

Librarian of Congress

Honorable Utah Senators and Representatives:

The Utah Library Association emphatically supports the American Library Association's recommendation that the next Librarian of Congress be a professional librarian that understands the importance and ethics of librarianship and the invaluable role of libraries.

"The American Library Association believes that the position of Librarian of Congress is critically important as a leader for our nation's libraries and cultural institutions and as a global role model for democratic principles, economic development and new education models. As you contemplate the leadership needed to accomplish the significant work that lies ahead for libraries in a rapidly changing information environment, we strongly urge you to appoint a professional librarian as the next Librarian of Congress."

An individual that will only focus on the proscribed roles of the Library of Congress is not enough. The Librarian of Congress needs to be a person that understands the opportunity that libraries create and the importance of libraries to American democracy. Please support libraries across America, and throughout the world, by assuring that the next Librarian of Congress be a professional and dedicated librarian. We encourage you to reach out to the President and ask him to appoint a professional librarian.

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2015/06/ala-urges-president-obama-select-librarian-head-library-congress>

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