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We the undersigned as Professional Librarians of the Brock University Faculty Association stand in support of our colleague at McMaster University, Dale Askey, who has been [sued](#) for libel by Edwin Mellen Press. This lawsuit is the result of comments made by Mr. Askey in a blog post dating back to 2010 while working for another institution. The comments were his professional opinion of the quality of works published by Edwin Mellen Press.

Professional Librarians evaluate scholarly literature as part of their responsibilities and being faced with litigation while carrying out this duty has a chilling effect upon the academic freedom that predicates work and study in the University and Library.

We encourage Edwin Mellen to reconsider pursuing this lawsuit and for all Librarians and supporters of academic freedom to sign the [petition](#) asking for the end of this case.

Our voice joins a chorus of those offering support for Mr. Askey which includes:

[Association of Research Libraries & Canadian Association of Research Libraries](#)  
[McMaster University Academic Librarians' Association](#)  
[McMaster University Faculty Association](#)  
[Ontario College and University Library Association](#)  
[York University Faculty Association Library Chapter](#)  
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[Western Libraries at Western University](#)  
[Canadian Library Association Executive Council](#)  
[Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries \(AASHL\) and the Medical Library Association \(MLA\)](#)  
[Windsor University Faculty Association](#)  
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In Solidarity,

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