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Dear Graduates and Friends,

It has been a very busy and interesting year. First, I would like to thank Professor Peter McNally, who was the Acting Director during my sabbatical leave. He undertook several important new initiatives, and completed some unfinished administrative tasks. I very much appreciate his hard work and commitment to the School.

I would also like to thank you for continuing to support your School. Through your generous contributions, we are continually upgrading the equipment and software in the Information Technology Laboratory, and providing students with opportunities to use the new computers and learn about the latest technological developments.

During my sabbatical leave I had an opportunity to visit the Library and Information Science Program at Kuwait University. To my surprise and delight, I discovered that Kuwaiti students share the same aspirations, enthusiasm and concerns as our students. What was impressive, however, was their level of commitment to the school, manifested through their efforts to raise funds for various initiatives. For example, several students in charge of the graduation and convocation party convinced a local IT company to donate more than \$10,000 for this purpose. Students then launched a large-scale publicity campaign to which parents and relatives of the graduates as well as many dignitaries were invited. The festivities were a great success, and had the desired effect of raising the profile of the school when the event was reported in the local media.

Recent developments

We now have permission to hire an Assistant Professor in the area of knowledge management and related subjects, and an advertisement has been posted. This is a significant development for the School, since we are embarking upon a strategic plan to introduce new streams in the MLIS Program, one of which is knowledge management.

In January 2001, the School introduced a post-Master's Graduate Certificate – a fifteen-credit program designed mainly to provide formal continuing education opportunities for working library and information professionals. The first graduate of this program, Martha Frey (MLS'81, Western Ontario), has completed all the requirements for the Certificate and will officially receive her degree during the November convocation. Congratulations, Ms. Frey.

I anticipate next year to be also a very interesting and productive one and look forward to hearing from you.

Jamshid Beheshti, PhD
Director



*Catherine Fahey,
President of the McGill Library
and Information Studies
Student Association.*

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France Bouthillier

The last twelve months were, for me, productive and rich in terms of local and international involvement. Having received three research grants last summer for the development of an information service model for small businesses in public libraries, I began phase I of the project at the end of August 2000 and visited a number of libraries in Ontario, New York, Denmark and Sweden. The latter two countries interested me because many small public libraries offer special services to businesses, and my goal was to identify key dimensions and issues, other than financial ones, that need to be taken into account for implementing such services. In the fall, I completed a study for the Ministry of Culture and Communication and the Centre Régional de développement de Lanaudière, aimed at identifying viable scenarios for developing library services in

rural and semi-rural areas. After I organized a Summer Institute on Library Systems for their members last year, the *Association Documentation et lecture en Guadeloupe* invited me as a key speaker at its conference in January 2001. From May to August 2001, I gave four papers at the annual conferences of the Corporation des bibliothécaires professionnels du Québec (Montreal), the Canadian Association for Information Science (Quebec City) with a recent graduate, Kathleen Shearer, the International Society for Knowledge Organization – French Chapter (Paris), also involving Kathleen Shearer, and at the satellite pre-conference of the International Federation of Library Associations (Quebec City). The next academic year will also be a busy and intense one, with several publishing projects expected to be completed, as well as data collection to be undertaken for my research program.



Professor Beheshti with the faculty (seated) and MLIS students at Library and Information Studies Program, College of Graduate Studies, Kuwait University (kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw/~cgs).

Andrew Large

The major event for me in 2000-2001 was the appearance of the *Manual of Online Search Strategies*, edited by Chris Armstrong (based in Wales) and myself. We had begun work on this third edition early in 1997, but at times it seemed fated never to see the light of day. In the end, however, we overcame all obstacles and the manual appeared in three volumes last January. I also had three articles and three conference papers published last academic year, but with much less heartache! At the beginning of 2001 I was jolted out of my nineteen year's comfortable and familiar editorship of the quarterly journal, *Education for Information*, by the resignation of my co-editor; fortunately, his replacement is now moving into high gear, but for a while I was working as hard on the journal as during its early formative days.

As seems usual for me, I did a certain amount of traveling, though less than in some previous years. Conferences took me to Russia (Kaliningrad) as well as closer to home (Ottawa), and I also visited Thailand on an ongoing consultancy for Unesco. I also completed a co-consultancy with Jamshid Beheshti, for the Canadian Heritage Information Network, and finished my research project on digital information seeking by primary school students funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. All in all, then, a busy and productive year in which I also enjoyed teaching the biggest number of students in my two required and two elective courses since I joined McGill.

John E. Leide

In the past year, I was President of the Eastern Canada Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, and organized the visit of Hope Tilman, President Elect of the Association, to the Chapter, as well as the Canadian Reception for the Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas, on June 11, 2001. I am continuing to serve on the Executive Board as past-president. I also

served as Chair of the Museums, Arts and Humanities Division of SLA and was the program planner for the Annual Conference, receiving special recognition for "Remembering the Alamo: Documenting the Preservation of a Texas Shrine," which was co-presented by the Division.

I have submitted a grant proposal for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, "Designing an Interactive Query Formulation Device for Novice Researchers," along with co-researchers, Drs. Charles Cole, Andy Large and Jamshid Beheshti. The proposal addresses the problem of novice end users of information retrieval (IR) systems who are exploring a topic and cannot form an effective query to the system's database. Query formulation devices will be added on to a traditional IR system, a negotiating mediation between user and system that will mediate the undergraduate's interaction with the system's database.

Peter McNally

The experience of being Acting Director during Professor Jamshid Beheshti's sabbatical leave (August 1, 2000 to July 31, 2001) was challenging and rewarding. I appreciated the support of students, staff, and faculty in ensuring that the ambiguities of being "acting" did not become too obvious.

Although I spent most of my time on the day-to-day operations of the School, several major issues and projects arose to preoccupy me. At the top of the list was the establishment of the mechanism for the re-accreditation of the Master's program in 2002, by the American Library Association. The Plan for the Program Presentation, which was developed during spring and summer 2001, will provide the blueprint for our activities over the next eighteen months.

Another major concern was the need for the School to develop a Strategic Plan, conforming to the needs of McGill University. Several important themes emerged from the Plan. First, although it is essential for the School to maintain a healthy level of enrolment, it is equally important to

develop new programs and acquire additional resources that will ensure the long-term health of the School. Second, the time had come for the School to convert the Ad Hoc Doctoral program into a regular program. Professor John Leide assumed the responsibility for creating the proposal, which has been accepted by the Faculty of Education. We are hoping for early approval by the University, and the provincial government. Third, Professors Large and Bouthillier have undertaken to prepare proposals for new Master's programs.

A major accomplishment was gaining approval for the faculty position vacant since Professor Camille Côté's retirement in 1998. The intention is to hire someone in the field of knowledge management for September 2002.

Another highlight of the year was having two Visiting Scholars attached to the School: Dr. Charles Cole (MLIS'89) and Dr. Myra Rosenfeld. They both contributed greatly to the School's research profile.

In welcoming back Professor Beheshti from his sabbatical, my colleagues and I are hopeful that we have handed back the School in good order.



Mr. Bing Wang (centre), Visiting Scholar from Nanjing Library, Nanjing, China, with Professors Beheshti and McNally after delivering the lecture "Rapid Development and Bright Future: Glimpses of Chinese Libraries in the Last Century" on October 19, 2001.

Diane Mittermeyer

PRACTICUM COORDINATOR

In the Winter 2002 term, the elective course 405-699B Practicum in Information Services will be offered for the sixth year. The primary objective of the course is to provide the opportunity for the students to accumulate 144 hours of observation, participation and autonomous practice in a library or an information centre, under the supervision of an information professional. Unlike most courses, the Practicum has an elaborate application process which takes place during the Fall term. To be accepted, students must submit, to the Practicum Coordinator, an application file comprising their curriculum vitae, a copy of their transcript, and most importantly, a statement justifying the selection of their Practicum site. This application process also requires that each student be interviewed by the site supervisor and, upon acceptance, the student and the supervisor will establish a Plan of Work to be followed during the Practicum.

As of September 2001, two documents guiding the activities of the three groups involved in the Practicum are available electronically through the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies web site at: www.gslis.mcgill.ca/mittermeyer/practicum/introduction.htm

Each year, the Practicum process actually starts in May, when the coordinator meets with the site supervisors of the preceding Winter term. The purpose of this meeting is twofold: a) to evaluate the Practicum activities which have recently taken place, and b) to discuss comments and suggestions for an improved students' Practicum experience.

Allow me to quote from my email message (20/09/2001) to the 30 site supervisors who diligently and promptly answered my numerous "little" requests over the summer: "First and foremost One Million Thanks for your cooperation during the Summer months which enabled me to prepare all the Executive Summaries. They are now on the School's Web site...." You are welcome to visit the Practicum in Information Services. Please send your comments, suggestions, and questions to: diane.mittermeyer@mcgill.ca.

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.



*Dr Fauzia K. El Bennani, PhD'01.
A recent graduate of our
PhD (ad hoc) program.*

1950s

Dorothy Ramm (BLS'59) retired as Head of Indexing at the Transportation Library, Northwestern University, Illinois, and was awarded emeritus status by the university.

1960s

Fran Rose (BLS'63) retired from the McPherson Library at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, this past summer. Fran was Government Publications Librarian for 28 years, and was also responsible for Data Acquisition Services.

Martin Dooley (MLS'67) retired on March 30 after 31 years with the Brooklyn Public Library. His last position, held for 20 years, was as Division Chief of Telephone Reference.

Karen Kates Marshall (MLS'69) is the Director of Humanities and Social Sciences Services at the University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville, Virginia.

1980s

Mary Hemmings (BLS'80) has been Librarian at the University of Calgary since 1989, after leaving the McGill Health Sciences Library. Since 1995, she has been a subject specialist for French, Italian, Spanish and Geography. Mary earned a Master's degree in History in 1997 and is now enrolled as a part-time student in law school.

Pierre Gamache (BLS'82) works at the National Library of Canada as Director of Collections Management. These days, however, he works "full time as a member of the Working Group on Collection Policies, reviewing and defining a number of collection oriented initiatives." He is married to Deborah and "papa" to Charles and Max.

Linda Everett (BLS'83) is a Group Leader, Library and Information Services, at the Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada (PAPRICAN) in Pointe-Claire, Quebec.

Christine Jacobs (BLS'83) received many surprise phone calls from friends after being credited with a son and a daughter instead of two sons, in last year's newsletter. We are very sorry for the error!

Luc Girard (MLIS'85) is a Reference Librarian - Economics and Industrial Relations at the Université de Montréal.

Eliana Paris Holmes (MLIS'87) entered the American diplomatic service and will serve in Guayaquil, Ecuador, as American Consul in charge of the Visa Unit.

1990s

Marilyn Tulk (MLIS'90) is a Canadiana Specialist in the Legal Deposit Office at the National Library of Canada. She is responsible for acquiring genealogical material, ethnic and native publications, musical scores, talking books and university working papers.

Donna Bowman (MLIS'91) is in her ninth year at the University of Regina Libraries as a Reference/Collections Librarian. Last year she married another librarian.

Tracey Carmichael (MLIS'91) is a Librarian at the B.C. Securities Commission. She is also the proud mother of two – Damian, 4 years old, and Monica, 18 months. Tracey wishes to inform all of you who remember her husband, Linton, “that he has been successfully re-programmed and is now a Reference Librarian at Richmond Public Library!”

Kathy Gagné (MLIS'91) is a Music Librarian at CBC Radio in Ottawa. She recently married an Anglican priest and lives in the church rectory in the village of Richmond, Ottawa.

Angela Kuhn (MLIS'91) will be celebrating her 10-year wedding anniversary to fellow GSLIS graduate **Christian Sylvain** (MLIS'92) in October 2001. She is a full-time parent to Pascal, age 8, Gabriel, age 6, and Annamarie, age 5.

Fiona Murray (MLIS'91) worked as Reference Librarian at CN and subsequently moved into the Public Affairs Department as Executive Assistant to the VP. From there she joined CN's Supply Management and is now in Sales and Marketing, responsible for rail traffic. She has discovered that “the skills I learned in library school are what gave me the stepping stone into the business world. And now that I am in the business world, my research skills and knowledge of how information is organized and retrieved have given me great advantage on the job market and in helping CN reach new markets and new revenues.”

Sandra Rakovac (née Blaskovic) (MLIS'91) married Boris Rakovac in 1993 and has lived in Croatia for the last two years. They have one son, Drazen, born in 2000. Sandra works from home as an electronic indexer for the Gale Group.

Rina Gribovsky (MLIS'92) has been living in Ottawa and working for the Canadian government since she graduated. She is currently the Electronic Information Specialist (a fancy title for Intranet Librarian) at the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI), a federal agency in Ottawa. She married in 1999, and spends her free time playing lots and lots of golf.



*McGill Library School Alumni – Canada in New-York Party, April 2001
Standing, Unknown, Martin Dooley, Joanne Tomeko Dooley, Salimah Janmohamed (MLIS II), Tim Baird, Zahra Janmohamed Baird, John Bell.
Seated, Alain Letourneau, Paul Beaulieu, Jane Kingsland, Frederick Klein.*

Hélène Lambert (MLIS'92) has been working at the Library of Parliament for the last 8 and a half years, mostly as a Reference Librarian. She has also participated in a number of transfers and worked in the Library's Branches, as Internet Librarian and Online Librarian. She is currently working on an internal project as a ParlRef Librarian.

Randy Krawek (MLIS'93) has been working at Nortel Networks in Ottawa since February 1995. In May 1998, he was promoted from the position of Global Senior Information Specialist to that of Competitive Intelligence Analyst, Patents, for Nortel's Intellectual Property Law Department. In 2000, Randy was promoted again, to Patent Licensing Manager. He looks forward to participating in the Gay Games VI's Triathlon in Sydney, Australia, in November 2002.

Mike Sforza (MLIS'93) is a Solution Designer for Ericsson Canada. He participated in the peace enforcement mission in East Timor in 1999-2000.

Judy Senecal (MLIS'94) won one of Carleton University's Professional Achievement Awards last year, and will be promoted to Librarian III this year. She is looking forward to a one-year sabbatical that will be spent developing a web-based Instruction/Information Literacy course. She and her husband recently purchased a home, and she is planning to spend some of her time off enjoying her new rural retreat!

Bessie (Crafts) Sullivan (MLIS'94) is an Urban Branch Librarian at the Kingston Frontenac Public Library, in Ontario. She is responsible for the operation of three city branches in Kingston. Her daughter Haley is seven and son Gus is four.

Brian Thompson (MLIS'94) completed a PhD in musicology at the University of Hong Kong in January 2001 and is editor of naxos.com, the web site of the classical record company, Naxos. He and wife **Gabrielle (Wong Ka Wai)** (MLIS'95) a Reference Librarian at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, are proud parents of Sophie Marie Yuk Yu Thompson, born on April 12, 2000.

Barbara Lapointe (MLIS'95) is a Bibliographer for the Forest History Society, an affiliation of Duke University, in Durham, North Carolina.

Cathrine-Mette (Trine) Mork (MLIS'95), headed out to Japan on the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program following her graduation from GSLIS, with the intention of staying no more than a couple of years and seeing a bit of Asia. She fell in love with Miyazaki, the rural area in which she lives, and hasn't looked back since. She currently works at one of the two small junior colleges in the prefecture, teaching academic writing, North American culture, pronunciation, and mostly English conversation. The skills and knowledge she gained at GSLIS help her with computer-assisted language learning (CALL) and the teaching of basic library-use skills.

Haidar Moukdad (MLIS'95) was appointed to a tenure-track position, effective July 1, 2001, at the School of Library and Information Studies, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is currently completing his PhD at the GSLIS, McGill University.



Brian Thompson, MLIS'94 and his wife Gabrielle (Wong Ka Wai) MLIS'95 with their baby Sophie Marie Yuk Yu Thompson, born on April 12, 2000.

Michel Ogilvie (MLIS'95) is Head of the Learning Resource Centre of the Nizwa College of Education under the Ministry of Higher Education of the Sultanate of Oman.

Jane Kingsland (MLIS'96) recently left the New York Studio School in New York City and joined the library staff at Audrey Cohen College, a multicultural career-oriented college in the Soho/Tribeca area of New York City, as Reference and Technical Services Librarian.

Eileen McKee (MLIS'96) is a Serials Librarian at the Central Library of the Brooklyn Public Library and is currently in the midst of creating an MS Access Database of their periodicals holdings. Her business travels have taken her back to McGill University on a recruiting mission, to California and Texas to attend conferences, and to the Hong Kong Book Fair.

Eino Sierpe (MLIS'96) is currently a PhD candidate at GSLIS and is expected to complete the degree requirement in early 2002. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Information and Library Science at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven.

Sue Fahey (MLIS'97) is currently working in the Information Services division of the Queen Elizabeth II Library at the Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Frederick Klein (MLIS'98) is a Librarian at the Brooklyn Public Library's Education and Job Center. He is president of the Canadian Club at the BPL and is working with the Canadian Library Association to start a New York chapter of the CLA.



MLIS II students – April 2001

Elizabeth Taylor (MLIS'98) is a Reference Librarian at the New York Academy of Medicine. She was previously employed at the Brooklyn Public Library. She reports that "there are many social activities with other Canadians and/or McGill grads here and of course the theatre is fabulous!"

Shelley Woods (MLIS'98) married Matthew Maennling of Carleton Place, Ontario, in Pembroke, Ontario, on June 30, 2001.

Michel-Adrien Sheppard (MLIS'99) is a web producer at Workopolis.com. Prior to this, he was the librarian in charge of the electronic media monitoring service at the Library of Parliament in Ottawa. He married Viviane Katz three days after finishing his last MLIS assignment at McGill and is relieved to report that Viviane has allowed him to "keep his maiden name."

2000s

Rich Boulet (MLIS'00) is Director of the Southwest Harbor Public Library, Maine. He considers himself among the luckiest of library school graduates, directing a library with a dedicated board of trustees, a seasoned staff, crew of volunteers and a supportive community.

Daniel Bromby (MLIS'00) recently accepted a one-year renewable contract as Head Archivist for the Eastern Townships Research Centre located on the campus of Bishop's University.

Josee Lemoine (MLIS'00) has been a Business Analyst-Information Resources Librarian at the Bell Canada & BCE Inc. Secretariat since November 2000. She is responsible for database development and electronic document management and is also departmental webmaster. She married Pierre Chabot on May 12, 2001.

Katie Barrett (MLIS'01) is a Generalist Librarian at the East Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library. She is responsible for the adult collection, programming and services.

Louis-Philippe Bujold (MLIS'01) is a Reference Librarian at the New York Public Library's Mid-Manhattan Humanities & Social Sciences Branch. At 24 years of age, he finds it "sweet" to be earning a handsome U.S. dollar salary while being offered training and guidance at the same time.

Virginia Charron (MLIS'01) is Deputy Chief Librarian at the Kitimat Public Library in Northern British Columbia. Kitimat offers excellent hiking and biking trails, sailing, salmon fishing, skiing, golf and a spectacular view of snowcapped mountains. On the downside, there is much rain and bears roaming about

(everyone wears bells on their shoes and whistles around their necks!). Virginia is being trained to take over the position of the Chief Librarian, who is expecting to be transferred to another location.

Dorothy Gartner (MLIS'01) is currently working at the Research Library and Information Centre belonging to Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada, Dorval, Quebec.

Claire Gilbert (MLIS'01) is an archivist at the British Columbia Archives in Victoria, British Columbia.

Lorie Kloda (MLIS '01) began a 13-month appointment as ILL/Reference Librarian at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal in August. She has been working part-time in the Children's Dept. at the Westmount Public Library since 1998.



*Melanie Raymond, MLIS, II and Kwan Yi, PhD 2,
at the students' potluck lunch, October 2001.*

Jen Pagnotta (MLIS'01) is currently working as an Electronic Resources Librarian at Statistics Canada, Ottawa.

Rachel Rogers (MLIS'01) is a Media Librarian for the CBC Toronto Music Library.

Darlene Valeda (MLIS'01) is a Network Ontologist for Descartes Systems Group who provides collaborative logistics management services to thousands of companies worldwide. She is presently writing an ontology (thesaurus format) of the logistics industry.

Yueying Xie (MLIS'01) is an Enhancement Cataloguer at Michigan State University Libraries.

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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?

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IN MEMORIAM

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Jean Worley (BLS'41)
at Ottawa, ON., on May 31, 2001.

Margery W. Trentholme (BLS'46)
at Montreal, QC.,
on October 15, 2000.

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Ethel R.L. Branz (BLS'50)
at Worcester, MA.,
on October 26, 2000.

Barbara E. Brown (BLS'58) at Brockville, ON.,
on December 12, 2000.

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Beverley J. Bruchan (MLIS'73) at Thunder Bay, ON.,
on October 19, 2000.

Michel Theriault (MLS'76) at Ottawa, ON.,
on September 27, 2000.

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