

Mount Royal University Library – Support for Academic Freedom

The Mount Royal University Library supports the principles and practices of academic freedom and joins other local, regional, and national advocacy groups in speaking out against current [legal actions](#) that threaten this freedom and impede the ability of academic librarians to carry out their responsibilities.

Academic freedom is essential to our roles as librarians and educators, and central to the academic mission of the Library and the University. Academic freedom informs our expert professional practice and judgment, enhances our teaching, is core to student learning, and is fundamental to our creation and dissemination of knowledge and scholarship.

We join our colleagues from other organizations in expressing our support for Dale Askey of McMaster University, and we call on Edwin Mellen Press to immediately drop its libel suit and seek more constructive methods of engaging with the academic community.

Official statements of support:

[Canadian Library Association](#)

[Canadian Association of Research Libraries/Association of Research Libraries](#)

[Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries \(COPPUL\)](#)