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Mathew Church, Chair
Toronto Public Library Board

Dear Mathew:

Please consider this formal notification that I am resigning from my position as Director on the Toronto Public Library Board. My resignation is effective immediately. I appreciate the opportunity I have had to work for our library as a citizen member of the board. I remain especially grateful for the honor of chairing the City Librarian search committee which appointed Jane Pyper as our CEO and also for my role as chair of the Strategic Plan committee.

I wish well to all my board colleagues and to the wonderful library itself, continued success and centrality in the lives of Torontonians. In my 25+ years working, I never encountered an organization so full of competent professionals dedicated to public service.

The briefings and helpful support material and expertise the City Librarian and her senior staff bring, make doing the job a pleasure for both citizen and elected members. The professional behavior of all the senior staff, at all times, helped to walk the talk of shared governance and the role of volunteers in our city. The manner in which TPL supports its board illustrates many of the qualities of the institution itself, for example, participatory democracy, equality and social inclusion come first to mind.

The role TPL plays so well, in this city I love, is vitally important. I have been proud to be associated with its people and its fine traditions. I will continue my involvement as a client totally committed to her library.

Sincerely yours,

Kathy Gallagher Ross