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The Ex Libris Association Indigenous Student Bursary – Media Release March 13, 2023

The <u>Ex Libris Association</u> (ELA) is excited to announce the launch of its Indigenous Student Bursary. ELA's goal in offering the bursary is to encourage more Indigenous voices among staff in all types of libraries. ELA has partnered with Indspire to manage the bursary, and is also pleased to acknowledge a significant donation from <u>Library Bound Inc</u>. in the bursary's inaugural year.

The \$2,500 bursary will be awarded annually to an Indigenous student in the first year of library or archival studies – at the masters or technician level.

Donors can find more information about the bursary and ways to donate on the Ela website here.

Applications will open in May. Students can find more information on the Indigenous Student Bursary and how to apply on the Indspire website here.

<u>ELA</u> is the national Canadian association of people who have spent an important part of their work life in libraries, archives, publishing houses, and adjunct fields, and who are now attracted to historical and current issues related to those institutions, as well as to issues concerning the personal welfare of their fellow members.

Having grown into one of the Top 10 Charities of Impact in Canada, <u>Indspire</u> is an Indigenous charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people for the long-term benefit of these individuals, their families and communities, and Canada. Since 1996, Indspire has provided over \$190 million in financial support to more than 59,000 First Nations, Inuit and Métis students.

<u>Library Bound</u> is Canada's largest wholesaler solely dedicated to serving the needs of public libraries. For more than twenty-five years, its committed and experienced staff have been striving to develop innovative and cost-effective solutions for the changing needs of Canadian libraries.



