

## Talking Points:

- Grants have been forthcoming for years and libraries have come to depend on them
- The municipalities in BC pay for local library services
- The provincial government has legislated how the libraries are created and how they will work together to create a province-wide resource for the citizens of BC
- The provincial funding pays for the cooperative programs that create the provincial resource and provides equity for very small rural and remote libraries to have equitable access to resources across BC.
- It is not the responsibility of any one municipality to pay for this province-wide work
- It is in the provincial interest to pay for the province-wide relationships and sharing that leverages significant dollars at both the local and provincial level
- Provincial grants support:
  - Interlibrary loans,
  - Union Catalog,
  - Online reference services
  - On line resources for all libraries such as magazines and encyclopedias,
  - Federations such as Interlink that deliver books between libraries across the lower mainland,
  - Literacy programming,
  - BC OneCard for all libraries in BC
- If the grants that support these programs are cut the programs will cease to exist
- These programs are the ones that give our region and every other library in BC access to the entire collection and resources of all libraries in BC