

February 8, 2008

Mr. T. S. Gill
Canada Centre Holdings Ltd.
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Dear Mr. Gill:

Thank you for attending the Library Board's January 21st meeting to communicate your concerns about the Library's multilingual collections. Specifically, I understand your concerns to be that Toronto Public Library has insufficient books in languages other than English and French, there is not enough done to promote these collections, and additional materials should be purchased from your company, Canada Centre Publications.

As a result of your deputation, the Library Board has requested staff report back on the use of other languages in What's On and other Library communication vehicles. We will notify you when this report becomes available to the public.

In terms of the availability of other language materials, the Library funds approximately 40 different languages each year, allocating a minimum of 12% of the budget to these collections. The collections are distributed across the branch network based on demographic data and use.

The matter of the Library's selection of books published by Canada Centre Publications has already been reviewed on a number of occasions in correspondence and in meetings with you. The Library's Materials Selection Policy applies to all languages. The policy identifies criteria for selecting materials which meet expected standards of publication. While some of the books published by Canada Centre Publications meet these criteria and have been selected, others do not, and have not been selected on that basis.

Sincerely,



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