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## Press Release

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### **Federation Receives Provincial Grant to Promote Literacy and Lifelong Learning**

Toronto, ON, April 7, 2006:

The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries is pleased to announce a grant of \$200,000 received from the Ministry of Culture to support the Federation's work in strengthening literacy and promoting lifelong learning.

The Federation applauds the Ministry's recognition of the contributions that Ontario's public libraries make to enhance education and skill levels of Ontario citizens, and appreciates Minister Madeleine Meilleur's support of the Federation and its initiatives on behalf of public libraries in Ontario. Jane Horrocks, Chair of the Board of the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, stated in Richmond Hill today that "for a fledgling organization on a very tight budget, yet devoted to ensuring access to information that supports education and raises skill levels, this grant is a vote of confidence in the Federation's activities to date, and an enabler for the future. Our thanks to the former Minister of Culture, The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, and the Ministry of Culture staff. We wish Minister Meilleur all the best in her new portfolio and welcome The Honourable Caroline Di Cocco to the Ministry of Culture."

The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries was established in 2005 to provide a single voice for Ontario's public libraries to strengthen public library service at the local level through province-wide advocacy, research, marketing and consortia purchasing initiatives. The Federation is owned and directed by its membership of over 160 libraries that serve a population of more than 8,000,000 in large, small, urban and rural communities throughout Ontario.

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