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## CARL Honours Kathy Scardellato with Award of Merit

OTTAWA, 19 May 2015 – The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) is happy to present Ms. Kathy Scardellato with the CARL Award of Merit. This award recognizes outstanding contribution to Canadian research librarianship by individuals who are not employed by CARL member libraries. Ms. Scardellato joins six previous recipients of this award, which was introduced in 2001.

Ms. Scardellato receives the Award of Merit for her leadership and vision in developing what has become a widely respected consortium, the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL), together with her positive and enduring influence on the development of partnerships and collaborations within the library community in Canada and beyond.

"Kathy has both fostered, and served as the essential steward of, OCUL's evolving vision of library collaborations," said University of Guelph Chief Information Officer and University Librarian Rebecca Graham when presenting the award. "She frequently serves as a resource both within OCUL and beyond – facilitating understanding of libraries and library practices, and of their value to organizations."

"Kathy Scardellato understands technology, libraries, their users, and the power of networks," said CARL President Gerald Beasley. "Our university libraries, especially in Ontario but also all across the country, gained by Kathy's leadership at OCUL."

"Working with colleagues across Canada has been a very rewarding aspect of my OCUL position," said Ms. Scardellato. "We have collaborated over the years in advocacy, planning, and policy development for copyright reform, digitization of Canadian heritage materials, professional development, open access, print and digital preservation, research data management, resource sharing, and support for Canadian scholarly communications. Thank you to CARL for this recognition of my efforts."

The Award of Merit is the latest recognition of Ms. Scardellato's achievements. She is also the 2015 recipient of the CLA Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award.

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