



Sunday, November 21, 2021

Attn: Mr. Todd Kyle, Mr. Michael Rogowski, Ms. Julie McKenna  
Canadian Federation of Library Associations  
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Dear Mr. Kyle, Mr. Rogowski, and Ms. KcKenna,

Following our Board's review of the [Open Letter](#) on CFLA's Intellectual Freedom Statement, and [CFLA's Response](#), Manitoba Library Association would like to take our time to highlight our concerns about CFLA's lack of consultation with members regarding their support/lack of support for CFLA's position. We have heard feedback from our membership that they are dissatisfied and disagree with CFLA's stance on this issue. There are concerns that the CFLA Board is not listening to its members, or providing a forum for members to voice their perspectives.

As a provincial library association, we would agree that MLA has a role to play in bringing members to the discussion and encouraging CFLA to listen. People need an opportunity to be consulted and heard by CFLA. What CFLA does reflects on MLA, and we need to do the right thing by our members in giving them a voice.

At this time, MLA would like to offer its support in bringing forward a CFLA event to examine these issues in a consultative and comprehensive manner. Our board would like the opportunity to connect with CFLA directly regarding the format for such work.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss next steps with you, or any other reps from the CFLA Board.

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