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The Heart of a Librarian

This special issue of *OLA Quarterly* takes a contemplative look at the passion and dedication librarians share for their chosen profession. These articles deal with the heart of a librarian and the manner in which people express themselves in the work that they do. A good librarian effuses a strong sense of self into their industry, as it is truly a part of who they are. Admirable librarianship cannot be reduced to systematic strategy or learned technique; rather, it stems from an integrated identity and the work itself becomes a vehicle that exercises our passions and develops our character. This issue demonstrates how librarians around the state are expressing their passionate selves through the dynamic work that they do. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as editor for such a heartfelt issue.

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