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[KINCARDINE] — Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson is happy to announce that after extensive consultation work, library users will continue to enjoy the same level of service as they have come to expect at their local libraries including the reinstatement of the inter-library loan program.

The Ministry Tourism, Culture, and Sport, the Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service - North have identified opportunities to modernize and find efficiencies from within their operations without affecting frontline library services. Additional funding has not been provided to either organization – their budgets remain the same as originally provided in the 2019 budget.

“I know how important this service is to rural residents and to my constituents,” Thompson said. She added that she made sure responses, regarding the value of local library services, she had received at her local constituency offices were shared appropriately.

Thompson said the government asked both library service boards to focus on services and programs that impact library users the most, while finding efficiencies. The clear message from library users was that the inter-library loan program was a priority. In SOLS, much of their budget reduction is absorbed by the change from the costly van delivery service to the cost-efficient postage service, which now allows priority services and programs to be maintained. This was accomplished within SOLS' current budget.

"This is good news," Thompson added. "Local access to a wide variety of literature will continue to be available across the riding," she concluded.

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