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Dear Ms. Earle,

Thank-you for your letter of June 29, 2015 expressing concerns regarding the e-book market in Canada and its implications for library services in Nunavut.

I recently became aware that public libraries across Canada have raised concerns regarding financial and operational challenges associated with electronic publications ("e-publications"), including e-books, e-magazines and e-resources as a part of my involvement in the Federal-Provincial-Territorial meetings on Culture and Heritage.

I am pleased to state that the Provinces and Territories have agreed to a roundtable process that will discuss opportunities to address the financial and operational challenges public libraries face with regard to e-publications, including high prices and restrictive access terms, while balancing the interests of publishers and the public good. We are hopeful this process will identify areas for future research and or action across jurisdictions to address these challenges.

I have directed my staff in Culture and Heritage that as the roundtable process moves forward, to maintain contact with, and the sharing of best practices with, the Nunavut Library Association.

Sincerely,

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