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Mr. Todd Kyle  
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Dear Mr. Kyle:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Newmarket Public Library's concerns with respect to public library access to e-books and other electronic content. I welcome the opportunity to hear your views.

Our government is committed to supporting equitable and accessible public library service in Ontario. As you know, the growing popularity of digital content presents many challenges and opportunities for both libraries and publishers. My ministry proudly supports both of these sectors to help them adapt and succeed in a rapidly changing technological environment.

We are aware of the concerns that many public libraries have regarding the pricing, terms and availability of electronic publications, and we are exploring the matter.

Thank you again for bringing your library's concerns to my attention. I also appreciate your kind words of support with regards to my appointment as Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

Sincerely,

Michael Coteau  
Minister