

BCLTA AGM 2019
Resolution from the Floor

WHEREAS libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local governments and collected from property taxes,

AND WHEREAS libraries in British Columbia provide open and equal public access to vital resources; including the internet, public computers, digital library tools, and in-person service from expert library staff which equalizes the opportunities of access for all British Columbians to knowledge, information to increase literacy and to innovative programming with includes working with Indigenous peoples and organizations and local First Nation communities to advance reconciliation across the province,

AND WHEREAS British Columbia public libraries are delivering their excellent services in an environment where Provincial library funding has remained virtually stagnant for many years and the BC Public Library Partners calls for \$20 million in 2020 to begin to address the ongoing need for sustained and reliable provincial funding of BC public libraries in order to properly sustain the delivery of this important public service,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Government be requested to give urgent increases to BC Public Libraries in this year's budget and/or consider moving the libraries to a funding model where BC Public Libraries receive the financial support that is required to meet the needs of the citizens of British Columbia.

Moved by B. Leigh, Chair, Vancouver Island Regional Library Board
Seconded by, L. Llewellyn, Trustee, Vancouver Island Regional Library Board
Carried.