

**access
opportunity
connections**

**the library's role
in toronto's
smart city
strategy**

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“**A smart city** uses technology to optimize resources and enhance quality and performance of urban services, increase economic competitiveness and engage its citizens more effectively.

A smarter city develops and implements innovative policies and technologies to ensure that these benefits are realized in a manner unique and consistent with its **core values of economic, social, cultural and environmental vitality.**”



Framework for a Smarter Toronto:

**A CALL FOR
COLLABORATIVE
ACTION**

Toronto Smart Cities Working Group

Organized 2 Smart Cities Summits

Authored report which

- outlines SCWG progress
- provides environmental scan to inventory and benchmark
- showcase local and global “smart” solutions
- recommend how to move forward to realize a *smarter Toronto* vision

Supporting the City’s Smart Cities Challenge Submission

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#smartcitiesCanada

- a pan-Canadian competition open to communities of all sizes, including municipalities, regional governments and Indigenous communities
- encourages communities to adopt a smart cities approach to improve the lives of their residents through innovation, data and connected technology.
 - **One prize of up to \$50 million** open to all communities, regardless of population;
 - **Two prizes of up to \$10 million** open to all communities with populations under 500,000 people; and
 - **One prize of up to \$5 million** open to all communities with populations under 30,000 people.

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KEY FINDINGS

THE BOARD'S SMART CITIES SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS
TORONTO'S SMART CITIES BENCHMARKING &
SMART ACCOMPLISHMENTS SURVEY FINDINGS

Bridging the digital divide

Toronto Public Library: The library provides access to current and emerging technologies, from computers to 3D printers, and offers workshops and e-learning opportunities to both young and more elderly citizens. Seminars for SMEs help them manage disruptive technologies and new business models.

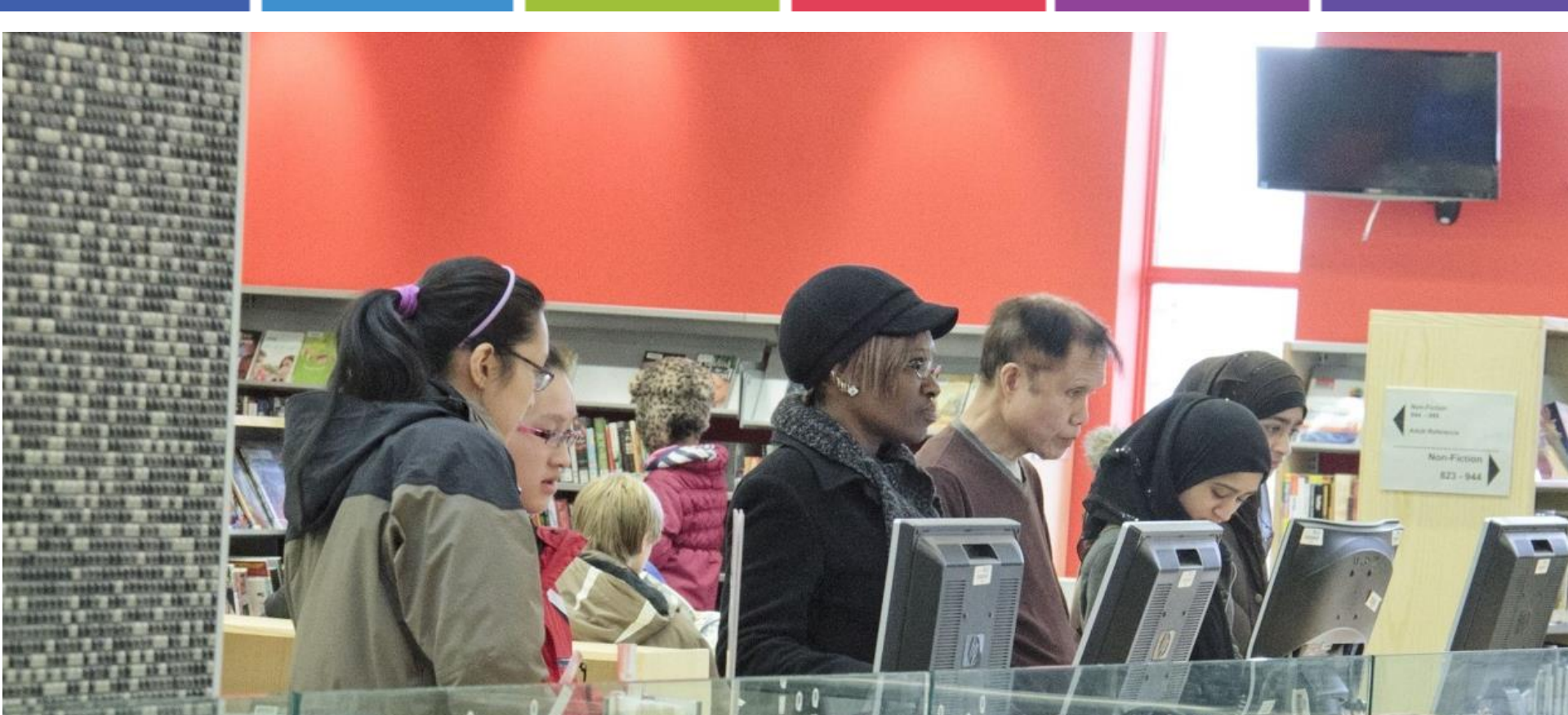
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Raise the profile of the library

Develop strategic partnerships

Lead in Digital Literacy & Inclusion

Ensure Smart City agenda is inclusive, benefits all Torontonians



No other public institution has the **mandate and reach, physical and technical infrastructure, talent and community presence** to support digital inclusion and literacy for all



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