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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support Logan Rath as he seeks promotion to the rank of Senior Assistant Librarian. I have known Mr. Rath since July of 2007 when he was a part of the SUNY Oneonta Library's team. During that time, and since then, I have found and observed Mr. Rath to be an asset, whether it is to the library, the institution as a whole, or a professional organization.

During Mr. Rath's time at SUNY Oneonta, he was a particular asset to the library. He was willing to listen to or contribute ideas about how to improve the services. Not only would he listen to the ideas, he would then implement them within a very short period of time. For us, this was one of his greatest assets.

In addition, he served at the reference desk and provided instruction for students. Just last week, I was observing an education class and the instructor asked after him. This is a testament to him, his teaching style and enthusiasm for his work. Something that is unique to Logan is that he has the ability to break down any barriers between departments. He is one of the few librarians I have met who has successfully worked with everyone on staff.

Recently, Logan came to SUNY Oneonta to demonstrate to the acquisitions staff a project he was working on at Brockport to streamline the acquisitions process. We were very impressed with the concept and can see that he continues his enthusiasm and implementation of new and innovative ideas.

In addition, Mr. Rath was a valuable asset to the institution as a whole. Very early in his career here, he was trained on how to facilitate Safe Space Training and then he did some training for students on campus. This type of activity shows his commitment to the institution and its overarching goals.

Another area that has impressed me is his willingness to work with an organization like SUNYLA. In the year he was here, he was a delegate to the organization and was not afraid to discuss ideas and issues he saw as important. Within two years, he was elected president of the organization. Again, his enthusiasm and commitment to the library profession is proven.

In my view, Mr. Rath is an asset to any library staff, institution or organization. He can look at a problem from a variety of angles, looks out for the greater good of the organizations he is with, relates well to all types of patrons and staff, and is articulate in his speaking and writing. I hope the Committee will support Mr. Rath as he seeks promotion to the rank of Senior Assistant Librarian.

Sincerely,

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