

November 13, 2006

(c).

The Honourable Caroline Di Cocco
Minister of Culture
5th Floor, Mowat Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister:

**Re: Public Library Operating Grant Program 2006/2007
File #: 20061DBC3665**

On behalf of the Toronto Public Library Board, please accept my sincere thanks for the Ministry of Culture's 2006/2007 operating grant to the Toronto Public Library (TPL) in the amount of \$4,127,362, which includes pay equity funding.

The Ministry's financial support will assist the Library to continue to concentrate on implementing the Board approved 2004 - 2007 Strategic Plan – *Urban Stories: The Next Chapter*. The Library's Strategic Plan is the result of a comprehensive strategic planning process which brought together extensive research and consultation with residents, stakeholders and Library staff members. TPL will continue to focus on four priority areas: Books and Culture, Low Income Neighbourhoods, Newcomers and Youth.

In the months ahead, we look forward to the results of your Ministry's Public Library Sector Review. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the review beginning with the Library Leaders' Dialogues, and including the Toronto Public Library's submission in June outlining our response to the review. The development of a framework for provincial support is key to the future of Ontario's libraries.

Toronto Public Library will continue to make a positive contribution to the quality of life for the residents of Toronto in the future. The Ministry of Culture's role in this contribution is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



William Booth
Chair

c: The Honourable George Smitherman, Deputy Premier of Ontario; MPP, Toronto Centre-Rosedale

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