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Dear Ms. Ross-White,

Thank you for your letter sent Friday, September 20 inquiring about library services at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton.

As a leading academic health sciences institution, St. Joe's is committed to creating and delivering exceptional learning opportunities and experiences that advance patient care and help us build the healthcare system of the future. To guide this process, the Department of Education and Learning at St. Joe's recently completed a new strategic plan, the culmination of a two-and-a-half-year process that involved consultation with dozens of individuals and groups within the hospital and throughout the broader medical and academic communities of Hamilton and the surrounding region.

During the consultation process, it became clear that the existing library services at St. Joe's were underutilized, outdated and no longer able to meet the needs of staff, physicians and learners. As a result, St. Joe's has decided to reconfigure and modernize its suite of library services to ensure it is equipping learners of today and tomorrow with high-quality educational resources and state-of-the-art technological tools to help in the pursuit of educational excellence.

As part of this reconfiguration, St. Joe's is shifting the existing library services into its Department of Education and Learning, where it will be housed in the new Centre for Education and Innovation. The new centre will become an important hub for learning, innovation, research and professional development.

Library services are an integral part of St. Joe's reputation as a leading academic health sciences institution. The library remains open and available for staff, physicians and learners at St. Joe's and they will continue to be available as the Centre for Education and Innovation takes shape.

Thank you again for your interest and if you would like to discuss this further, I would be happy to arrange this.

Sincerely,



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