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**The Canadian Association of Research Libraries welcomes the Brock University Library**

**MONTREAL** – The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) welcomes the Brock University Library as the newest member of the Association.

“The Brock University Library shares with other CARL members a community of interest in the expansion of the research enterprise in Canada” said Michael Ridley, Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Chief Librarian at the University of Guelph. “The Library is well positioned to contribute to the CARL mission with its collections, its focus on the research enterprise, and the expertise of its professional staff.”

The James A. Gibson Library provides Brock University faculty and students vital research support with a wealth of digital collections, unique special collections, enhanced facilities and services, and by its membership in the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL), which enables it to offer much of its content through Scholars Portal, and participation in national initiatives such as the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN). Some of the particular strengths of the library collection are in areas that support Brock University’s doctoral programs in Biotechnology, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Education, and Psychology. Other collection highlights include extensive geospatial collections with emphasis on the Niagara region, a research-level collection devoted to Niagara in its Special Collections & Archives branch, and other unique collections supporting studies in Popular Culture and Oenology and Viticulture. Library staff at Brock is currently focusing digitization initiatives on archival resources with Canadian historical significance such as the history of the Welland Canals and the War of 1812.

Offering a full array of services that includes an extensive information literacy program, virtual reference and data services, the Library is well-integrated with the teaching, learning, and research activities on campus. “In light of Brock University’s heavy emphasis on research, library staff is focused on initiatives and strategies that will promote scholarly activity, facilitate discovery, and embed library resources and services into the research process” said Brock University Librarian Margaret Grove. “The James A. Gibson Library at Brock University is well positioned to contribute to CARL in many ways.” The Library is taking a leadership role on campus to raise awareness of Open Access, and to promote and raise the profile of Brock University’s research output.

For more information see: <http://www.library.brocku.ca/>

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