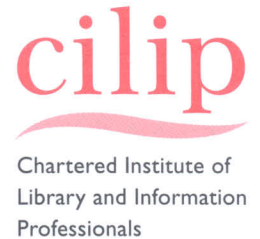


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Dear Janice,

Much has changed in our profession in the last one hundred years, but three things remain constant: the core mission of our profession, so well expressed in SLA's phrase, "connecting people and information"; the values and ethics around access and integrity which underpin our mission; and the commitment to learning, sharing and continuous development which characterises our professional community.

Throughout those one hundred years, SLA has contributed to the growth and vitality of our professional community, complementing the work of cross-sectoral national associations like CILIP with SLA's specific focus and global reach. Whenever I attend an SLA event I am always impressed by the activism and enthusiasm of SLA members – a clear sign that SLA has lost none of its energy and vitality as it has grown older!

The value added by library and information professionals in society is needed more than ever in the modern world, and I know that SLA will continue to do excellent work to support and help shape our professional future.

Congratulations from all your friends at CILIP on the Centennial of SLA. Here's to the next one hundred years!

With congratulations and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Bob McKee
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