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Kathy Scardellato named recipient of the CLA Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award 2015

Ottawa (April 23, 2015) The Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques is pleased to announce that the 2015 CLA Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award is being presented to **Kathy Scardellato**, of the Ontario Council of University Libraries [OCUL], based in Toronto.

Kathy's career is long and distinguished and she has worked in a variety of settings. As the Manager of the Virtual Reference Library at Toronto Public Library, she is credited by a former colleague as having insisted on a user-centered approach, implementing a series of topical gateways that were easy to use and extended the value of the Library online. This same approach was very evident when she was the Manager, Systems Development at the Toronto Reference Library where her achievements included the management of regional services, including production of union catalogues and printed products, and at the University of British Columbia, where she held the position of Librarian/Analyst in the Systems Division. There she successfully led the public service team to design and develop user interface displays, reports and listings. Currently, Ms. Scardellato plays a central leadership role in support of OCUL's mission, vision, and strategic directions. She manages and engages actively in this important organization which has long been at the forefront of initiatives that leverage the creativity and resources of multiple institutions to build services greater than any could deliver on its own. Dedicated to enhancing benefits for students, faculty members and other researchers, she is an effective collaborator on a variety of OCUL projects, including an exciting new multi-year initiative to investigate future collaborative opportunities for information resources management.

Throughout her career, Kathy has been an active member of a number of professional associations in Canada, has attended the Ontario Library Association Super Conference every year since 2007, and has been a frequent presenter at conferences and events which have welcomed visitors from around the world.

Finally, in the words of one of Kathy's supporters for this prestigious award, *"Kathy has always been one of my go-to people for information on developments in information technology and library applications..., approachable,... interesting and fun to be around."*

The CLA Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award will be presented at the opening ceremonies of the CLA National Conference and Trade Show on Thursday, June 4 2015 in Ottawa, Ontario at the Shaw Centre.

The Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques is Canada's largest national and broad-based library association, representing the interest of public, academic, school and special libraries, professional librarians, library technicians, library workers, and all those concerned with enhancing the quality of life of Canadians through information and literacy.

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