

October 22, 2013

Ms. Alice Munro
c/o Douglas Gibson Books
Random House of Canada Limited
75 Sherbourne Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5A 2P9

Dear Ms. Munro,

On behalf of the Board of the Toronto Public Library, I want to congratulate you on winning the Nobel Prize for Literature. As Canadians we naturally believe that there could not be a better choice. As champions of authors, books and the joy of reading, we are delighted to share and promote your achievement with Toronto's hundreds of thousands of book lovers.

But it is as readers that we truly celebrate this recognition of your work. Your beautifully-crafted stories speak to people worldwide as they demonstrate the universality of the human experience through the lives of small-town Canadians. They bring immense pleasure to readers and are well-loved, something we can attest to as a library by the necessity of having to constantly replace worn-out copies of your books. (The Toronto Public Library owns over 1,500 copies of your works in multiple formats, including audiobooks and ebooks, and in eighteen languages.)

Finally, we must join the chorus of those hoping for another book. As you said to the *New York Times* interviewer, "It just seems natural now for me to do what other 81-year-olds do". If you are Alice Munro, we hope that is writing more stories.

Sincerely,



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