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Statement on Recent Developments with Access Copyright

In light of recent announcements regarding institutions entering in a model license agreement with Access Copyright, the Ontario College and University Library Association (OCULA) and the Ontario Library and Information Technology Association (OLITA), divisions of the Ontario Library Association, take this opportunity to salute the contributions of all librarians and their institutions who have spent and continue to spend considerable effort to seek alternatives to the Access Copyright product and the tariff process for the benefit of our students and research in Canada.

With the full understanding that university and college presidents in Ontario must make final decisions regarding the need for a license at each of their own institutions, OCULA and OLITA strongly urge the decision makers to consider that there are alternative options which may render entering into a license agreement with Access Copyright unnecessary but still support the lawful use of copyright protected materials. Some of these alternatives include: the construction of systems of knowledge creation and sharing based on fair dealing, open access, creative commons and site licensing.

Assistance in understanding how alternative options can support teaching, learning and research without the need for a license from Access Copyright is available from academic librarian members of OLA working at each institution across the province.

For more information, please contact your representatives on the councils of the [Ontario College and University Library Association \(OCULA\)](#) and the [Ontario Library and Information Technology Association \(OLITA\)](#).



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