

The Honourable Shelly Glover,
Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages,
Canadian Heritage,
25 Eddy Street,
Gatineau, QC K1A 0M5

August 8, 2013.

Dear Minister Glover,

Re: Funding and Operations of Library and Archives Canada

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians (CAPAL) we would like to extend our congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages. We look forward to working with you on matters of mutual concern.

As you may be aware many of us who work in higher education have grave concerns about the funding cuts and administrative changes that have in our view harmed the ability of Library and Archives Canada to fulfill its mandate and mission. We believe that restoring funding and reaffirming the commitment on the part of your government to cultural institutions such as Library and Archives Canada are critical to ensuring that Canada's artistic, historical and cultural heritage is preserved.

We would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate our position that the next Deputy Head and Librarian and Archivist of Canada should be a professional librarian or archivist who understands and supports the values of national collection building, preservation of documentary heritage, and accessibility.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these important issues and congratulate you again on your appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kandiuk".

On behalf of the Steering Committee of the Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians,

Mary Kandiuk (MA MLS)

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