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Honourable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario – Honorary Patron of the Telling Our Stories Contest

Toronto, ON: October 10, 2006: The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries is very pleased to announce that The Honourable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, has agreed to be an Honorary Patron of the Telling Our Stories Contest. A long-time champion of literacy initiatives, the Lieutenant Governor will be lending his support to Telling Our Stories in a variety of ways, including participating in the Opening Launch of the contest on October 16, adding visits to several public libraries across Ontario as part of his itinerary during the contest period, and attending at the Winners Reception in January 2007 to present prizes to the contest winners.

The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries' first province-wide marketing initiative is receiving widespread attention and support. With TVO's partnership and now the Lieutenant Governor's involvement, Telling Our Stories will undoubtedly draw a great deal of interest and participation throughout the province. The intention is to gather real stories of the impact that libraries have had on the lives of Ontarians and then to use those stories for local advocacy purposes.

Please watch for more updates as contest materials will arrive in all libraries during the week of October 2 and the contest starts on October 16, 2006.

For more information on the Lieutenant Governor's participation, please contact Suzanne Culp, Chair of the Telling Our Stories Task Force
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The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries was established in 2005 to provide a single voice for Ontario's public libraries with 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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