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Dear Ms. Macdonald,

Thank you for your email and letter regarding Alberta provincial public library funding. As the Minister responsible for public library services in Alberta, I assure you I value the important role public libraries play in our communities. I know programs and resources they provide help Albertans with everything from early literacy to job seeking to language learning.

I am pleased to inform you Budget 2019 will maintain funding, even in this time of fiscal restraint. This means that libraries will receive the same grant amounts this year as they did in 2018/19. Therefore, support will remain stable for interlibrary loan services, SuperNet connectivity, e-content and e-books, and accessibility to resources, including funding for services for people with print disabilities.

Thank you again for writing to share your concerns about, and to show your support for, Alberta public libraries.

Yours very truly,

Kaycee Madu
Minister

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