

## Toronto City Hall Forum on the Future of Our Public Library

# TIME TO REINVEST • TO KEEP IT THE BEST

#Re-invest

**Sunday, November 24, 2013 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

Toronto has the busiest and, by most measures, the best library system in North America. But this precious public asset, founded in 1883, is falling behind. How could it not, after 20 years of political neglect and budget cuts?

More service reductions are being planned for 2014 and beyond. Toronto Council is closely divided on this issue. Major decisions will be made soon. Your voice will make a difference!

**The first-ever City Hall Forum on the Future of Toronto's Public Library will be held in the Council Chamber on Sunday, November 24<sup>TH</sup>. All ages are welcome. So are all viewpoints.**

A panel of public service experts and authors will lead the discussion. But audience participation is the main point of this unique event. For those who care about Our Public Library, – i.e., most Torontonians – it will be a stimulating and seminal event, an expression of modern democracy in these largely leaderless times.

**The Toronto Council Budget Committee begins meeting eight days later, on Monday and Tuesday, December 2-3. The Committee will recommend a 2014 City Budget to Council. In January, City Council will vote on the budget.**

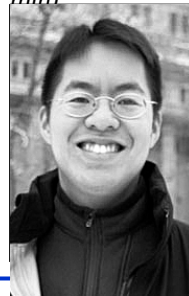
Anyone can make a deputation to the Budget Committee, either in person or in writing. At the end of the City Hall Forum on the 24th, we will discuss making effective deputations for those who wish to do so.

The 2014 municipal budget debate has started. Come out and participate in the discussion about the need to reinvest in our truly great library system.

### PREMIER SHOWING!

The Forum will premier a specially-commissioned (and sometimes provocative!) animated short film on the Toronto Public Library by James Braithwaite and Josh Raskin, who were nominated for an 2008 Academy Award for their video on a 1969 John Lennon interview by a 14-year-old, [I Met the Walrus](#). The video won a 2009 Emmy Award and a 2010 YouTube/ Guggenheim Award.

*Our Public Library* is narrated by Toronto's 2006 Scotiabank Giller Award Winner Dr. Vincent Lam. (4 min)



Vincent Lam's most recent book, *The Headmaster's Wager*, is both a Canadian and International bestseller.

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