



Vancouver Public Library  
*Office of the Chair*

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Mari Martin  
Director, Libraries Branch  
Minister of Education  
P.O. Box 9831, Stn. Prov. Govt.  
Victoria, BC V8W 9H1

Dear Ms. Martin:

*Re: 2020 Public Library Operating Grant and One-Time Digital Initiatives Grant*

The Vancouver Public Library Board received the March 31, 2020 letter that accompanied the Public Library Provincial Grants Allocation in support of the provision of library services. I am writing to express the Library Board's appreciation for the continued support of BC public libraries by the Province.

In addition, we would like to thank the Ministry of Education for the one-time Digital Initiatives Grant of \$47,253 towards the enhancement of digital services, technology and broadband connectivity initiatives. This funding offers opportunities for VPL to support and enhance public service related to technology, increasing digital literacy and engagement.

Public libraries play a critical role in BC communities as resources that support learning and build strong communities through our diverse collections, unique programming, and partnerships with local school boards and community service providers. The Province's continuing support for the core operations of public libraries is essential to our shared mission to support the health and vitality of our communities.

Thank you again for the operating, literacy, and digital initiative grants to VPL. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Province, and wish you and your colleagues well in your ongoing efforts to support our communities.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Chan  
Chair, VPL Board

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