

The Honourable James Moore
Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

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Dear Minister Moore:

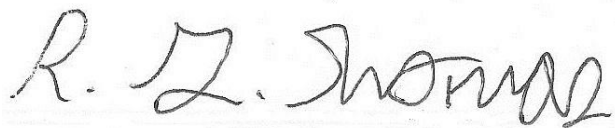
Re: Librarian and Archivist of Canada

I am writing on behalf of the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) concerning the appointment of the next Librarian and Archivist of Canada. This appointment is critical to many of our members who look to the leadership taken by Library and Archives Canada (LAC) on issues of national concern to our profession.

SLA endorses the *Joint Statement on Qualities of a Successful Librarian and Archivist of Canada* (see attached) and adds its voice to the 19 other signers from national, provincial and territorial associations in urging the timely appointment of a qualified leader as the next Librarian and Archivist of Canada. We believe that LAC requires a leader ready to meet the challenges facing this organization in meeting its mandate to preserve Canada's documentary heritage in traditional and digital formats. SLA supports the need for the Minister to appoint a leader who will work collaboratively with library professionals, archives, associations, and networks throughout the country. We need an individual dedicated to the values of openness, access, and innovative practice.

Library and Archives Canada has been of singular importance to generations of researchers. It has provided important leadership in the archival, documentary and bibliographic realms. Archives and libraries across Canada continue to benefit from the work that LAC has done in the past. We look forward to a future with a Librarian and Archivist of Canada who will build on the strengths of the past while leading LAC through the multiple challenges of the future.

Sincerely,



Robert G Thomas

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Encl.: Joint Statement