



Sample Questions to Raise at All Candidates Meetings

1. The economy of the 21st century is a knowledge economy. Literacy is at the foundation for building this economy. What would you do to ensure that our young citizens have the best possible opportunity to develop literacy skills? What would you do to support the public library in its important role in developing a literate community?
2. Despite some hopeful signs that our region is emerging from the recession, many families and small businesses are struggling. The public library provides free computer access, resources on how to search for a job and start your own business, and affordable recreation activities. What are you doing to support our public library at this crucial time?
3. What would you do to ensure that the province fulfills its responsibilities in supporting our community services? For example, its grants to public libraries have been static for over a decade and cuts to provincial funding in the 1990's have never come back. Our community needs to be part of a strong network of libraries to support inter library loan activities and cooperative purchasing. How would you make sure the province contributes its share?
4. Our youth are our future. It is important that our community provides them with opportunities for participation and personal and intellectual growth, for example, through public library programs geared to their needs. What would you do to support these programs?
5. Because of its demographically diverse clientele, customer service trained staff, and long operating hours, the public library is a natural partner for municipal governments needing unconstrained, non-intimidating access to the public to deliver their programs. Those programs might involve school boards, public health departments, employment and social service agencies, chambers of commerce and 211 service providers. What kinds of partnerships with the public library would you like your municipality to pursue?