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CLA has released a new kit to help librarians and others present the library community's views to candidates in the federal election. It summarizes nine key library issues and provides suggestions on how librarians, trustees and others can reach out to candidates. Access the kit online through the CLA website at [www.cla.ca/news/CLA\\_Election\\_Kit\\_2008.pdf](http://www.cla.ca/news/CLA_Election_Kit_2008.pdf) or open the PDF document attached to this email.

As well, CLA has created an Election Widget, which will send an email to the Conservative, Liberal, New Democrat and Green candidates in your riding. Access the widget at [www.cla.ca/election\\_widget.html](http://www.cla.ca/election_widget.html).

The email brings five different library concerns to the candidates' attention:

- Copyright;
- Literacy;
- the Library Book Rate;
- the Community Access Program; and
- Net Neutrality.