

Committee: **London Public Library Board**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Frances Gray**

Occupation: **retired**

Work experience: **I was an academic librarian at Western for over 35 years. In that role, I selected material for the library collection, monitored a portion of the library acquisitions budget, taught information literacy classes and advised library patrons about appropriate resources for their research.**

Education: **I have an Honours B.A. (History) and a Master of Library Science from Western.**

Skills: **As a trained librarian with a Master of Library Science degree, I understand the many essential functions that libraries provide to the members of their communities. I understand the complexities of acquiring library materials and issues related to licensing and digital rights management.**

Interest reason: **I have been a regular user of the London Public Library for almost 40 years. I am proud of the LPL collection which compares favourably to libraries in other Ontario cities. I believe that the public library is a vital service organization. I would like to have an opportunity to be a strong advocate for LPL's important role in our community.**

Contributions: **My training and experience as a Librarian will enable me to make a valuable contribution to the work of the Library Board. In addition, as a regular library user and a volunteer with the ESL mentor program, I am familiar with a wide range of the programs and services that the library offers.**

Past contributions: **In my role as an academic librarian, I served on several Western Libraries planning committees including our most recent strategic plan development committee. I was also a member of committees whose responsibility it was to hire new librarians and to evaluate the ongoing work of colleagues.**

Interpersonal: **I led a number of committees and working groups during my career. I received positive feedback about this work from both my superiors and the members of the teams.**

Interview interest: **Yes**