

# Service Interruptions due to Budget Cuts

The provincial government recently cut funding to the Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) and Ontario Library Service-North (OLSN) by 50% for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. As a result of the cuts, SOLS has suspended its inter-library loan (ILLO) service until May 31st and permanently cancelled its courier service.

Renfrew Public Library relies on the SOLS courier service to transport materials between libraries and for the delivery of many of our new materials. The province's funding cut results in the following service interruptions for Library members:

- **Interlibrary Loan** – Until further notice, no materials may be requested via interlibrary loan
- **Borrowed interlibrary loan items** should be returned as soon as possible.

Service interruptions will be in place until further notice. For more information about SOLS service cuts, please see SOLS website announcement titled “Interlibrary loan and Courier” posted on April 18<sup>th</sup> (<https://www.sols.org/index.php/interlibrary-loan-and-delivery-service-changes>).

## Support Your Local Library

You **CAN** make a difference. Support your local library by:

1. Contacting the Minister of Tourism Culture and Sport, Hon. Michael Tibollo (416-314-1400 | [minister.mtcs@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mtcs@ontario.ca)) and our local MPP, John Yakabuski (613-735-6627) | [john.yakabusko@pc.ola.org](mailto:john.yakabusko@pc.ola.org)), to share how this impacts you.
2. Come in to the library and sign the “Stop the cuts to the Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service – North” petition.
3. Sharing the value of your local library on social media by using **#saveourlibraries** and telling friends, family (and anyone who will listen) about services the library offers.