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Association canadienne des professeures et professeurs d'université

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To: Presidents and Administrative Officers
Local, Federated and Provincial Associations

From: David Robinson, Executive Director

Re: **Request for Contact Information for Librarian and Archivist Interviews**

What are the pressing issues facing librarians and archivists across Canada? The CAUT Librarians' and Archivists' Committee is organizing a cross country, virtual listening tour with colleagues this fall and winter. As part of this initiative, we are asking associations to provide us with the contact details of a librarian and / or archivist who would be available for a brief interview.

The purpose of the interview is to identify the top concerns of Canadian academic librarians and archivists; the positive and negative aspects of their working environments; and the experiences of librarians and archivists as union members or members of staff associations. The interviews will be anonymized and the findings will be compiled into a report that the CAUT Librarians' and Archivists' committee can refer to when creating priorities and initiatives in the year(s) ahead. A summary of this report may be presented at an upcoming Librarians' and Archivists' webinar or featured at the Librarians' and Archivists' Conference in October 2025.

The interviews will be conducted from November 2024 to March 2025.

We kindly request that you provide the names and email addresses of a librarian and / or an archivist who would be able to participate in this initiative on behalf of your association. Please send this information to Andrea Stuart at stuart@caut.ca by **November 30, 2024**. If librarians or archivists are not part of your bargaining unit or association, kindly forward this request to the appropriate individual within your institution's library and notify us accordingly.

Thank you for your assistance with this initiative.