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Ms. Josephine Bryant,
City Librarian,
789 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms Bryant:

The Black and Caribbean Heritage Collection at the Parkdale Library

I am writing to express my strong support for naming the Black and Caribbean Heritage Collection at the Parkdale Library after its founder, Dr. Rita Cox, former Head of the Parkdale Branch Library. This collection has been an integral part of the Parkdale inter-cultural community since 1972 and over the 33 years of its existence has been responsible for raising the consciousness of Caribbean Literature within the wider literary community. The Black and Caribbean Heritage Collection, and the library programming conceived and supported by Dr. Cox, enabled literary artists of African and Caribbean descent to develop and showcase their talents and abilities.

Our diverse communities continue to benefit from Collections like these and by ensuring that the uniqueness of each Collection is preserved, we pay tribute to a person who was far-sighted and innovative enough to see the need and ensuing benefits. What better way to name the Collection after its Founder: The Rita Cox Black and Caribbean Heritage Collection.

Yours truly,

Colin Rickards

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