

# Library Matters @ McGill

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## FROM THE TRENHOLME DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

The next few weeks will be extremely busy. *Homecoming* will take place on the weekend of October 18 – 21 and graduates will return to the University to meet old friends, make new ones, view the changes to the campus that have been undertaken and continue their lifelong educational journey. A special symposium *Healing our World* will take place. It will be an informal discussion on issues that concern us all: health and wellness, poverty and development, and rescuing our endangered environment. Campus tours will take place during Homecoming and as usual the Library will feature prominently. Special exhibitions in the Library will pay tribute to the significant impact on the Library's collections made by our donors and benefactors over the years. Various lunches and dinners will be held, featuring speakers who will both inform and entertain. **Richard Virr** and I will present a talk, *From Mesopotamia to Megabytes* as part of the *Classes without Quizzes* program. The Library will also host a breakfast on the morning of October 19. The week also marks the launch of the capital campaign and various associated activities will be held. The University is seeking funds to supplement government sources of income to ensure we build capacity and help provide quality teaching, learning and research programs within the University. The Capital Campaign will seek to raise private funds to strengthen our financial position to help achieve our goals. Our past has depended on the considerable support provided by our many friends; our future will also require ongoing support from our old and new friends. We shall all work together to obtain the funds we need to provide the services we know people want.

Our Principal, Heather Munroe-Blum, has issued a report which outlines the University's achievements in the last four and a half years, and features the directions to be taken in the next few years [<http://www.mcgill.ca/principals-report-07/>]. There are many insights provided into the priorities of the University. Strengthening student life and learning, remaining research-intensive and student-centred and maintaining an international presence are but some of the areas on which the University is focusing. The Principal pays tribute to the work each one of us does in ensuring the University delivers its programs effectively and notes that, "As we build on the remarkable legacy we have inherited, I believe that, as a public institution, we must maintain the highest standards of quality, transparency and accountability." We are all privileged to work at McGill and proud of the achievements made in which we all share. The concluding remarks of the Principal in the report set the stage for us all as we go forward—*as remarkable as our history has been, our best years lie ahead.*

**Janine Schmidt,**  
Trenholme Director of Libraries

The *Library Matters @ McGill* newsletter, brought to you by the *you-never-heard-it-from-us* editors, seeks to exchange and encourage ideas, innovations and information from McGill Library staff at all levels.

The newsletter is published monthly. The latest issue, as well as an archive of past issues, can be found at [www.mcgill.ca/library-about/pubs/newsletter](http://www.mcgill.ca/library-about/pubs/newsletter).

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## WHAT'S NEW

### PHYSICAL SPACES

It has been an extremely busy beginning to the term. Much has been happening over the summer and is continuing on our facilities refurbishments. Work has been undertaken on the Schulich Library of Science and Engineering and will be completed mid-October. Additional ventilation and computer workstations have been installed, as well as improvements to the lighting, seating and study spaces. An upgrade of the Education Library and Curriculum Resources Centre is also occurring and will be completed early November. Both libraries are functioning fully, although minor disruptions have occurred. Funding for the project has come from donor funds, student funds and the library budget. Some physical improvements have also been undertaken in the Life Sciences Library and additional computers added.

### COLLECTIONS ON THE MOVE

Additional compact storage was acquired for the Howard Ross Management Library and the Education Library. Material was repatriated from the Currie gym to each of these libraries and also to the Macdonald Campus Library. The integration of the Blacker-Wood journals into the Life Sciences Library was completed and little-used material housed in the Redpath basement. Monographs which had been borrowed from the Blacker-Wood collections in the last two years have been transferred to the Life Sciences Library. Further rare materials have been re-located to the Rare Books and Special Collections Division. Congratulations and many thanks to all who have worked so hard to ensure all these moves and the subsequent changes in records occurred.

### SIGNS AND LAYOUT

Signage and layout improvements have occurred in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library - there is more to

come in all branch libraries. Some additional shelving has been included in HSSL.

### CYBERTHÈQUE

Work has proceeded on the e-zone which has now been named the Cyberthèque. It will be completed in early November. During the course of the work, damage to concrete and to a steel beam was noted. Repair work is being undertaken over the next 4 weeks. The entry to the Redpath Library Building will be closed for this work. Again everyone is thanked for their patience and forbearance. We are really pleased to see the maintenance issues being addressed. There has also been some flooding in the basement and Facilities staff have acted to replace defective equipment and to prevent any re-occurrence.

Much of the facilities work has been undertaken in relation to gaps identified in the LibQUAL+ surveys previously undertaken. Work has begun on planning the LibQUAL+ survey, to be undertaken in 2008.

### ORIENTATION 2007

A successful orientation program was undertaken. The Library was involved in the Student Centre, the Street Fair and provided tours and sessions. The Library was present at some Faculty and other general welcoming sessions and also in the Parents events. Posters and a brochure were printed to publicize activities. The Student Ambassador program has been a successful initiative. Many brochures have been revised over the summer and new ones prepared. Again, thanks to the dozens of people who were involved in planning, preparation and delivery of all of these programs—particularly to our Student Ambassadors.

### EJOURNALS // MICROFORMS // CJK MATERIALS

The Library has continued to acquire back runs of e-journals. Over 7,800 journals are now available from volume 1 onwards in electronic format. Much activity was carried out over the summer on cataloguing backlogs, particularly as far as the Cutter collections were concerned. Funds from the SSMU were most helpful in this regard. Thank you again to the many staff involved and our excellent

student workers. Microforms in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library were re-arranged into one sequence over the summer. The additional shelving has enabled better housing of the CJK materials (Chinese, Japanese, Korean) 65,000 volumes were rebarcoded over the summer in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library—a great achievement by all. The Library system has also been upgraded. Various other projects have been undertaken, including enhancements to the search interface for *eScholarship@McGill* and clearer access to e-journals and databases. A great team effort.

### STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Various new appointments have been made and staff will come on board in early, mid and late October. These include Megan Fitzgibbons and Andrea Murray to the Humanities and Social Sciences Library; Jared Wiercinski to the Lending and Access Service in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library; Andrew Collier to the Web Coordinator position within the Library Technology Service and Jill Boruff to the Life Sciences Library. We shall welcome all new staff. Some librarian positions are being re-posted. The new Librarian Regulations have also been implemented as of September 1.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Preparations are underway for the launch of the Capital Campaign next month. Founded on a gift, and using *History in the making* as a slogan, the University will carve out its future. The Library is keen to participate and ensure that it continues both to make history and to permit others to do so.

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*"It is the province of knowledge to speak, and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen."*

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

# THE DESIGN BIBLIOGRAPHY DATABASE

BY MARIKA ASIMAKOPOLOS (SCHULICH LIBRARY)

It all started at a Faculty of Engineering Christmas party several years ago. Professor Jorge Angeles (James McGill Professor and now NSERC Design Engineering Chair) told me that he wanted a design bibliography database. I put him in touch with David McKnight and the Digital Collections Program, and the rest is history.

David, and Elizabeth Thomson developed the data model, technical infrastructure, and website, with additional support from me, two students in Library and Information Studies, Julia Smocot and Jessica Ouvrard, and Computer Science student Xiaopeng Qu.

The database provides access to the retrospective literature in design, drawn from two extensive bibliographies. It is also a dynamic self-archiving utility supporting research in the field of design—researchers will be able, by filling in the submission form, to contribute published and unpublished citations.

Check out the site [<http://designbibliography.mcgill.ca>]. The Advanced search

provides the database with added value: there are several search fields: a list of subjects, from accident prevention to welding, brazing and soldering; and a list of document types, e.g. monograph, journal article, conference paper, technical report, preprint, website, etc.

As work was progressing, a paper, *DBDB: a database for Design Bibliography*, about the database was presented at the CDEN (Canadian Design Engineering Network) Conference in Montreal, in July 2004.

The database is not a document repository. Instead, researchers can fill in the submission form (developed by Xiaopeng and Elizabeth), providing bibliographic information, and hypertext links if available, for materials dealing with design, urban planning, architecture and other related domains. Elizabeth also developed the management interface, Submission Guidelines, and the Manual for the Bibliography Editor.

The maintenance of the database and editing of the new submissions now falls to the staff of the Faculty of Engineering NSERC Design Engineering Chair, in particular Dr A. Morozov, the Project Editor.

The database was launched at the NSERC Design Engineering Chair, Design for Extreme Environments Meeting held on February 8, 2007, at McGill's McConnell Engineering Building. At the launch I gave a demonstration of the database. Technical questions were fielded by Elizabeth. The Database was subsequently featured at the CDEN/CCEE conference in Winnipeg this summer. □

Check out the Design Bibliography Database at <http://designbibliography.mcgill.ca>

## DID YOU KNOW...CANADA HAS 23 GOLD, 10 SILVER AND 7 BRONZE?

Did you know our very own Anne McMahon (Macdonald Library) was selected to the Canadian National Dragon Boat team which represented Canada at the World Championships held in Perth, Australia September 19 – 23?

Quote: This is what we received when we were named to the team - I am having it framed. Now we have to work hard to bring home gold medals.



Dear Marjorie Anne:

Congratulations on your selection to the Canadian National Dragon Boat Team which will represent Canada and compete at the World Championships in Penrith, Australia, September 19 through the 23rd. The time that you have devoted

preparing for this event by improving your strength and skill level will contribute to the success of Team Canada.

Over the next several weeks your coaches will provide you with the competition preparation program in addition to the race schedule for the balance of the season. Logistical information with respect to travel, lodging and uniforms is in the process of being finalized and will be communicated to you as soon as possible. I am confident that you will perform exceptionally well and make your fellow Canadians proud of your accomplishments.

Once again, on behalf of Dragon Boat Canada as well as the Canadian dragon boat community, congratulations and good luck in Australia.

Sincerely,  
Chloe Greenhalgh, Executive Director

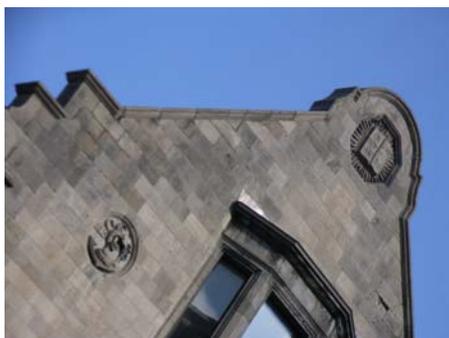
### MEDAL COUNT

COUNTRY	G	S	B
Australia	2	10	15
Canada	23	10	7
China	1	3	3
Germany	7	3	0
Great Britain	0	2	4
Macau	0	1	1
New Zealand	0	0	1
Philippines	1	1	2
Slovakia	0	1	0
USA	4	7	5

From the Dragon Boat competition held in Sydney Australia. If you want to know about the teams etc. check this site: [www.dragonboat07.com.au/index.php?page=team-profiles](http://www.dragonboat07.com.au/index.php?page=team-profiles) □

## Where's this?

How well do you know the libraries? Emma Buckley took this eyeball-bending pic of one of our buildings. Do you know which one? The answer will appear in the October issue.



# IFLA 2008

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in meeting colleagues from around the world?  
Do you want to experience what goes on at an international conference?  
Do you want to be part of the 400th anniversary for Quebec City?  
Do you have language skills in Spanish, German, Chinese, Arabic, or Russian?  
Do you have computer skills, or a valid driver's license, or library science experience?  
Are you energetic, interested, curious, bright, people oriented?

### How to join the IFLA volunteers team?

Applications are being considered between now and March 1, 2008.

Print out and complete the form at <http://ifla2008.asted.org> (website for ASTED), add a paragraph on what you would hope to gain from your attendance at IFLA and submit your request to the Office of the Director of Libraries by the end of October, 2007. The Library will support the application of two volunteers with accommodation and transportation costs. Volunteers are able to attend the conference when they are not helping out. The Library will forward applications to the Conference Committee for assessment.

The **International Federation of Libraries (IFLA)** will be holding its next annual meeting in Quebec City. Volunteers are needed from August 6th to August 16th 2008 and will handle tasks dealing with: reception, information desk, guided tours, social and cultural activities, portfolio preparation, bulletin boards, chauffeurs, and exhibition hall.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

*The Mossman endowment presents:*

*The D. Lorne Gales Lecture in the History of Science*

**After Leonardo: The Artist as Scientist in 17th Century Italy**

**Monday, October 15, 6:00 p.m., Moot Court, Chancellor Day Hall**

Given by Paula Findlen, Ubaldo Pierotti  
Professor of Italian History and Program in History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Stanford University

**Homecoming 2007**

**Thursday, October 18 – Sunday, October 21, 2007**

**Parents' Breakfast**

**October 19, 9:00 a.m., McLennan Library Building**

Janine Schmidt, Trenholme Director of

Libraries, will be hosting a breakfast for parents of McGill students. This is part of the first ever Parents Weekend taking place at McGill. Janine and Richard Virr, Chief Curator, Rare Books and Special Collections Division, will be making a presentation entitled *Parenting and Puppetry: or Life is full of Surprises*.

**Classes without Quizzes: From Mesopotamia to Megabytes**

**October 20, 1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., McLennan Library Building**

Janine Schmidt and Richard Virr present

**McGill Book Fair**

**Wednesday, October 24 & Thursday, October 25, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Redpath Hall**

*"For success, attitude is equally important as ability."*

- Sir Walter Scott