

January 16, 2009

Budget Committee
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Members of Budget Committee:

In considering a number of reduction options for the 2009 operating budget, the Library Board, at its meeting on November 24, 2008, approved the following:

1. a request to the City to fund \$500,000 for Toronto Public Library sick leave payouts in 2009 from a reserve account; and
2. budget reductions totalling \$833,900 or 0.5%, for a revised operating budget submission of 6.6%, down from the original 7.1% increase as follows:

	<u>Base Budget</u> (\$000s)	<u>Enhancement</u> (\$000s)	<u>Total</u> (\$000s)
Original Budget submission	<u>164,002</u> 5.3%	<u>2,800</u> 1.8%	<u>166,802</u> 7.1%
Board approved reductions (Nov 24, 2008)			
Revenue Adjustment - one-time grants	(57)		(57)
Savings from photocopier contract and reductions to economic adjustment	(386)		(386)
Savings from revision to delivery service	(200)		(200)
Savings from later reopening of branches due to construction delays	(191)		(191)
	<u>(834)</u> -0.5%	<u>-</u> 0.0%	<u>(834)</u> -0.5%
Revised Budget Request	<u>163,168</u> 4.8%	<u>2,800</u> 1.8%	<u>165,968</u> 6.6%

The Board report and decision from the November 24, 2008 meeting can be found at:
http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/abo_boa_08nov24.jsp

Sincerely,

Jane Pyper
City Librarian