

## Regarding the proposed relocation of the Inforum's collections

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**To:** Wendy Duff

**Cc:** Lari Langford; Larry Alford

Dear Dean Duff

I am writing to you concerning rumours that the print collections in the Inforum are being transferred to Robarts Library (or Downsview).

As an alumni of the Faculty of Information and a Librarian at the University of Toronto this causes me great concern. Especially given the fact that multiple Inforum librarians are on research leave. Why is this process going forward when key librarians are unable to provide input? On the face of it this has the effect of de-professionalizing the librarians who work an institution that grants ALA-accredited degrees.

It is my understanding that this process has not engaged the stakeholders beyond a very small subset of the communities that rely upon the Inforum for their research, education and professional responsibilities. This plan does not appear to have been born out of a wide consultative process. It doesn't appear to have been approved by Faculty Council. It does not align with the recommendations of the "New Partnerships with the Central Library" work group, nor does it appear to align with any publicly available strategic plan.

I believe that this process requires more transparency, wider consultations and a clear and open discussion on why the Faculty of Information would move to dismantle a collection so important to understanding and supporting our information society and the professionals who work within it.

I believe that the Inforum's collections should stay in the Inforum. Were they to be moved, that should be the result of an open, transparent planning process that acknowledges the needs and wishes of the many communities who benefit from the collections in the Inforum. I encourage you to suspend this process until a more transparent and collegial process has been adopted. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

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