

Inforum Collection

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To: Wendy Duff

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Dear Dean Duff,

I write as an alumnus of the Faculty of Information (2007) and an adjunct member of the faculty of the School of Information Studies at McGill University to express my deep concern at plans to disperse the majority of the Inforum's print collection. While I appreciate that the Inforum, like many other libraries on campus, is not immune to competing space demands, I also believe it is essential that students working towards an accredited information degree like the MI have access to a well-curated and expertly managed collection of print materials. Lest we forget what librarians tell researchers all the time: not everything is available online. It is also uncollegial at best and, to be blunt, disrespectful at worst that this decision was made and announced whilst two of the Inforum's three librarians are on leave. Removing the collection will have an immense impact on their work and their ability to support students and researchers.

I encourage you to reconsider this decision until a more transparent and collegial consultation and decision making process can be put into place.

Yours sincerely,

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