

No Cuts to Public Libraries

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

Whereas libraries, such as the Kitchener Public Library (KPL), perform a vital function storing and sharing information in our communities, and are integral to healthy, strong communities;

Whereas in 2018, the KPL saw 2.9 million in-person and online visits, loaned over 2.3 million items, and enrolled over 15,000 new library members;

Whereas here in Kitchener, each \$1 invested in the KPL provides over \$5 in positive economic impact for our community;

Whereas libraries provide free internet access to the approximately 23% of households who still do not have access to the Internet in Waterloo Region;

And whereas libraries provide important services for people who face socio-economic barriers to accessing information and technology, such as the two outreach workers at the KPL;

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to: reverse the budget cuts to our libraries and reinstate the necessary funding to maintain our public libraries as strong community hubs.

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