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Dear IS community,

I am absolutely delighted to announce that the American Library Association has renewed our accreditation until 2026. The letter states that the decision was "based on the Self-Study, the External Review Panel Report, the Response to the External Review Panel Report, all the reports the program submitted to the Committee since the last comprehensive review, and the January 26, 2019, meeting with you, Anne Gilliland, and Denice Adkins, Chair of the External Review Panel."

As evidence from the list above, many many individuals were involved in this process and its success. On behalf of the Department, I'd like to thank the many students, faculty, staff, leaders, and alumni who contributed to the planification, the self-study, the site visit, responded to surveys, and assembled follow-up documentation. Among these, I'll single out Jonathan Furner, the immediate past chair, Anne Gilliland, our Associate Dean for Information Studies, Johanna Drucker, the incoming Chair, and our staff — Andrew VanSchooneveld, Annie Lee, Michelle Maye, Snowden Becker, Diana Ascher, Amy Gershon, and Justin Scott. Thank you!

The Committee on Accreditation has asked us to keep them informed of our progress relative to strategic planning, program evaluation, and staffing, so we will be continuing to move forward with these issues at faculty meetings, town halls, and retreats, such as the one we just had on strategic planning.

The ALA decision underscores our forward momentum and strategic directions as a department, and the outstanding value our programs delivers to our students and to the IS community at large. We look forward to continuing doing so with the passion, engagement, and intellectual rigor that has been the hallmark of our program for many years.

Many thanks,
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