

to learn, network, connect and discover through fruitful exchanges with other librarians. There was even some cowboy action and librarian line dancing during the conference hoe-down at Calgary Olympic Park!

Throughout my travels, Canadian librarians showed a warm and generous spirit, allowing me to share their knowledge and experiences. As a librarian in the early stages of my career, the Binns fellowship gave me a rare opportunity to learn and grow both professionally and personally. I can't thank the Binns family, and the National Library, enough for giving me the experience. ■



The Canadian Parliament, Ottawa. The Parliamentary library is currently undergoing restoration

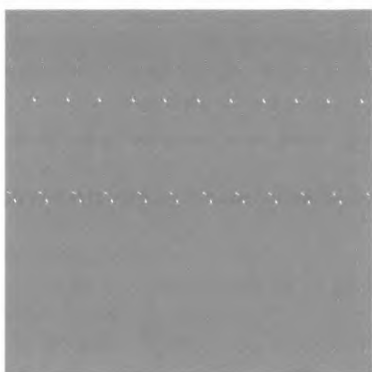
Gift helps libraries focus on information literacy

Being information literate can best be described as knowing how to access, assess and integrate information properly, keeping in mind the rules of copyright and fair use, according to James Mullins, Purdue's dean of libraries. The university has created what may be the USA's first endowed chair in information literacy. An endowed chair in the field of information literacy would help push the concept to the front of library instruction.

The original idea for the position started with a member of the Dean's Library Advisory Council, Wayne Booker, who was always 'very concerned that our students are information literate,' Mullins said. Booker is donating \$2.5 million for the position, to be granted upon his death. Libraries will support the position until the donation matures.

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