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10 May, 2006

Mr William Booth, Chair
Toronto Public Library Board
789 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4W 2G8

Dear Mr Booth:

I would like to convey to you and the Board of the Toronto Public Library, my deepest appreciation for your decision to name the Black Heritage and Caribbean Collection in my honour.

Developing and maintaining that collection and its attendant programming and promotion was a labour of love and I commend the Board and Management for their wisdom and foresight in establishing this collection some 30 years ago.

Mine has been an eventful and rewarding career. I have had the opportunity to experience and deliver all aspects of library service - working directly with a rich diversity of people of all ages, backgrounds and communities.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to the Toronto Public Library - Board, Management and Staff - for the support, encouragement and cooperation that have been given to me through the years, and for enabling me to realise my potential.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration. I will continue to do whatever I can to assist in the further growth and development of the Collection, and to support the work of the Toronto Public Library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita Cox".

Rita Cox