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Via email: vbowles@torontopubliclibrary.ca

Dear Mr. Foderick:

Thank you very much for your letter on behalf of the Toronto Public Library Board requesting the Canadian Library Association's support in advocating regarding issues around e-content available to public libraries. This was an issue on CLA's strategic action plan and I am happy to report that we have struck an E-Book Task Force whose mandate is to evaluate what is being done out there already make recommendations to CLA's Executive Council with respect to what it should be doing on this issue after taking into account what is already being done. Once this has been identified CLA will undertake seek to develop or join as appropriate initiatives related to e-content.

Ms. Vickery Bowles has been appointed to CLA's E-Book Task Force and has already provided some information for consideration by the Task Force.

Thank you again for your request and for bringing this issue to the forefront for us. We will certainly reach out to TPL during this evaluation and will keep you apprised of directions we hope to take. Should opportunities to partner be identified then we will pursue those as well and we encourage you to reach out to CLA if you identify initiatives in the interim.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Valoree McKay'.

Valoree McKay, CAE
Executive Director

c.c. Marie DeYoung, CLA President
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