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Dear APT Committee.

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Please accept this letter in support of Logan Rath for tenure at The College at Brockport, State University of New York. I have known Logan for over three years, as Mentor colleague and also as Mentor/Coordinator of Mentors and Training. Logan is a very dedicated, outspoken and active member in the library profession, very knowledgeable in interlibrary loan, ILLiad and systems.

In April 2011 Logan was appointed IDS Project Mentor. By definition, IDS Mentors are an essential component in the IDS Project. The concept of IDS Mentors was created and implemented six years ago. Mentors are a group of Interlibrary Loan and ILLiad specialists from current member libraries (private and public institutions) assigned to new libraries joining the Project. They are tasked with assisting new IDS member libraries and staff configure ILLiad, optimize their workflows, and implement the technical requirements of the IDS Project. Mentors build strong relationships within the Project and amongst its members to achieve the mission of the Project - to continually implement and objectively evaluate innovative resource-sharing strategies, policies and procedures that will optimize mutual access to the information resources of all IDS Project libraries, through the development of a rapid and effective resource-sharing system among libraries in New York State. Mentors also assist in the running of, and presenting at, the annual IDS Conference held at different institutions across New York State.

In April 2012 the IDS Project recognized the need to continue training and professional development amongst its current members and thus created the IDS Regional User Groups. Logan immediately volunteered to Chair the local Western Regional, consisting of twenty six members. Chairs are responsible for coordinating, planning and implementing the quarterly day long programs centering around their group members' needs and interests. They also step in to present the topics.

Logan has presented both in person and virtually across the three state-wide regional groups on everything from "Preview of ILLiad Upgrades", to hands-on demos for Print Templates, to "Using Access to Hack Your Data." He is extremely knowledgeable about the intricacies ILLiad, Interlibrary Loan and the technology, making him versatile and invaluable at all of the User Groups and conferences. Colleagues across the State have welcomed his knowledge and insight into new areas of interlibrary loan they have never explored.

Logan has also excelled in his role as Mentor, assisting Cayuga Community College last summer in upgrading and updating their interlibrary loan operations, teaching their staff ways to improve their workflow and empowering them to keep on top of technology and processes. In the Mentor program he is the strongest IT applications mentor. Other mentors look to him to flush out complicated routing rules or html errors, and he scripted/authored an exciting ILLiad Addon in .lua that had the Barnes and Noble campus ILL operations across the nation cheering. He clearly "resource shares" not only physical library resources through "traditional ILL", but ideas on resource sharing, practices and technology.

Logan has had a direct impact and value to his active participation in interlibrary loan and the IDS Project, and to the importance of teaching and imparting his expertise to other ILL practitioners across the state. His contributions to the field have been invaluable. They have not only saved time for other staff at other institutions (nationally and internationally), but in turn sped up the "turn-around time delivery" of materials delivered to his own customers.

His involvement in numerous professional associations, involvement with the Project, and participation in conversation and QAs on the interlibrary loan listservs (statewide and international), speak volumes to his desire to keep abreast of current events and technological advancements on the horizon for ILL, and his ability and willingness to pass along expertise to others - to improve interlibrary loan and resource sharing worldwide.

I fully support Logan Rath in his pursuit for tenure and promotion. He is an invaluable asset to the IDS Project, to resource sharing across the state, nationally and internationally. He is a star for The College of Brockport, its faculty and its students.

Sincerely,
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