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Scott Nicholson, Director
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Dear Dr. Nicholson:

On behalf of the Committee on Accreditation (COA) of the American Library Association, I write to inform you that the Committee voted to grant continued accreditation status to the program leading to the degree of Master of Science in Library and Information Science at Syracuse University. The next comprehensive review is scheduled fall 2015 unless evidence persuades COA that the review should be conducted at an earlier or later date. The accreditation status of this program explicitly includes all sites offering courses that are part of the program listed above.

This decision was made at the Committee meeting on January 25, 2009. The decision was based on the Program Presentation, the External Review Panel Report, all of the reports the program submitted to the Committee since the last comprehensive review, and the January 25, 2009 meeting with you; Elizabeth D. Liddy, Dean, School of Information Studies at Syracuse University; and Frank Cervone, Chair of the External Review Panel.

The decision to grant continued accreditation to the program is based on the "totality of the accomplishment and the environment for learning...rather than from a consideration of the isolated particulars" (*Standards*, p. 5).

Please note that future reports must address the *Standards for Accreditation* adopted by ALA Council on January 15, 2008. The 2008 *Standards* are available from the website at ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/accreditation, and a print version is enclosed.

For your information and planning, the schedule for reporting is as follows:

December 1, 2009	Annual Statistical Report
December 1, 2010	Biennial Narrative Report and Annual Statistical Report

The Committee thanks all those who provided information and participated in the evaluation process. The cooperation of those associated with the program and with Syracuse University enabled us to facilitate the review of your program. We appreciate your cooperation in the ongoing evaluation, assessment, and review process of accreditation and we encourage you to continue your efforts.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Rubin, Chair
Committee on Accreditation

cc: Nancy Cantor, Chancellor, Syracuse University
Eric F. Spina, Vice Chancellor and Provost, Syracuse University
Elizabeth D. Liddy, Dean, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University
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