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We, a group of Professional Librarians at the University of Lethbridge, are writing this letter to express our concern regarding the proposed dismantling of the specialized collection at the Inforum. The lack of consultation with stakeholders and the fact that this decision was made while two of your librarians are on study leave is deeply disturbing.

The Inforum's collection is an incredible resource that has served information professionals and scholars for decades. Its reputation is well-deserved and the passion with which so many stakeholders have expressed while defending it speaks volumes. This resource is also one of your strongest recruitment and retention assets. The value of having this specialized collection in a single, accessible location cannot be overstated.

This decision, coupled with the lack of collegiality with which it was made, has exposed the iSchool to unnecessary negative publicity. Yet, even now, you have the opportunity to mitigate damage to reputation, restore confidence in your leadership, retain the strong relationship you have with alumni and donors, and preserve an incredible collection valued by so many.

Sincerely,

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