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Dear Dean Duff,

Before making a statement about the plans to move the Inforum collection to Robarts Library, I wish to state my qualifications for these remarks. I have recently been awarded the Order of Canada for my work in developing the cataloguing rules for nonbook materials and have represented Canada on many committees/commissions relating to libraries. I have for years used the resources of Inforum for the many library- related books and articles I have written. The Inforum staff have been exemplary in responding to my questions and requests.

I have just been informed that the iSchool/UTL New Partnerships Working Group is recommending that the Inforum collection be moved to Robarts Library. This means the Inforum collection will be scattered among the regular Robarts collection which will completely destroy the integrity of the collection that now exists in Inforum. The breakup of this collection will significantly increase the amount of time to find each needed item and may discourage much research.

The Inforum staff has been enormously helpful. I have been able to telephone Eliza Sze or another librarian with questions which are answered promptly and she has been able to tell me the best time to do research at Inforum so that I do not monopolize resources needed by students. She has also occasionally advised me when the Inforum has received books that I have previously requested. Inforum is a shining example of what a library should be and an example of resources and services for all students who plan to become librarians. Please do not destroy it.

I have only one son who has never married and my will at present directs him to state in his will that whatever moneys are left of my estate are to go to Inforum. If Inforum no longer functions as a library with a collection of resources readily available, I shall change my will so that the inheritance will go to a library that does offer an immediately available collection of library-related materials.

Your truly,

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