



GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

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Dear Fellow Graduates and Friends:

After receiving the Alumni Newsletter for so many years, I appreciate the honour and irony of being editor for this year's edition. The editorship is one of the many duties and obligations I have assumed as Acting Director of the School during the well-earned sabbatical leave of Professor Jamshid Beheshti.

Before proceeding further, I would like to thank the many alumni and friends of the School who congratulated me upon my promotion last year to the rank of Professor.

This has been a full and productive year at the School. The support of alumni and friends has been deeply appreciated by faculty, staff and students. Without outside support and contributions, the School's work would be severely limited.

As alumni, you should know that the School is gearing up for its 100th anniversary celebrations in 2004. In 1904, formal library education began in Canada with a summer school program at McGill. Charles H. Gould, University Librarian, began the School and enlisted Melvil Dewey as a lecturer. We'll keep you posted on planning for the celebrations.

Peter F. McNally
BLS'65, MLS'66, MA'77
Professor and Acting Director

*The faculty and staff of the GSLIS:
from left to right, Peter McNally,
Gordon Burr (sessional lecturer),
France Bouthillier, Dorothy Carruthers,
Diane Mittermeyer, Jamshid Beheshti,
Andrew Large, John Leide. Seated:
Lorna Rees-Potter.*



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In and Around the School

Students

After several years of concern over the School's enrolment, the numbers are showing dramatic improvement.

Our incoming MLIS I class has 74 students, for a total of 81 first-year students. We also have 11 doctoral students. One of the major factors assisting our recruitment efforts has been an information poster, which we distributed to hundreds of locations in Canada and the United States. In addition, we ran advertisements in the Montreal *Gazette*. Thanks are owed to alumni, whose contributions made the poster and advertisements possible.

Roch Carrier, left, the renowned author who is now Canada's National Librarian, delivered an address at the School in November of 1999. He is with Mary Bond and Peter McNally.



Improvements in Facilities

Information Technology Laboratory

The ITL has been significantly upgraded this year with the addition of nine new PCs. Mr Eric Bunguay, the School's Professional Associate in charge of the Lab, has shown great ingenuity and energy in installing the equipment. In addition, Eric has successfully taught the course "Web System Design and Management." His contributions to the School are much appreciated.

Building Alterations

Summer 2000 saw the street level of the McLennan Library turn into a major construction zone. The transformation of the area adjacent to the School, formerly occupied by the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, into the "Arts Multimedia Language Facility" was completed.

Faculty offices had their electric blue broadloom rugs removed and replaced by light-coloured tiling. To provide space for the large number of PhD students and research assistants, the Faculty Lounge was converted into office space. At the opposite end of the faculty corridor, where the offices of the Director and Administrative Assistant are located, a reorganization provided additional space for doctoral and research activities.

Faculty Projects

Professor France Bouthillier received \$42,380 from SSHRC, \$44,940 from FCAR and \$11,450 from FCAR Equipment for her project "Design of an Information Service Model for Small Businesses in the Context of the Public Library." Professor Diane Mittermeyer received \$5,000 from the Association pour l'avancement des sciences et des techniques de la documentation and \$2,000 from the Council of Administrators of Large Urban Public Libraries to continue her project "The Canadian Public Library Effectiveness Study." Professor Lorna Rees-Potter received \$10,000 from CIDA for her project "Library School Curriculum Development in Indonesia."

Treasures of Islam

In the fall of 1999, the CD-ROM *Treasures of Islam: Art and Design in Islamic Manuscripts* was officially launched during McGill International Days. It is being marketed by McGill Systems Inc. and sold through the Web, the McGill Bookstore, and Amazon.com. The School was responsible for the project, based upon holdings of the McLennan Library's Division of Rare Books and Special Collections. The project was designed and developed by Professors Jamshid Beheshti and Andrew Large, and doctoral student Haidar Moukdad.

Grads, employers help chart future course for School

In the spring of 2000, the firm of Gagnon Charuest conducted, on the School's behalf, focus groups on "Trends in the Field of Library and Information Studies." Two groups were formed, one of alumni and the other of employers of the School's graduates. Four major themes were considered: (1) future trends, (2) the School's response to these trends, (3) required skills and competencies, and (4) the School's name and vision statement.

Overall, the focus groups reported on the fast pace of change and the growing importance of information technology. Although the School was considered to be doing a "good job" teaching foundation skills, faster adaptation to new areas was urged. Technology should be integrated into existing courses, it was felt, rather than new technology courses being developed. Skills mentioned as being of particular importance for today's graduates included: business and management skills, project management skills, and skills in negotiating licences and dealing with suppliers. There was no suggestion from the groups that the School's name needed changing or that the word "library" should be dropped. Concern was expressed, however, about the relation of the vision statement of the School with the reality of its activities – particularly in areas such as innovation and leadership.

Occasional Papers

The following publications, of the School's Occasional Papers series, remain in print:

* *Canada and the Second World War: The Home Front and War Aims, A Bibliography*, by Effie C. Astbury. 1991. 55 pp. \$5.00 #11

* *The Printing of Handbills in Quebec City, 1765-1800. A Listing with Critical Introduction*, by Michel Brisebois. 1995. xliii, 197 pp. \$25.00 #12

* *American Philanthropy and Canadian Libraries: the Politics of Knowledge and Information*, by William J. Buxton and Charles R. Acland, accompanied by "Report on Canadian Libraries" submitted to the Rockefeller Foundation in 1941 by Charles F. McCombs. 1998. 200 p. (variously paged). \$18.00 #13

In addition, the School has taken over from the Canadian Library Association the sale of:

* *Readings in Canadian Library History*, edited by Peter F. McNally. 1986. vi, 258 pp. \$10.00.

Note: Prices quoted are in Canadian dollars, except for orders from outside Canada, in which case the prices are in American dollars. All prices include taxes and shipping charges.

International Activities

Summer Institute

From July 3 to 14, 2000, Professor France Bouthillier organized a Summer Institute on Library Systems, for seventeen students from Guadeloupe. Assisted by four recent MLIS graduates – Martin Poirier'98, Lawrence Deck'99, Sasha Jerabek'97, and Anne-Marie Auger'97 – the students received 60 hours of classes, training and tours. Topics included concepts and practicalities of networking, virtual libraries, and integrated systems. Upon completion of the Institute, the students received diplomas. Student evaluations of the Institute were very positive.



At the training on the Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems (HURIDOCS) in July are, left to right, Judith Dueck, Eric Banguay (GSLIS Professional Associate), Andi Nurman Nurusman, Atikah Nur'aini.

Training in HURIDOCS

For one week in July (12 - 18) 2000, an intensive specialized training in the Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems (HURIDOCS) was offered within the Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies program. HURIDOCS is a network which develops library tools, information retrieval systems, and training packages for human rights organizations.

Sponsored by the Canadian Human Rights Commission, and coordinated by Professor Diane Mittermeyer, the training session focused on documenting Indonesian human rights violations. Its objective was to analyze human rights violations in the light of definitions of human rights, instruments, classification schemes and HURIDOCS applications. The session was especially designed to build upon and expand the knowledge base and research interests of Ms. Atikah Nur'aini, a student in the Graduate Diploma program. A colleague of Ms. Nur'aini at the Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights, Mr. Andi Nurman Nurusman, also attended the session.

This week-long training was developed and presented by Ms. Judith Dueck, Teacher-Librarian at the Gordon Bell High School in Winnipeg. A specialist and consultant in human rights, Ms. Dueck has an impressive record of human rights research, publications and activities. She is a member of the HURIDOCS - International Advisory Committee.



Incoming MLISSA Class President Claire Gilbert, with outgoing Class President Conrad Rader.

A Note about Bequests

A further \$41,000 has been received from the estate of Ms. Eleanore Roberta Powell. The funds will go towards the Student Fellowship created in memory of Vivi Martin (BLS'48), bringing the total to \$140,000. This and other bequests received in recent years are deeply appreciated. The income generated by these planned gifts assists our ability to continue attracting outstanding and deserving students to McGill.

In Memoriam, Rodolphe Lavergne

Many graduates will be saddened to hear of the death of Rodolphe Lavergne on July 22, 2000. Mr. Lavergne (BLS'49, MLS'59), who was well known for his preference for last names, served as Associate Director of the School from 1968 to 1977. He taught the required courses in "Theory and Principles of Administration" and "Administration and Library Operations" as well as "College and University Libraries" and "Library Planning and Architecture." He also co-ordinated an internship programme.

Before joining the School's faculty, he enjoyed a distinguished career as librarian with the Engineering Institute of Canada, the United States Air Force Base in St. John's, Nfld., Canadair, and the McGill Medical Library. After leaving the School's faculty, he became head librarian at the École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal. In addition to his teaching, administrative and publishing activities, Mr. Lavergne was actively involved in professional associations, notably the Quebec Library Association and the Corporation of Professional Librarians of Quebec. Among other notable achievements, he was the first graduate in the School's thesis-based MLS program, which ran from 1956 to 1965.

Mr. Lavergne was an urbane and cultured man who took great pleasure in good food, fine wine, and aromatic cigars. He was an accomplished painter and a skilled builder of model boats and planes. He will be remembered by colleagues and former students for his warm, friendly manner, quiet humour, and shrewd evaluation of people and situations. His wife, Ingrid Smith (BLS'51, MLS'69), predeceased him in 1996. He is survived by his sister, four sons, grandchildren, other relatives, and friends. We convey our condolences to them.

McGill MLIS Class of '92 Reunion

A note from Lois MacDonald (MLIS'92):

"We will be celebrating our 10th graduation anniversary and some of us would like to have a reunion. I am going to go out on a limb and suggest June 2002 in Montreal, maybe even on campus at McGill. To those of you who are already in touch, please start passing the word via e-mail, fax, phone, or even shout if need be. We want name changes, addresses, phone numbers and e-mails especially, and some input as to what kind of celebration you would like to have. (No, Martin, we cannot have it in the Peel Pub.)

Get crackin' gang, and we will have a smasher. I vote for the Ritz again for a dinner and McNally will be subpoenaed for MC. Do I hear some yeas?"

Alumnotes

1940s

Jean Gallahue O'Gorman (BLS'49) now lives in Maryland. She provides volunteer services to the library of a nearby monastery. She has been married 47 years, and has two children and four grandchildren.

1950s

Ruth Beach (MLIS'51) and **Frances Williams Larkins** (MLIS'35) are the only graduates now resident in Casa Dorinda Retirement Community in Santa Barbara, California.

Father Bernard J. Bechard (BLS'53) celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 13th, 1999.

1960s

Gerald Glass (BLS'62) is founder and manager of the Academic Book Shop (established 1963) in Montreal. He is a contributor of local and national news to the *Westmount Examiner*, and a member of the Canadian Political Science and the Canadian Economic Associations.

Dr. William H. Whitely (BLS'62) retired from the Department of History, Memorial University, in 1995. He now lives in Victoria, B.C.

Fran Rose (BLS'63) is responsible for data and government publications at McPherson Library, University of Victoria. She plans to take early retirement in June 2001.



Janet Finlayson (BLS'65), receiving the Mastery For Service award from the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Deborah Buszard.

Janet Finlayson (BLS'65) received the Mastery For Service Award for "outstanding contributions to McGill University's Macdonald Campus, its programs and student life." Janet has spent 34 years working at the Macdonald Campus, and has recently retired from her post as Head Librarian.

Gertie (Buis) Wakuraya Wanjohi (MLIS'68) is now the chairperson of an NGO, Library and Information Support Services, in Nairobi, Kenya. She previously spent 16 years with the UN, and worked part-time at the Library of Congress.

1970s

Shake Lucy Hagopian (MLIS'77) works for the Canadian National Law Department in Montreal.

Mary Mayer Honnelly (MLIS'77) has been elected to the American Library Association Council for a three-year term as Virginia Chapter Councillor. She is currently Assistant Director of the Norfolk, VA, public library system.

1980s

Rosalie Fox (MLIS'82) is the Head Librarian of the Federal Court of Canada, and Co-Chair of the Planning and Priorities Committee of the Council of Federal Libraries.

Christine Jacobs (MLIS'83) is Chair of the Information and Library Technologies Department at John Abbott College in Montreal. Half of her time is devoted to teaching cataloguing, classification and indexing. Christine adds that being den mother to four young people (her son, daughter, niece and nephew) keeps her sane.

Monica Hamor (MLIS'85) started a consulting firm in 1996. Monica Hamor Library and Information Services provides research, library upkeep services, and Internet training to the legal community in the Los Angeles area.

Andrea John (MLIS'85) is employed by the Nova Scotia Department of Education as Information Management Administrator. She is also serving as the President of CASLIS Atlantic this year. With two children, Paul, 3 years old, and Nicole, 3 months old, she is "just a little busy."

Jocelyne (Lebel) Thompson (MLIS'85) left her position as Provincial Librarian, New Brunswick, to become Head, Collections and Public Services, UNB Libraries, in January 2000.

Paulette McLean Johnson (MLIS'86) moved to Toronto following graduation, and worked there as a school librarian for nine years. The teaching aspects of librarianship attracted her, so she pursued an education degree over her summers. In 1996, she earned an Education Specialist (Ed.S) degree, with an emphasis in curriculum and instruction. She married in 1996 and is now the proud mother of one-year-old Trevohn.

NAFTA makes it possible for her to work as a librarian in the U.S., and she has been doing so since 1997. She lives with her family in the "beautiful" Napa Valley in California, home to Pacific Union College, where she works as an academic librarian. Her duties include reference, instruction, inter-library loans and public relations. She is enrolled in a doctoral program (Ed.D) and plans to investigate the relationship between information access and delivery on information literacy in private secondary schools. In the meantime she enjoys travelling, reading Canadian news on the net, and chasing her son.

Ann Moffat (MLIS'86) has been named Director of Library Services of the Westmount Public Library in Quebec.

Nancy Brown (MLIS'87) is a teacher-librarian at St. George's School of Montreal. As well as being a longtime member of Montreal Group 16 of Amnesty International, she started a youth group of Amnesty International at the School in 1999.

Jacqueline Labelle (MLIS'87) is Head of Support for the CRSBP Montérégie, in La Prairie, Quebec. She is also Provincial Coordinator of the Gates Learning Foundation for the Ministère de la culture et des communications du Québec.

Karen Bleakley (MLIS'89) is Manager of Knowledge Services for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Montreal. She writes a regular book column, "Nous avons lu pour vous" in *Les Affaires*, Quebec's weekly business newsletter. She is actively involved in the Special Libraries Association (SLA), where she is currently serving as Chair of the Information Technology Division.

Jean-Marc Edwards (MLIS'89) is Assistant Director, Systems, for Concordia University in Montreal.

1990s

Ross Gordon (MLIS'90) has been employed at the Library of Parliament, Ottawa, since 1990. He is currently registered as a GSLIS PhD (Ad Hoc) candidate at McGill; under the directorship of Professor McNally, he is researching the history of the Library of Parliament.

Clement Arsenault (MLIS'92) successfully defended his PhD thesis "Word Division in the Transcription of Chinese Script in the Title Fields of Bibliographic Records." He is an Assistant Professor at GSLIS, Simmons College, Boston, MA.

Wendy Blue (MLIS'92) has been employed as an Information Specialist at Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada for the past nine years. She and her husband Doug welcomed a baby girl, Emma, in December 1999.

Marietta (Koczot) Carlisi (MLIS'92) is Circulation Librarian at Gainesville College in Gainesville, GA.

Andy Spilioe (MLIS'92) has been employed by DRA Information Inc., Montreal, since 1995. He is currently a MultiLIS Customer Account Manager and a Sales Support Specialist for Taos, DRA's new object-oriented system.

Billy Kwan (MLIS'94) is employed at the Baker Business Library, Harvard University. He is responsible for overseeing the processing workflow of library materials, from acquisitions to cataloguing and processing. This includes serials acquisitions and cataloguing.

Kathleen Morley (MLIS'94) has been promoted to Customer Relationship Manager (CRM) at ITServices, University of British Columbia. ITServices provides all the voice and data (backbone) connectivity for the UBC campus, as well as numerous other IT services such as network and LAN design, computer system configuration and support, webpage/database services, videoconferencing, digital imaging, and document management. Kathleen is responsible for all service-based relationships between ITServices and its customers, including marketing and promotion.

Linda Petriuk (MLIS'95) is the sole information professional at the Food Development Centre Library. The library and Centre are dedicated to supporting the research, development and economic activities of Manitobans in the field of agri-food and food science product development and testing. She reports that the most gratifying part of her professional career is working with the government, business and research communities to provide insight on how to use information and documentation to encourage communication and sharing – not duplication – of knowledge among communities with a common interest in agriculture and food science.

Esther Woo (MLIS'95) works at the Fung Ping Shang Library, University of Hong Kong.



Kathy Gaynor (MSLIS'96), sent us this photo of her and her daughter Rachel. Kathy is Access Services Librarian at the University College of the Cariboo, Kamloops, BC

Mark Bentley (MLIS'96) is now employed in the Market Research Department of Fleet Bank. He previously worked for two years at the New York Public Library, and 18 months at the Science, Industry and Business Library (SIBL).

André Boudreau (MLIS'96) is currently working as a Knowledge Specialist at KPMG in Toronto.

Kathy Gaynor (MLIS'96) gave birth to a daughter, Rachel Vivien Elizabeth Silverberg, on December 30, 1998. Kathy returned to work as Access Services Librarian at the University College of the Cariboo in Kamloops, British Columbia.

Mita Sen-Roy (MLIS'96) accepted a tenure-track position as Librarian at the University of Windsor in July 1999. She is involved in reference work, collection development for the sciences, and Web development. She says she loves listening to Detroit radio.

Zahra (Janmohamed) Baird (MLIS'97) is the President of New Members' Round Table of the New York Library Association.

Younshin Kim (MLIS'97) and **Paul Tremblay** (MLIS'97) were married in Montreal in June 1997. They live in Queens, New York, and both work as Senior Librarians for the Queens Borough Public Library. They welcomed their first child, Emily Kim Tremblay, in August 1999.



Younshin Kim (MLIS'97) and Paul Tremblay (MLIS'97) at home with Emily Kim Tremblay (around Christmas time, we would guess!)

Kevin Manion (MLIS'97) is Operations Manager of the Consumers Union Information Center in Yonkers, New York. The Consumers Union is the publisher of *Consumer Reports* and an important consumer rights advocate.

Matthew Murphy (MLIS'97) is Marketing Officer at CISTI in Ottawa.

Tim Baird (MLIS'98) is the Reference and Adult Services Dewey Fellow for the 2000 NYLA Conference "Libraries are the Solution."

Paul Beaulieu (MLIS'98) started work at the Brooklyn Public Library in August 1999 as a Young Adult Specialist, and now lives in Brooklyn, New York. He is currently Vice-President of the New York Library Association New Members' Round Table.

Johanne Lessard (MLIS'98) is one of four permanent consultants in Records Management employed by TAB Canada, a subsidiary of TAB International based in Ville St-Laurent, Quebec.

Anna Loan-Wilsey (MLIS'98) is Systems Librarian at Gee Library, Texas A&M University, in Commerce, Texas.

Karen Baracat (MLIS'99) has accepted a tenure track position as the Arts and Social Sciences Librarian at the University of Windsor's Leddy Library. Her focus will be marketing in libraries, as well the enhancement of the research skills of high school students who plan to attend university.

Year 2000

James Buczynski (MLIS'00) is Reference Librarian and Science and Engineering Bibliographer at the University of Miami's Otto G. Richter Library in Coral Gables, Florida.

Peter Hepburn (MLIS'00) is the Resident Librarian and Visiting Instructor, Reference Department, Richard J. Daley Library, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Conrad Rader (MLIS'00) is Reference Librarian in the Business and Technology Department of the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Annie Tétreault (MLIS'00) is the Journalism and Communications Studies Librarian at Concordia University, Montreal. Her responsibilities include selection and deselection in both subjects, reference services and student orientation. She says she is thrilled to be doing what she always wanted to do.



At the 1999 Alumni Holiday Reception in New York City: left to right, Jane Kingsland, Adrian Ho, Zahra M. Baird, Tim Baird, Maureen McCoy and Elizabeth Taylor.

In Memoriam

Constance B. (Brown) Quick
(BLS'35), in Bermuda, on January 9, 2000.

Ruth Margaret (Church) Spencer
(BLS'41), at Ottawa, on July 2, 2000.

Charlotte (Clare) Reid
(BLS'60), at Ottawa, on March 18, 2000.

Sylvia V. (Lam) Kwan
(MLIS'69), at Vancouver, on February 6, 1999.

Donna MacHutchin
(MLIS'79), at Montreal, on April 10, 2000.

Request/Comment Form

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Alumni News (career moves, publications, news about fellow alumni for use in future newsletters):

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The GSLIS Alumni Association directory of graduates is finally out! You should have received your copy in November...if you agreed to be listed, that is. If you didn't, how about including your name in the revised edition?

(please print):

Name

Degree and year of graduation

Can the Association include the following information
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