

# Library Book Rate

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- **Library Book Rate overview**
- **Changes introduced in January 2007**
- **What data now exists?**
  - **Number of eligible libraries are registered**
  - **Number of shipments**
  - **Profile of shipments (destination, average revenue per piece, weight)**
- **Where do we go from here?**





**Library Book Rate Program allows eligible libraries to ship books to other libraries and users at special rates. Eligible libraries include:**

- public libraries, university/college libraries or libraries maintained by a non-profit organization or association for use by the public in Canada

**Special rates include the return cost for the original outgoing shipment**



# Changes Introduced in January 2007



**All libraries must register by completing the online application found on the CLA website to be eligible for Library Book Rates**

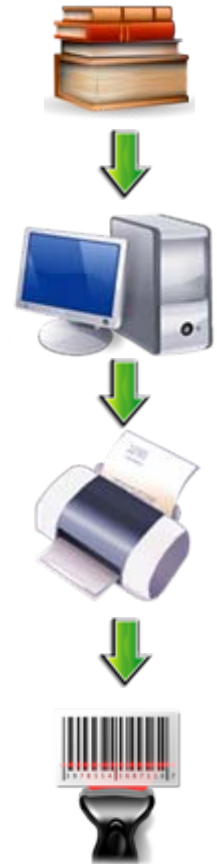
- Develop database of eligible libraries

**All libraries must convert to the Library Book Shipping Tool to access the Library Book Rates going forward**

- Mechanism to capture accurate volume and revenue data
- Initial deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup> 2006 was extended to January 15<sup>th</sup> 2007

**Current rates established in January 2005 will continue until January 2008**

- Recognize effort and costs library community undertook to convert to the Library Book Shipping Tool





## Number of Eligible Libraries Registered with the CLA:

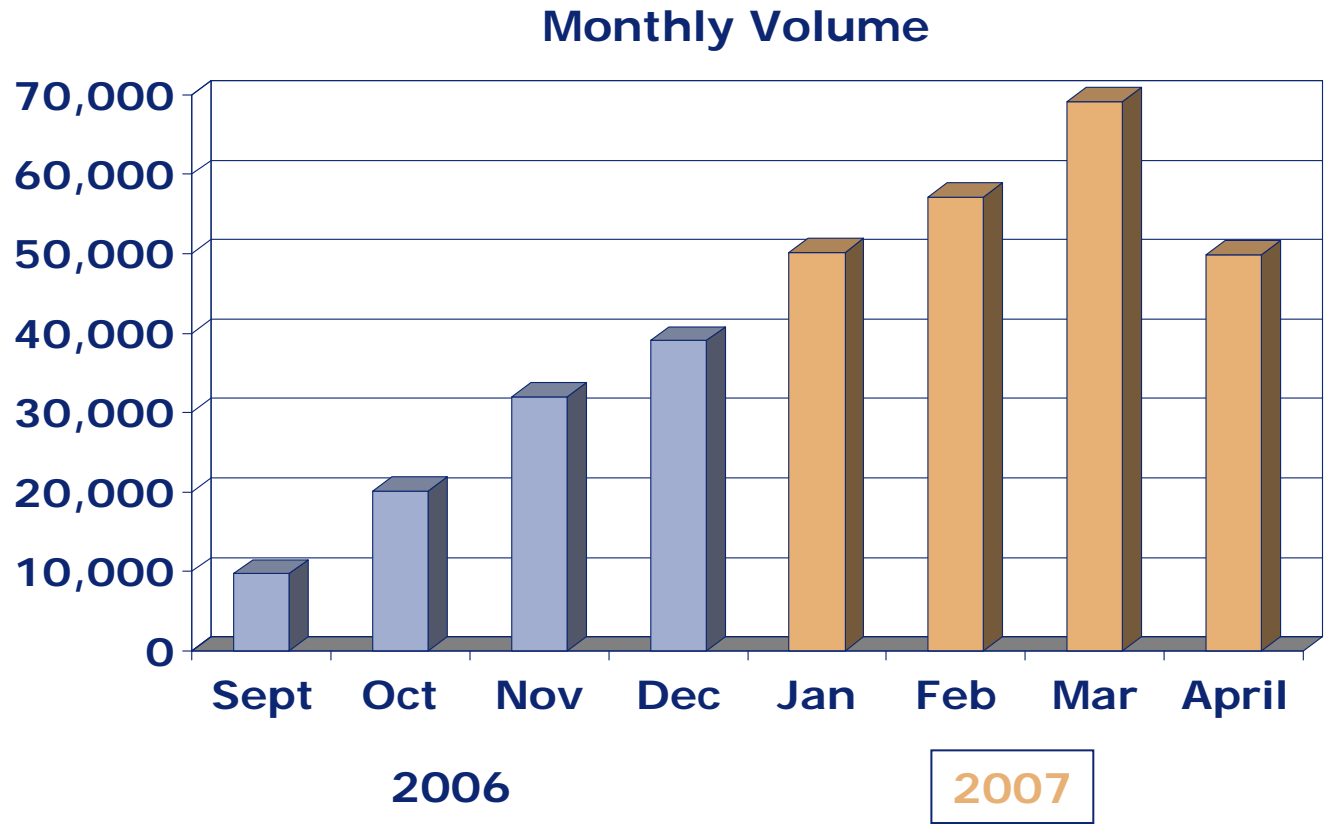
2,053 public libraries have registered to access to the Library Book Rate.

- Does not include individual library branches

All eligible libraries accessing the Library Book Rate are using an electronic shipping tool to ship their packages.



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Weekly Average 2007 Year to Date	
Jan	12,543
Feb	14,271
Mar	13,828
Apr	12,468
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,310 / wk</b>

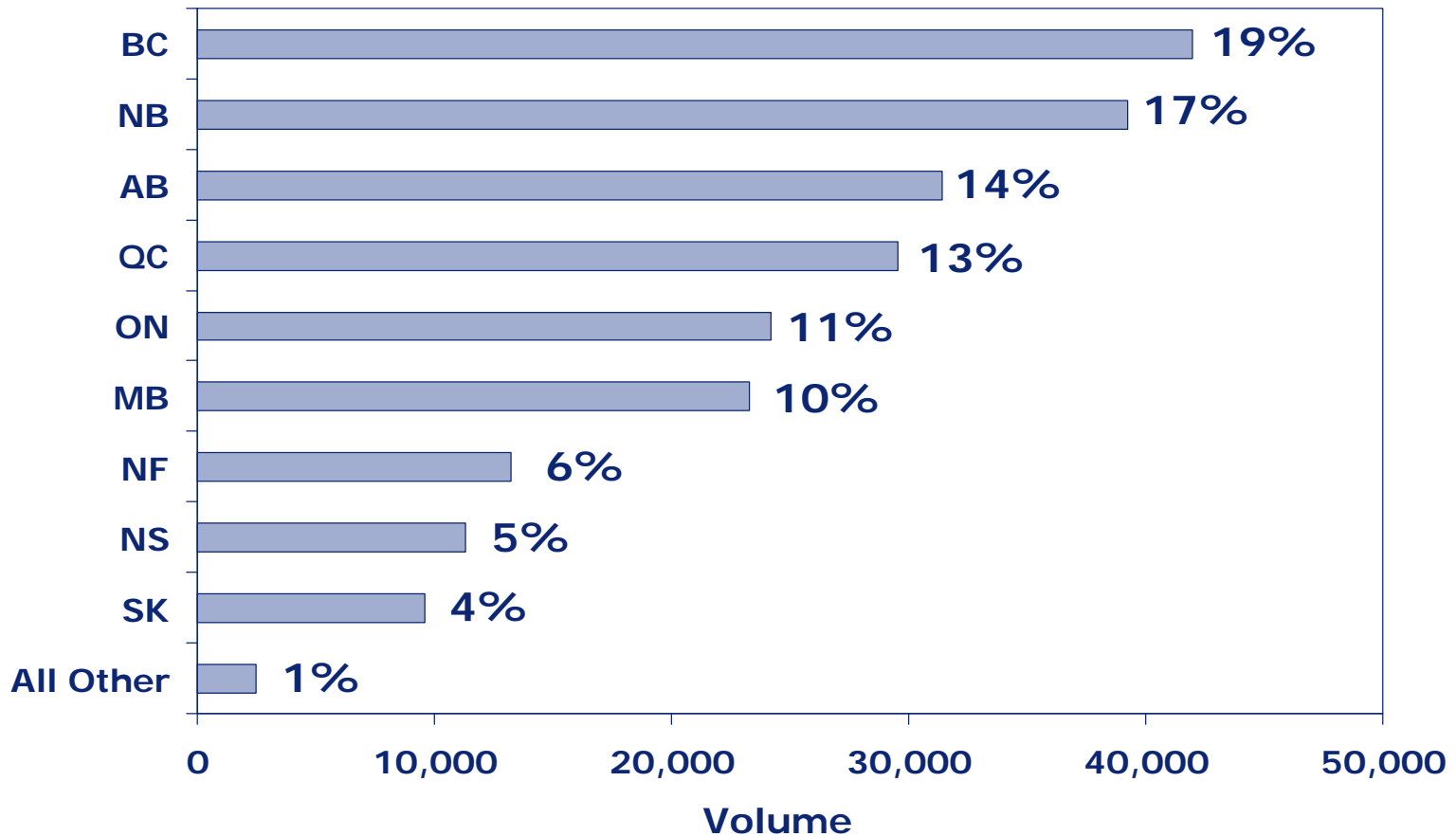


- 2007 will be first year measuring **ACTUAL** Library Book Rate volumes
  - Previous measurement attempts through surveys suggested 1.5 million shipments annually (excluding return)
- Extrapolating current weekly volumes for full year yields 665,000 shipments (excluding return)
  - Impact of seasonality is not yet understood



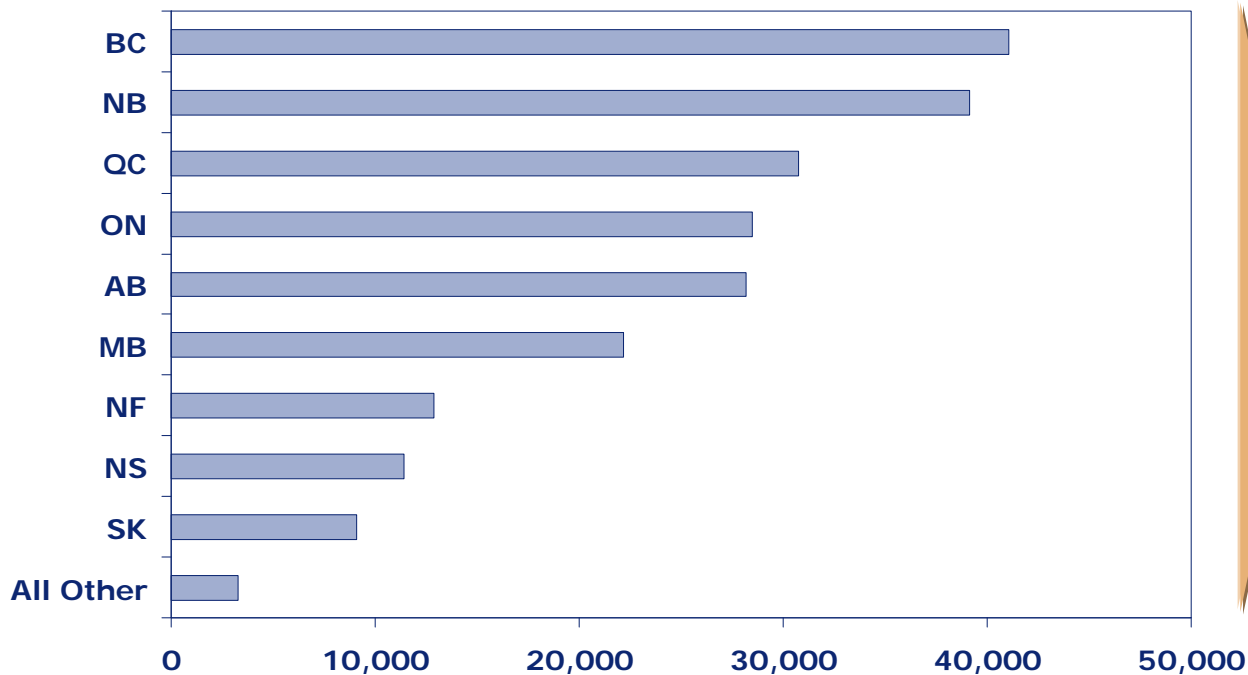


## Origin of Library Book Rate Shipments:





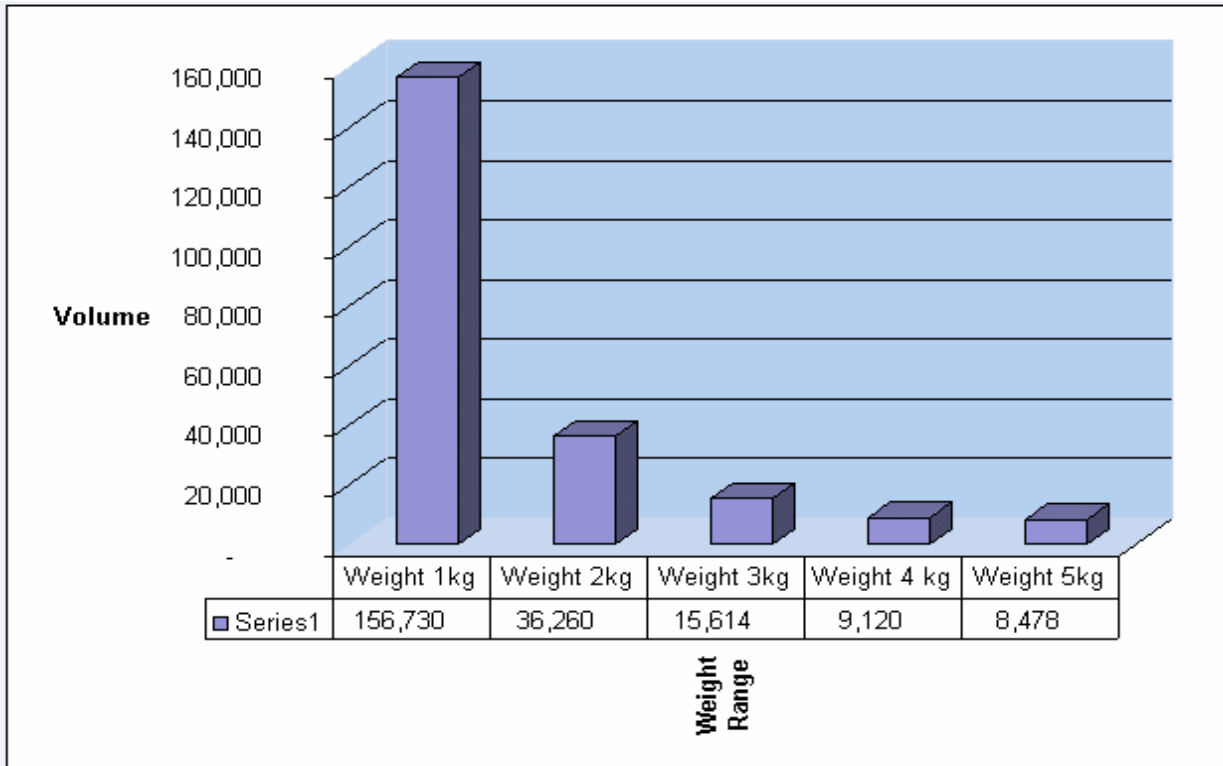
## Destination of Library Book Rate Shipments:



- Majority of Library Book Shipments remain in the originating province (region)



## Library Book Shipment Profile:



- Average Shipment Weight is 1.3kg
- Average Shipping fee paid is \$1.10

# Where do we go from here?



- **Continue to gather data for full year**
- **Share data with Library Community and Government**
- **Shouldn't expect any significant changes in January 2008**



# Questions?



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