

Mary Donaldson Award of Merit

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I am very grateful to be this year's recipient of the Mary Donaldson Award of Merit and to have had the opportunity to attend the 2019 Saskatchewan Library Association Conference. As attending post-secondary education comes with a huge financial burden, generous awards such as this are extremely helpful and will allow me more time to focus on my studies rather than stressing over financial constraints. Having received this award, my reliance on student loans will be decreased when I return to school in the fall to complete my second and final year of the Library and Information Technology program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

Being able to attend the SLA conference in full was a fantastic opportunity that I am extremely thankful for. I thoroughly enjoyed spending two full days learning about my future career and listening to many inspiring speakers and presentations. As a student who will be entering the workforce a year from now, I am also grateful for the networking opportunity the conference provided. I met many new people, some who became familiar faces during my practicum at Saskatoon Public Library. The conference gave me a sense of how welcoming the library community is, and the wonderful people along with the exciting presentation topics and educational opportunity made for an all-around great experience. Attending the conference only increased my passion for the library world, and I am even more excited to be entering into what I am sure will be a fulfilling career in this field.

Sincerely,

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