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Larry Moore
Executive Director
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Dear Larry,

On behalf of the many librarians and library staff who work at Ontario's university libraries, congratulations on an outstanding career serving Ontario libraries for the past 34 years. You have supported academic librarianship and the success of our universities in countless ways.


You have touched the careers of many academic librarians. Through OLA you created a space that worked for everyone. You have fostered respect for the accomplishments and skills of veteran librarians while also providing many opportunities for new librarians to learn, explore, grow and work together. Committees on OLA brought people from different types of libraries together where they shared and cooperatively developed new ideas, programs and partnerships.

Learning is a key theme in your achievements. Children in Ontario have been motivated to read, read, and read through the implementation of the Forest of Reading. You made important contributions to the development and evolution of the graduate curriculum at our library schools. Most recently the establishment of the Education Institute provides professional learning opportunities from anywhere throughout the year.

Connecting people has also been key to your successes. Always a strategic thinker, you championed the role of academic libraries on the social and political stage in Ontario as the Ontario Library Association worked to establish Knowledge Ontario with provincial support. However, the penultimate connection was the creation of The Partnership whereby all provincial library associations from across Canada now meet and collaborate and share knowledge, resources and opportunities to make Canada's libraries quite simply the best.

You have inspired all of us to re-think, evaluate, innovate and be daring – to try new approaches and solutions. Everyone at OCUL wishes you the very best of times in your retirement years.

Sincerely,



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