library – Local 4948
- 1:00pm Library Levy Update
- 1:15pm Ontario Public Library Week Campaign Recap
- 1:30pm Resolutions Update (Ontario) / Brainstorm (National)
- 2:00pm Speaker: **Diana Christie**, CUPE National Servicing Representative, Associate Co-ordinator – Libraries  
  
*Bargaining Trends and Wins in the Library Sector*

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- 2:30pm Local Reports
- 3:15pm Break
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- 4:15pm Draws/Prizes
- 4:30pm Closing Remarks