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Ms. Mason:

I am pleased to congratulate you on the selection of the Toronto Public Library Board as part of Industry Canada's LibraryNet Best Practices 2002 awards, which recognize the innovative use of the Internet by Canadian public libraries.

In addition to fulfilling their role as public access points to the Internet, public libraries are using their Web sites to deliver services electronically, build community partnerships, support local economic and community development and create content for their localities that can be disseminated around the world. To recognize these achievements, LibraryNet has selected some of the most innovative applications to showcase in LibraryNet Best Practices 2002. These exemplary practices will serve as models for other libraries to emulate. The LibraryNet Best Practices 2002 list along with Best Practices Criteria can be viewed on the Internet at <http://librarynet.ca>.

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Public libraries play a key role in achieving Canada's connectivity and Innovation Strategy objectives. Providing public Internet access in libraries ensures that all Canadians have access to the knowledge-based economy. By using and integrating technology efficiently, public libraries are not only helping to make Canada the most connected nation in the world, they are also helping to close the digital divide and to improve the innovative performance of their communities.

Should you have any questions concerning LibraryNet Best Practices, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Edith Core, LibraryNet Manager, at (613) 957-6553, or by e-mail, at core.edith@ic.gc.ca.

Once again, please accept my congratulations and best wishes for your library's continued success.

Yours very truly,



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