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Toronto Public Library
789 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON

Dear Michael Foderick, Chair Toronto Public Library Board and Anne Bailey, Acting CEO Toronto Public Library:

At the Ottawa Public Library's May and July board meetings, the OPL Board brought forth a motion to build upon the eBook advocacy efforts pioneered by the Toronto Public Library Board. At the May meeting, the Board requested that OPL send letters to the Federal, Provincial Governments and the Competition Bureau of Canada requesting that an investigation into a legislative remedy be undertaken by these bodies. The format and content of the letters were based upon the Toronto Public Library Board's letters developed to promote advocacy as they were recognized as best in class.

At the July, 2014 OPL Board meeting, the Board requested that OPL continue to further the advocacy efforts by requesting that all libraries in Ontario participate in a similar letter-writing campaign to ensure that the relevant agencies and ministries understand that this is an issue that impacts all libraries. We are emailing a letter detailing our request for participation and have included OPL's letters sent to the Competition Bureau and the Provincial and Federal ministries as an example for their review. The letter includes an attribution clause to recognize that they were adapted from the Toronto Public Library campaign.

Ottawa Public Library looks forward to working together with the Toronto Public Library in the future to advocate for further changes in eBook pricing and licensing.

We thank you for your continued support. If additional information is required or there are any follow up questions, please feel free to contact myself Jan Harder, Chair Ottawa Public Library Board at jan.harder@ottawa.ca or 613-580-2473 or the Chief Executive Officer, Danielle McDonald at danielle.mcdonald@biblioottawalibrary.ca or 613-580-2424.

Sincerely,

Jan Harder
Chair Ottawa Public Library Board

Danielle McDonald
CEO Ottawa Public Library