

THE GRACE BULLER SCHOLARSHIP

Remarks - Ontario Library Association Conference

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I am pleased to be able to announce this evening, the establishment of a scholarship organized by the Ontario Library Association with the support of the Ministry of Culture and Communications. This scholarship is in honour of a person who has served the Ontario public library community well for 40 years and will be known as the Grace Buller Scholarship in honour, of course, Gerda:

Enclosed is a copy of the remarks to be made regarding the announcement of the Grace Buller Scholarship. I've also sent to you a copy of the letter from the Minister to give you a chance to read through it before the actual event. I'll have the signed copy with me tomorrow evening. Break a leg!

Grace is a soft-spoken but quietly determined activist. She, for example, became the first woman in the Toronto Public Library to keep her salary level when she married. Prior to 1954, a female librarian reverted to her starting salary upon marriage. I'm told Grace actually held up her marriage date by a day or so until this policy was in place.

In 1970, Grace became the Co-ordinator of the Public Library Services for the Provincial Library Service as the Branch was known then. Since then, she has served and survived under a variety of Ministers including: