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Library Funding Letter Campaign

Attention Library Board Chairs/BCLTA Liaisons:

Your BCLTA Board reiterates its mid-December request that you take a moment to write to the provincial government in order to communicate the importance of libraries in difficult economic times. Attached are three additional articles about increased library usage and the importance of maintaining library funding – one from the Waterloo Region Record and two from the Boston Globe.

Remember, it's up to trustees to keep libraries on the government radar and ensure adequate support over the coming months of worldwide economic strain. Our patrons need us now more than ever...let's do our best to maintain and enhance British Columbia library services.

Please take a moment to write to your MLA, the Minister of Education and the Premier (with a copy to BCLTA) to confirm your board's support of recent provincial investments in libraries and literacy – e.g., funding for OneCard, technology grants, virtual reference services, the Sitka project, staff training, library federations, etc. Please see the attached letter to the Premier from BCLTA President Andy Ackerman as an example.