Queen’s University is pleased to announce that Martha Whitehead has accepted re-appointment as Vice-Provost and University Librarian for a five-year term effective July 1, 2016. The offer of appointment from Principal, Daniel Woolf, was in response to a unanimous and enthusiastic recommendation of the Principal’s Advisory Committee chaired by Alan Harrison, Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic).

Martha has served as Vice-Provost and University Librarian since July 1, 2011, and brings over thirty years of experience in academic research libraries to this position. She is a collaborative and consultative leader, with in-depth knowledge in her field. Her accomplishments include leading significant organizational development to meet current and future information needs, implementing new planning processes supporting the university’s Strategic Framework, coordinating design and implementation of the Library and Archives Master Plan in concert with the Campus Master Plan, developing new services such as copyright advisory and research data management, and fostering outstanding library programs to enhance student learning and research prominence.

Ms. Whitehead completed her Master of Library Science at the University of British Columbia. Prior to her role as Vice-Provost and University Librarian, Martha was the Associate University Librarian at Queen’s for six years. Before joining Queen’s, Martha held positions at the University of British Columbia Library, and was a visiting scholar at the University of Melbourne. In 2007, Martha was accepted into the Research Library Leadership Fellows program with the Association of Research Libraries, a two-year executive program designed to explore critical issues and current trends with senior administrators of research institutions.

Martha’s professional activities extend well beyond Queen’s and she is recognized as a leader in her field with national and international profile. Her external activities position Queen’s as an active player in the research library landscape, and help build collaborations and develop new perspectives. She is President of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) and she has served as Vice-Chair/Chair/Past Chair of the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL).

The Principal joins the Provost in expressing the University’s gratitude to the following individuals, all of whom served on the Principal’s Advisory Committee. Their willingness to undertake this responsibility is very much appreciated.
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