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SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION

The Saskatchewan Library Association sent a letter to party leaders in Saskatchewan asking them for a statement of their position on libraries.

We received the following response from the Saskatchewan Party:

“I would like to respond on behalf of the Saskatchewan Party in regards to the letter we have received dated October 8, 2020. This letter asked the Saskatchewan Party to provide a position statement on libraries.

Libraries in Saskatchewan play an important role in education, Saskatchewan culture and our economy. Through the dedicated work of the Legislative Secretary, Terry Dennis, the 11 public library directors and the ministry of education are working to develop a library sector plan which will help guide the work of the sector for years to come.

In 2019-2020, the Saskatchewan Party government invested \$11.2 million in library funding. This is a 55 per cent increase since forming government in 2007.

The Saskatchewan Party government invested \$2.8 million in library grants in 2019-2020, including:

- \$2.38 million for CommunityNet
- \$114,000 for Saskatchewan Information Library Services (SILS)
- \$138,000 for Multi-type Initiatives
- \$100,000 for Out of Province Interlibrary Loans
- \$100,000 for Digital resources for print disabled

We have also invested \$8.38 million in 2019-2020 for resource sharing grants:

- \$1.37 million for Municipal Libraries (Regina, Saskatoon, PA)
- \$6.018 million for Regional Libraries
- \$989,000 for Pahkisimon Nuyeah (Northern)

Municipal, regional libraries and the Pahkisimon Nuyeah Library System in the north will receive a one per cent increase in funding in 2020-2021.

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will continue to work with the library sector to determine priorities moving forward.”