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Sir Drummond Bone
Board Chair
The National Library of Scotland
Edinburgh

Via email

Dear Sir Drummond Bone

Thank-you for your letter of 1 December 2025, on behalf of the Board.

We are pleased to accept this straightforward apology for the initial treatment of our book in respect of the Dear Library centenary exhibition and Library's initial response when this first came to light.

We were also grateful to be able to have a frank and constructive conversation with you and the Vice Chair Lesley McPherson last week, with two of our authors. We discussed the important role the Board plays in ensuring that the Library fulfils its unique duties as a major national cultural institution, and we drew to your attention a number of questions that we felt the Board should now ask, in the light of recent events.

We note that the National Librarian will be writing to us separately regarding her later comments on national radio.

Yours sincerely

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, on the left, reads 'Susan Dalgety' in a cursive script. The second signature, on the right, reads 'Lucy Blackburn' in a similar cursive script.

Susan Dalgety and Lucy Hunter Blackburn