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Ms Kerry Macdonald
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Dear Ms Macdonald:

Thank you for your letter to Ministers Cullen and Cox regarding the provincial funding of public libraries in Manitoba. Your correspondence was forwarded to me for review and response.

As is evident from their inclusion in Minister Cox's mandate letter, public libraries play a key role in providing people of all ages and backgrounds with access to the services they need to navigate our increasingly complex world. As you are well aware, we are all facing extraordinary challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and while libraries are closed to in-person visits from the public, they are still providing Manitobans with valuable service. I am certain that the work the association does to continue to inform and support its members in providing this service is very much appreciated. Please be assured that your input will be considered through the budget process for 2021-22.

The Public Library Services Branch enjoys a positive working relationship with the Manitoba Library Association. We look forward to what we can accomplish together as the health situation stabilizes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-888-349-1384 or Trevor.Surgenor@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support.

Sincerely,

Trevor Surgenor
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