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Dear Dr. Berthiaume,

On behalf of the Ontario Library Association (OLA) I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Librarian and Archivist of Canada. We look forward to supporting your work with the development, articulation, and promotion of a compelling vision for the mission and sustainability of Library and Archives Canada.

The OLA is Canada's largest library association with more than 5,000 members. We are comprised of six divisions including members from school, public library, public library trustee, academic, library technology and French library services sectors. The OLA is Canada's longest running library association and we are now in our 114<sup>th</sup> year.

Our priorities include collaborating with the broader library sector and stakeholders to strengthen the value of libraries for Canadians, helping members develop career strengths, and working to develop innovative solutions for advancing libraries.

We are a member of the Library and Archives Canada user group and have participated in discussions about interlibrary loan, the national union catalogue, and the library role in the 150-year anniversary of Canada. We look forward to collaborating with you on new initiatives for Library and Archives Canada.

As a signatory to the '[Joint Statement on Qualities of a Successful Librarian and Archivist of Canada](#)'\*, our members recognize the significant value and importance of leadership of Library and Archives Canada in providing access to our documentary heritage, digitization, collaboration with Canada's library and archival community, and representation of Canada to the international library and archival community. Canada is fortunate to have a National Librarian and Archivist who brings such notable experience as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec and extensive leadership as a university administrator. Your comprehensive understanding of cultural organizations will be a strong asset in your new role.

You are invited to join us at the OLA Super Conference, January 28 – 31, 2015. Our theme is 'Think It, Do It!' This is Canada's largest library conference and trade show, attracting more than 4,500 delegates, exhibitors, presenters, and students. The conference is an excellent opportunity to meet Canada's library community. We hope you will attend and would be pleased to forward more details closer to the conference dates.

From the Ontario library community, we wish you a warm welcome to your new position.

Best regards,

Anita Brooks Kirkland, president



Cc The Hon. Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages

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