

#SaveTheInforum

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To: Wendy Duff

Cc: Elisa Sze; Nalini Singh; Kathleen Scheaffer

Hello Dean Duff,

I am a 2013 MI graduate from the iSchool. I've moved on to other things and places but I greatly value the knowledge and insight I gained during my time at the University of Toronto Faculty of Information.

I was attracted to the iSchool because of its cross-disciplinary approach to technology. Sadly, I found the technological aspects of the program to be sorely lacking. I switched my concentration to Critical Information Studies because I found it the most interesting and challenging of the concentrations. What I learned has been invaluable in building my software company and understanding how end users, competitors, and other companies think and act. I strongly considered the Book History program due to my personal interest in making books, from sewing physical signatures to writing XSL scripts to generate ePub documents.

Although I was never a true librarian and never took any cataloging courses, I greatly valued and often used the Inform print collection. My fondest memories of my times at University, from 1987-1991, 1995-1997, and 2011-2013, were always in the library. I find the idea that the iSchool would be eliminating its print collection truly sad and disappointing.

I urge you to reconsider this decision. Books are a physical, living part of the school. If you excise the print collection, you will cut out the heart of the iSchool.

Sincerely,

John Daniel
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