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## **NEWS FOR YOU**

## Ontario's 2020 Budget Consultations - Engage with Your MPP

In January, OLA, with the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL), submitted our <u>joint 2020 Pre-Budget Submission</u>. Now we need your help to make sure that every MPP is aware of these recommendations.

**All Members:** You can help by writing to your MPP and sending them OLA and FOPL's Pre-Budget Submission

- 1. Use this <u>Template Letter</u> to introduce the budget submission
- 2. Attach OLA and FOPL's Pre-Budget Submission
- 3. Let us know that you've sent it by filling out this short Tracking Worksheet

Public Library Leaders: We need you to request a meeting with your local MPP

- 1. Request a meeting using this Template Letter Invitation to Meet
- 2. Use these **Key Messages** to guide your meeting
- 3. Leave your MPP with a printed copy of OLA and FOPL's Pre-Budget Submission
- 4. Let us know how it went by filling out this short Post-Meeting Worksheet
- 5. Send a quick thank you to your MPP using this <u>Template Letter Thank you</u>

Want some tips? Check out pages 12-17 of the <u>OLA Advocacy Toolkit</u> for tips on how to organize a meeting with your local MPP.

Any questions? Email Sarah Roberts, Advocacy & Research Officer.

## Thank You to our Donors and Supporters!

With your generosity for the <u>I Read Canadian Fund</u>, we raised **\$10,180.00** at the **OLA Super Conference**. We are halfway to reaching our goal, raising \$14,852.00 to date.

By September 2020, the I Read Canadian Fund hopes to raise **\$30,000**. Every contribution connects a young person to a book that could change their lives. We cannot do it without you! Watch the <u>I Read Canadian video</u> to learn how your donations are making a difference.