



Vancouver Public Library  
*Office of the Chair*

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Janet Austin, CEO  
YWCA Metro Vancouver  
535 Hornby Street  
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Dear Janet,

I am writing on behalf of the VPL Board to congratulate you on your appointment as British Columbia's next Lieutenant-Governor.

The YWCA's partnership with VPL – under your leadership – has been one of the most impactful and important relationships for VPL over the past decade. We are aware that our management team deeply appreciated the collaborative approach of you and your team, and specifically your creative problem solving, strategic insight, and pragmatic graciousness through some challenging circumstances, during the development of our joint location.

As a public board deeply committed to equity, inclusion, and diversity, we have also appreciated your advocacy on significant public issues, such as childcare, women's equity, and the unhealthy sexualisation of women in media, to name a few of issues on which you have spoken as the CEO of the YWCA Metro-Vancouver. Our communities are better because of your work on these issues.

We wish you all the best in your new role and look forward to your contributions to our Province. Please do not hesitate to let us know if the VPL can support your efforts as you start to define your priorities for your term.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'K. Epstein', with a large, stylized 'K' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kyla Epstein  
Chair, VPL Board

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