

**\$15 Million Investment
Major Themes**

Themes	Discussion Points from Consultation ¹	Eligibility ²
<p>New Users</p> <hr/> <p>Meetings: 5 SOLS</p> <hr/> <p>5 OLSN</p> <hr/> <p>2 teleconfer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Funds for one on one literacy tutoring. ◆ Assist libraries to implement the Community-Led Libraries Toolkit (“The Community-Led Libraries Toolkit provides philosophical and practical guidance for all stages of the library service planning process, from developing an understanding of community and needs identification through library policy development, service planning, day-to-day customer service, staff development, and evaluation. In addition to being a valuable resource for managers and librarians working with socially excluded communities, the Toolkit content should also be useful for any staff seeking to develop community-led practices, regardless of the social or socio-economic group they most directly serve.” Quoted from the introduction of the toolkit.) ◆ Funds for laptops for lending to those without their own computers (e.g., newcomers, families, youth at risk). ◆ Gaming software (of advantage for youth as well as seniors). ◆ Newcomer services - <i>Welcome, Stranger</i> uses the work of Brookings Institution researcher Audrey Singer as its framework. Singer has identified five broad strategies for successful immigrant inclusion and community adaptation, which are defined in <i>Welcome, Stranger</i>. Readers are shown how these strategies can be translated as public library outreach and programming. Each section includes a variety of real-world examples from Urban Library Council member libraries and additional cases that can be adapted based on local context. ◆ Take the library out into the community – support for collections, staff and staff time to be out in the community such as in classroom visits. ◆ Laptop lending. ◆ Gaming equipment to bring teenagers and seniors to the library. ◆ Funds to develop teen zones in libraries. ◆ Discovery Stations (all five meetings) <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Do something to assist in outreach to disaffected youth. Perhaps purchase of games software such as Wii, to help the library position itself as a community ‘place’ where youth can have access to a range of activities. ◆ Fund games and software that would encourage youth to use the library. ◆ Discovery Stations for children: these workstations are locked down and come pre-loaded with software for children. ◆ Purchase big screen TVs and Wii game consoles and games for programs in the libraries; Brain gym for seniors. ◆ Really liked the ideas for: Discovery Stations, Wii consoles and games for library programs. ◆ Game consoles, like the Wii, for the libraries. ◆ Discovery stations, especially for special needs kids. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Discovery stations to support early literacy. ◆ Public access laptops (especially for low income areas). ◆ Gaming centres (for youth but also inter-generational impact). ◆ Literacy stations. ◆ Gaming stations. 	<p>A/B</p>

¹ Lines within a section divide comments from SOLS, OLSN, and teleconference meetings in that order.

² A = Digital Divide
B = Community Collections
C = Staff Capacity

Themes	Discussion Points from Consultation ¹	Eligibility ²
<p>Collections</p> <p>Meetings: 5 SOLS</p> <hr/> <p>5 OLSN</p> <hr/> <p>2 teleconfer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Refresh the blocks in the Southern Ontario Multilingual Pool (SOMP). ◆ Support for various collections - multicultural (through SOMP), literacy, health. ◆ Help us keep pace with changing formats. ◆ Multilingual materials through SOMP. ◆ Software based multilingual services (e.g., ESL via computer). ◆ Provide core collection for First Nations libraries. ◆ Provide core collection of First Nations materials for municipal libraries. ◆ Provide core collections of materials in other languages for libraries. ◆ Support for collections should include databases, virtual and pooled resources since space in libraries for adding more physical materials is tight. ◆ Introduce Overdrive for audiobooks. ◆ Assistance to acquire English language collections for predominantly French libraries. ◆ Enhance collections – consumer health, business support, language learning, literacy, large print, etc. ◆ Need French titles on ILL through agreements with Quebec. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Provide grants for community collections and digitization. ◆ Core collections to meet school curriculum, since there has been a retreat in funding adequate library services within schools, and more responsibility has fallen to the public library. ◆ Improve collections for special needs groups- visually impaired, physically handicapped. In predominantly French communities improve collections for Anglophone residents; in English communities improve collections for Francophones. ◆ Like the centralized purchasing concept for collections development. ◆ This group wanted to start an OverDrive collection of audiobooks. Would like money to fund the start-up costs and then they would continue to contribute to fund the collection in a similar model to what we do with ebooks from NetLibrary. ◆ Regular libraries want FN materials. ◆ Materials for public libraries; graphic novels are popular with FN youth. ◆ Really liked the ideas for: OverDrive audiobooks. ◆ FN collections for public libraries: identify a “core collection”. ◆ Collections for specific groups: seniors (large print); CPR training; pools for fiction collections in softcover, romances, westerns. ◆ Collections are nice but other items listed under priorities (training, accessibility) are more important. ◆ Would like to improve health collection in libraries. ◆ Want to be able to purchase more non-fiction for their collection. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support for collections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Literacy and reading readiness including early literacy centres, information literacy materials and programs, intercultural awareness literacy ▪ Newcomer support including heritage language collections, ESL and FSL materials, translation of library outreach materials into appropriate languages and formats and job finding and employment support materials ▪ Aboriginal collections ▪ High demand areas (e.g., consumer health, business support, language learning, environmental studies). ◆ Introduce Overdrive and expand ebooks. ◆ Collections. 	<p>A/B</p>

Themes	Discussion Points from Consultation ¹	Eligibility ²
<p>E-Resources</p> <p>Meetings: 4 SOLS</p> <hr/> <p>5 OLSN</p> <hr/> <p>2 teleconfer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bring everyone to the same level of expertise with e-resources. ◆ Provide funds to help market online provincial resources through KO. ◆ Provide training on KO databases with time to explore and really learn what the content is. ◆ Provide in-library trainers who can train the end user. ◆ Buy a provincial license for Ancestry.ca and Novelist. ◆ Need French e-resources (e.g., Universalis). ◆ User's guides for KO projects (Teach Ontario?) <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Could we fund additional databases? Specific examples were French databases, and genealogical ones. ◆ We need more KO training, and we need it on site. ◆ Need staffing to implement and promote technology, KO, etc., not more money for computers. ◆ Fund French databases for KO, and genealogy software. ◆ There was a lot of discussion around skills upgrading for library staff in order to better deal with more detailed search requests from patrons. ◆ Promote library's role re: KO, and bring on-site training and implementation help, or at least provide training at a regional level. ◆ Strengthen online resources – improve what is available from KO. ◆ Provide more online tutorials from KO vendors. ◆ Want OLS consultants to spend more time with staff showing them how to use online resources – emphasis on the hands on. ◆ Training more important for current KO products than new products. ◆ Libraries would like “ancestry” program for genealogy. ◆ Want more advanced training on how to use the KO databases (what about a training lab?). ◆ Need to promote KO resources more and need more training on them too. ◆ Would like to access genealogy databases (there are 3 genealogy societies in Elliott Lake). <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Provide a grant for libraries to hire contract staff whose job is to educate users in digital resources. ◆ Provide support for marketing the KO databases to users. ◆ Need to improve usage of e-resources (rather than adding new products) – marketing to the end users and improvement of staff knowledge of content. 	<p>A/B/C</p>
<p>Training</p> <p>Meetings: 4 SOLS</p> <hr/> <p>5 OLSN</p> <hr/> <p>2 teleconfer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Offer scholarships for EXCEL, APLL, library techniques, MLIS, etc. The library should nominate the individuals who they think should be supported. ◆ Fund registration for APLL. ◆ Use Web conferencing to make training more accessible to all libraries. ◆ Support interactive online training. Provide a base tool throughout Ontario (e.g., Anytime Online English) that can be used to make OLS and Education Institute training more accessible. ◆ Facilitate staff exchanges (ensuring that exchanges are between similar jobs). ◆ Offer training for the International Computer Driver License. Fanshawe College will come onsite for training and testing competence with computers. ◆ Help rural recruitment by assist libraries in a region to participate in coop. programs with library schools – student would rotate among participating libraries. ◆ Offer bursary funds for APLL, EXCEL, DPA, MPA, etc. This could be a use for an endowment fund. ◆ Provide funding to develop business cases through UWO for use in library 	<p>A/C</p>

Themes	Discussion Points from Consultation ¹	Eligibility ²
	<p>training (e.g., APLL) or with city managers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hold a free or very inexpensive conference on the library of the future along the lines of Libraries 2000 (held by Ministry of Citizenship and Culture in 1985). This could be very valuable for helping libraries of all sizes plan for the future, for helping answer the perennial question of why do we need a library if I have google, and for helping us set the agenda for the future. ◆ Bursary for attendance at OLA, APLL. ◆ Interactive software for online training to offer virtual training services (between library branches and to the public). ◆ Bursaries for library training – each library can access for the type of training its staff needs. ◆ Provide web conferencing for training for staff in remote branches of multi-branch systems. ◆ Support for training for library staff and trustees. ◆ Development grant for new leaders (help to attend APLL). ◆ Grants for staff to attend training opportunities offered in Quebec in French. ◆ Grants for other staff training such as OLA conferences and Library Techniques and trustee training such as OLBA's Leadership by Design. ◆ Endowment fund to extend availability of funding to support training opportunities in future. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Work towards accreditation standards, possibly by expanding EXCEL, other training opportunities, and please work with colleges towards having EXCEL courses and courses from other programs such as APLL count towards diplomas and degrees. ◆ Expand training - more opportunities for online distance ed, but also more intensive residential programs. ◆ Presentation skills training. ◆ Develop a conference for trustees. ◆ Support for OLA hometown concept (but only by some). ◆ Bursaries for staff attending any specialized library training. ◆ Prior learning assessment is a good idea; work to make sure credits from any OLS training program is accepted towards diploma or degree programs. ◆ With regard to a symposium, would really like to see a joint north south public libraries conference, perhaps in conjunction with OPLA. ◆ Like the intensive EXCEL program for FN, but expand the idea to cover all small libraries. ◆ Trustees need more training on their responsibilities as library board members. ◆ Librarians like the Education Institute from OLA but want the sessions to also be available as podcasts (according to the OLA website, these will be available soon). ◆ Getting to training held outside of the community is difficult. ◆ Training relevant for staff not just CEOs. ◆ For trustees...they need help too. ◆ Want training on management expertise based on 8Rs report. ◆ Like the idea of more distance learning opportunities being offered. ◆ Bursaries are a great idea to pay for the training they need. ◆ Need more technology training. ◆ Libraries need basic customer service training; it's very important. ◆ Librarians do not talk "business"; we need to improve these skills. ◆ Need to be comfortable with requests from patrons who want to create a business plan; enables the library to make grassroots connection with the 	

Themes	Discussion Points from Consultation ¹	Eligibility ²
	<p>community (TBPL).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Need presentation skills. ◆ Distance issues inhibit attending training opportunities: need more webinars and meetings in smaller communities. ◆ Use a variety of methods for training and communicating (e.g., video/audio/web conferencing). ◆ Need succession planning training. ◆ Help fund participation in Mohawk College distance education techniques program. ◆ Provide bursaries for students who might be interested in taking an MLIS, similar to northern medical school). ◆ Boards definitely need more training. ◆ Would love bursaries to attend a variety of training programs. ◆ Want to see training for board members and councilors. ◆ Not sure how important training for band councils would be since they have little time to deal with library matters. ◆ Really like the idea of bursaries to attend training events or programs. ◆ Offer a scholarship to FN student to attend complete Library Techniques or even MLIS and then return to community to operate a library. ◆ Librarians at the meeting feel they are behind all the “new” technologies. Need training in these new technologies; preference would be for someone to come in-house and conduct the training; Lorraine mentioned the idea of a “galloping” consultant traveling the countryside to provide this support; libraries are/want to be the “tech leaders” in their municipalities. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We need a provincial approach to leadership training. ◆ Fund people to attend APLL. ◆ Support for trustee training (e.g., OLBA’s Leadership by Design program) ◆ Use more web conferencing for training. ◆ Support for staff training. 	
<p>Municipal</p> <hr/> <p>Meetings: 4 SOLS</p> <hr/> <p>5 OLSN</p> <hr/> <p>1 teleconfer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Provide a module on libraries as part of municipal councilor orientation. ◆ Support MCP through libraries. ◆ Support libraries implementing <i>The Library’s Contribution to Your Community</i> (LCTYC). ◆ Assist with the asset mapping aspect of MCP – provide a GIS service. ◆ Provide orientation for municipal councilors on public libraries. ◆ Provide seed funds for libraries to lead MCP. ◆ Provide orientation for municipal councilors on public libraries. ◆ Training for municipal councilors and municipal CAOs on public libraries. ◆ Include information on libraries in Municipal Councilors Handbook (provided at existing orientation sessions for municipal councilors but currently not mentioning libraries). ◆ Research to demonstrate the role libraries play in economic development. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Agree that municipal politicians should receive more orientation and education on libraries, but skeptical on how successful this initiative could be. ◆ Municipal councillors need training; they do not understand how libraries work. ◆ Take advantage of those councillors who attend AMO to provide training on public libraries; councillors go to AMO as a “perk”. ◆ Fred Dean was mentioned as one of the people that could help us with the task of training councillors; “Councillors listen to Fred”. ◆ How can we demonstrate the library’s role in economic renewal; how a library 	<p>Ineligible</p>

Themes	Discussion Points from Consultation ¹	Eligibility ²
	<p>helps local residents start a small business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ TBPL wants hard data they can use in their community; outcome measurements; can LCTYC be used province wide? ◆ Need to educate councilors. ◆ Want to be able to demonstrate the value of the library to the community (Bruce Mines added up all the grants that came to the library). <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fund some local LCTYC studies. 	
<p>AODA</p> <p>Meetings: 5 SOLS</p> <hr/> <p>3 OLSN</p> <hr/> <p>2 teleconfer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Provide assistance to libraries to meet AODA obligations (e.g., TTY line, accessible computers). ◆ Provide templates for libraries to assist with AODA and PSAB. ◆ AODA – need collections, software, hardware for the visually impaired (e.g., Kurtzweil, zoom text). ◆ Support for obligations under AODA (excluding the legislated obligations that the municipality will have to cover anyway such as signage or facilities improvements). Focus on obligations unique to the library (e.g., staff training, customer services, collections). ◆ Support for AODA – adaptive technologies such as scanners, collections, staff training, voice recognition software such as Dragon Dictate. ◆ Support of AODA – TTY lines, staff training, computer workstations with screen reading software, alternate formats, recorded pamphlets, special keyboards, print enhancements, adjustable height furniture, marketing materials in appropriate formats to announce these new library services. Expertise and advice on what to get in all of these areas and group purchasing to lower pricing. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Accessibility a huge issue because of AODA; need money for equipment. ◆ Would equipment including special keyboards and software be funded for accessibility purposes (AODA)? ◆ Accessibility fund will be required for necessary equipment; help with AODA compliance for 2010. ◆ Must address accessibility matters (need for power doors) <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ AODA – support for meeting accessibility requirements for collections, computers, software, keyboards, assistive technology, facility upgrades. Would like OLS to do the research and recommend what is needed and then offer consortium purchasing approach. ◆ Funding to meet AODA requirements (e.g., capital upgrades, Braille pamphlets, web-based training for staff). 	A/B/C
<p>Automation</p> <p>Meetings: 5 SOLS</p> <hr/> <p>2 OLSN</p> <hr/> <p>2 teleconfer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Use the funds for projects that enable the library to be more inclusive of all users in the community by going to where the users are, reaching them in their channels (e.g., Web 2.0). ◆ Support for new e-resources such as Bibliocommons (\$15,000 per year for a medium sized library). ◆ Assist libraries to automate via a provincial consortium. Could be proprietary (e.g., JASI or Open Source). ◆ Open Source for all libraries would free libraries from maintenance fees to vendors and these funds could be used for maintaining technical functions for all participating libraries (making it also sustainable). ◆ Open Source might also address ILL changes. ◆ Assist libraries to move to Open Source. Since we need programming capacity to do so, would rather be in a consortium where the programming is done centrally. Could include other types of libraries (e.g., Niagara College). 	A/C

Themes	Discussion Points from Consultation ¹	Eligibility ²
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Improved web sites that can handle images and attract tourists. ◆ Assist with web site development to ensure good marketing and service access. ◆ Funds for automation upgrades and training. ◆ Need IT support - troubleshooting skills. Support shared staff over a geographical area. ◆ Acquire software that will display book covers. BTLF (Banque de Titres de Langue Française) lists titles available in French in Canada, provides acquisitions and cataloguing services including bookcover images. ◆ Support to introduce kiosks in remote communities – access to the library catalogue, place reserves, etc.). <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fund the Blue Sky partnership; Paul Walker from North Bay PL will be developing a specific request to create a library and community consortium covering a range of services including shared catalogue; want to be able to expand to smaller libraries along the Highway 11 corridor. ◆ Tech support for libraries, either phone-in or drop-in; provide funds for libraries to retain their own IT support staff (perhaps share among a number of libraries). ◆ Need help with web design: beyond what OLS-N offers and includes more web 2.0 features. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ CELPLO in buying a federated search product to integrate searching for all types of resources. Research how effective this approach is and maybe roll it out to all other libraries. ◆ Support Open Source implementation for interested libraries. ◆ Assist libraries to renew their integrated library systems. ◆ Improve library web sites to make them more attractive and interest users. We are way behind Google and Amazon, for example, in our interface and functionality. 	
<p>Marketing Campaign</p> <hr/> <p>Meetings: 3 SOLS</p> <hr/> <p>4 OLSN</p> <hr/> <p>2 teleconfer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ In tandem with a big ticket project, do a big marketing campaign for the public. ◆ Do a province-wide advertising campaign on TV, radio, YouTube (or other currently popular media). ◆ Province-wide media campaign. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Marketing campaign to promote the value of public libraries- multi-faceted with PSAs, advertisements, web advertising (pop-ups). ◆ Overall, we have as much technology as we can cope with. What we really need are the human resources to teach us how to use it all, how to train and excite our users (including youth and students) and to promote its availability. ◆ Like the idea of a marketing campaign. ◆ Position libraries as a tourist attraction with wireless access!!! ◆ Marketing the “public library” brand; libraries are competing for the hearts and minds of our youth. ◆ Need a provincial PSA campaign. ◆ Need a provincial marketing campaign to promote Ontario public libraries. ◆ Libraries need to speak with one voice with a provincial marketing campaign. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Use some funds for a province-wide marketing approach. They have done a good job of this recently in Alberta which might serve as a model for Ontario. ◆ Do a province-wide general awareness campaign about libraries and what we offer. Hire a professional marketing firm and develop targeted messages for 	<p>Ineligible</p>

Themes	Discussion Points from Consultation ¹	Eligibility ²
	<p>different market segments. Could be done in partnership with other organizations (e.g., FOPL).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Marketing – no one solution will fit all libraries. Must have an impact on a local level. We must make the point locally that the campaign is supported by provincial funds and give them credit. ◆ Provincial marketing campaign. ◆ Raise awareness of the library through a combination of a provincial campaign and related local campaigns. For example, a provincial TV and radio campaign that provides a slot for local library information. ◆ Provincial marketing is a problem because our ability to deliver on services from library to library is so different. We need funds for local campaigns. ◆ The provincial licenses that we all have through KO would benefit from a provincial campaign because we all have these resources. 	
<p>Digitization</p> <hr/> <p>Meetings: 3 SOLS</p> <hr/> <p>(1)³ + 4 OLSN</p> <hr/> <p>1 teleconfer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Provide a framework for accessing digital materials from a single access point. ◆ Digitization – provide staff, expertise, standards, hardware, software, etc. Don't train us, just do the work for us. Could partner with the Ontario Genealogical Society or the Museum Association. ◆ Digitization of local history. ◆ Digitization – mobile station with expert staff to do the work and submit for inclusion in Our Ontario. ◆ Digitization – need staff, expertise and standards. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Provide grants for community collections and digitization. ◆ Not all that interested in digitization of collections; there are more pressing needs and other sources of grant money for this. ◆ Purchase equipment to digitize local collections, files, etc. Want staff to come in and help with these types of projects. Want to make sure these projects adhere to accepted standards. ◆ Want to digitize local resources but need to be more familiar with the standards (need to consult with Our Ontario). ◆ Very interested in digitization of local collections but need staff and equipment and must be more familiar with standards. ◆ Create a FN repository program. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Digitization – include funds for staff time. Some libraries have the equipment and expertise but need funds to backfill the staff doing the digitization work. 	A/B
<p>Standards</p> <hr/> <p>Meetings: 4 SOLS</p> <hr/> <p>3 OLSN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The first goal should be for all libraries to meet standards (e.g., all libraries must be automated). ◆ Focus on achieving standards and equitable access first. ◆ Need an incentive to encourage libraries to be accredited. Per household grant should be tied to meeting standards. Use endowment fund to supplement per household grant for libraries that are accredited. Make some of the \$15M available only to libraries that are accredited under the <i>Ontario Public Library Guidelines</i>. ◆ Develop guidelines for the number of staff needed to support x number of workstations. ◆ Implement mandatory standards or guidelines for libraries with provincial funding predicated on meeting the standards. If the standards were very basic to start perhaps we could then work towards higher standards while at the same time helping underfunded libraries with their deficiencies. 	Ineligible

³ () means the comment was opposed to the idea.

Themes	Discussion Points from Consultation ¹	Eligibility ²
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Develop minimum standards for technology and help libraries achieve it. ◆ Like the accreditation initiatives, but there has to be some reward at the end. ◆ Libraries should have some standards re. equipment (number and type of equipment appropriate for their size of library). ◆ Want accreditation; like the OPLG but must make time to do it and not always easy; they want more templates and samples. 	
Signage Meetings: 3 SOLS 1 OLSN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Signage – provide a rolling digital screen announcing programs in the library. ◆ Translate library signage into other languages. ◆ Library signage. ◆ Road signage to direct users to the library. Should use a standard provincial sign. ◆ Outside signage with library name and symbols (such as @ for Internet access). ◆ Funds for marketing the library locally (such as renting a billboard). <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Signage for libraries. 	Ineligible
Small Capital Meetings: 2 SOLS 2 OLSN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Provide funds for furniture, equipment, automation and multiple media. ◆ Furniture <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Could we include library furniture and shelving? ◆ Libraries would like to purchase furniture e.g. ergonomic circulation desk, tables and chairs for library programs, new security gates, desensitizing units (theft prevention), movable shelving. ◆ Capital for furniture, carpeting, security systems, etc. 	Ineligible
One Library Card Meetings: 2 (1) SOLS (2) OLSN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fund a feasibility study for the implementation of one library card for the province to include advantages and what it would cost to implement. ◆ One Library Card could be used first to provide virtual library services. ◆ Explore One Library Card to solve the problem of limited hours (by providing access to libraries with longer hours). It would reduce ILL volume since patrons would pick up their own materials. Conduct a feasibility study identifying cost centres and future savings, advantages, allay fears that there will be “hordes of people” using it. ◆ One Library Card – not a good idea since it interferes with the development of smaller libraries since users will just use the larger library. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ What about the old provincial library card idea? Little support from the group. ◆ Provincial card idea came up but when asked no one could actually come up with a reason to have a card and then everyone raised the issue of how libraries would get these books back to the appropriate library. 	B Little support for concept.
Research Topics Meetings: 3 SOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fund a feasibility study for the implementation of one library card for the province to include advantages and what it would cost to implement. ◆ Complete research on literacy to demonstrate the connection between libraries and improved literacy. ◆ Complete research on what it will take to be a sustainable community in the context of rising gas prices, climate change and environmental issues. ◆ Set aside a portion of the \$15M for research on needs. ◆ Research projects suggested in FOPL’s submission. ◆ Research to demonstrate the role libraries play in economic development. ◆ Some funds should be allocated to provincial initiatives such as documenting the library’s contribution to the economy, improving provincial statistics, futures research, social networking, etc. 	Ineligible