Good morning ICAC!

I hope everyone had a nice weekend? Please see below and attached for items of interest.

1. Love a Librarian Petition!
2. Filling Don Drummond’s Revenue Gap” – Toronto Star OpEd
3. Make Poverty History – Impacting the upcoming Federal Budget
4. Upcoming RISE Above – young women empowerment conference (note: application deadline is Feb. 29th) see attachments
5. Upcoming TDSB meetings – including advisory committees

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,

Warm wishes,
Cassie

Cassie Bell
ICAC Co-ordinator
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** Upcoming ICAC Meeting**
Thursday March 22nd
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
5050 Yonge Street, Committee Room “A”

1. Toronto Public Libraries - Love a Librarian Petition!
Torontonians would not allow Mayor Ford to close library branches, cut hours and programs, or slash the collections budget. So now, the Mayor wants to advance his privatization agenda by hollowing out our public library from within.

Right now, librarians and their colleagues are standing in defence of our public library, resisting demands at the bargaining table to diminish the Toronto Public Library and the service it provides to you.

Show your support for our library and the people who make it work for us by signing the Love a Librarian petition at [http://ourpubliclibrary.to/take-action/love-a-librarian/](http://ourpubliclibrary.to/take-action/love-a-librarian/).
3. Protect aid spending and reduce poverty in Canada – Let your MP know prior to the Federal Budget

Crucial decisions on the 2012 federal budget will happen over the coming days in Ottawa. A modest increase in spending on aid and on fighting poverty here at home could transform the lives of thousands of people living in poverty.

Now is not the time to cut programs to help people work their way out of poverty. Yes, our government has a deficit, but we must not solve it on the backs of vulnerable people in Canada or in other countries. They need Canada’s support now more than ever.

Canada can afford to give more life-saving aid and to ensure a decent standard of living for all Canadians without cutting other programs. Here’s how: a small tax on trading in stocks, currency and derivatives by commercial banks, brokerages and hedge funds could raise hundreds of millions annually.

Please join me in sending a message to the Minister of Finance that now is the time to protect aid and social spending.

Your message will be copied to your Member of Parliament.
Sincerely,
Laura Read
Coordinator
Make Poverty History

4. Upcoming RISE ABOVE Young Women Empowerment Conference – Apply by February 29th! (see attached pdf and word docs.)

Please circulate widely...

I have attached all forms necessary for registration for the upcoming RISE Above young women empowerment conference.
The deadline for registration is February 29th, 2012. Once registration is complete we will be sending out a bus route schedule for the day of the conference for those who require transportation.
Please forward to all your networks in Scarborough.
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- All meetings are held at 5050 Yonge Street unless otherwise noted.
- 5050 Yonge Street is the board head office, located 3 blocks north of Sheppard Avenue, on the west side of Yonge Street
- There is street parking and a Green P lot one street west on Beecroft
- TTC is North York City centre, walk one building south to 5050