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To Members of AESES,

The work of academic librarians is essential to a strong university — it creates and sustains the foundation upon which education, research, and innovation are built. At the same time, we often see how undervalued that work is in the eyes of those far removed from our daily work. The recent announcement of significant cutbacks to library staffing at the University of Manitoba are worrisome, with recent remarks by the President of the University in the [Winnipeg Free Press](#) appearing to suggest that he badly misunderstands the vital work library staff do to keep the library — and the university — running.

We, the members of the McMaster University Academic Librarians' Association, are writing in light of these troubling developments to offer our support and solidarity for our library colleagues at the University of Manitoba in their efforts to preserve both the livelihoods of library staff and the high quality of library service which depends on them.

Please keep in touch as the situation develops and let us know what further support we can offer.

In solidarity,

The Membership of the McMaster University Academic Librarians' Association