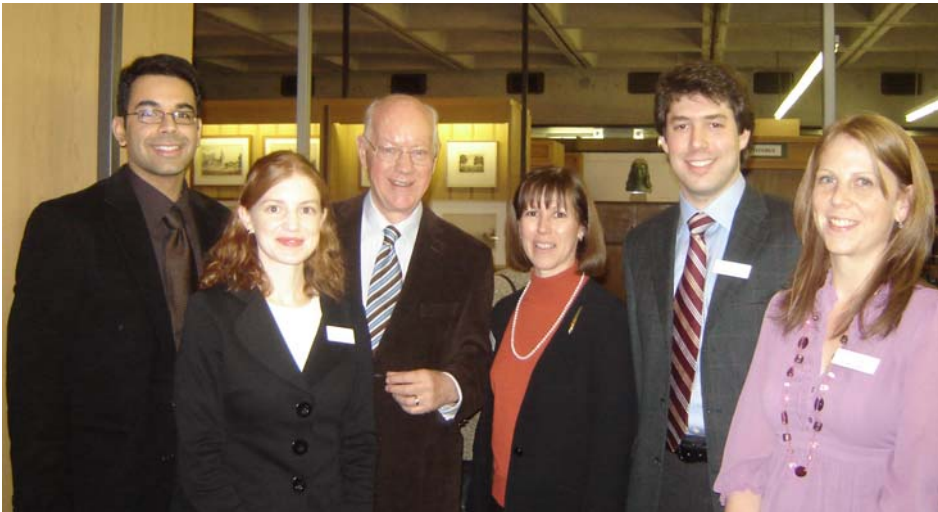


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FROM THE TRENHOLME DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES



Library staff members with the Honorable Justice John Gomery, the Friends of the Library's Friend of the Year, at their annual meeting on December 12

Jimmy Wales, creator of Wikipedia, hit the headlines again recently with a discussion of Wikipedia at the Online Information Conference, held in London. (www.online-information.co.uk/online07/conference_2007.shtml). His address entitled *Web 2.0 in Action: Free Culture and Community on the Move*, outlined the origins and aims of Wikipedia and forecast some of the future trends. Commenced by a ragtag band of volunteers, Wikipedia which is produced under the auspices of the Wikimedia Foundation now contains millions of articles in many languages and is an extremely popular internet site. It is self-organized and created by the people for the people. While critics have been many, they have been matched by the enthusiasts who regard the content as authoritative and useful. What does Wales say himself about this? While the source might lack the authority required for citing in a scholarly article or assignment by a university student, new procedures have been established to edit the content and to establish the veracity of the sources. And the future? There is now a Wiktionary and Wales described work being undertaken on a search facility which might compete with Google. Not surprisingly, much of the content of the Online Conference focused on Web 2.0 and provided challenges for us all as we adopt and adapt to the new approaches provided by new software tools and new user approaches.

It is that time of year when we frantically try to finish the things we wanted to achieve in 2007 and plan what we want to accomplish in 2008. The end of the term brings additional pressures and examinations for the students. We hope all has gone well for all. A short holiday break will give us time to retreat from the classroom, the library and the office and to recuperate, reflect and relax with our families and friends. The Library's Festive Fête to be held on Tuesday evening will allow us to enjoy each other's company and to thank everyone who has helped achieve the goals we set for 2007. For those celebrating religious festivals, best wishes for a time of joyful spirituality. For those who are just having a good time, enjoy. And to all a peaceful and pleasant conclusion to 2007 and a hopeful and happy commencement of 2008.

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/.

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UPDATE FOR STAFF FROM THE DIRECTOR

The work on our various summer building projects is almost at an end. The Education Library and Curriculum Resource Centre is now fully functioning and the Cyberthèque will be completed and functioning when we come back in January. We still await the arrival of some furniture but these two projects, as well as the Schulich Library of Science and Engineering are operating satisfactorily. Some minimal work is being done in the Howard Ross Management Library and a new desk will be installed, with improved accommodation for staff. This work remains to be done and we shall start planning our next projects, although funding is limited. We shall be carrying out some work in the foyers within the Humanities and Social Sciences Library and also making some further limited improvements to the Life Sciences Library. Thank you to everyone for their patience and to the many staff who have contributed to all the projects.

The Cyberthèque will be a multi-functional study, teaching, learning and collaboration space which will provide the McGill student community with a vibrant environment in which to collaborate, conduct research, prepare assignments, study or learn individually or in groups as well as access the library's online resources and resources across the internet.

The Cyberthèque will seat 250 students. The room is configured with 125 computers, laptop seating for another 125 people, four bookable group study rooms and comfortable group study banquettes, all equipped with laptop access, writable wall spaces and the ability to project the computer output onto large LCD screens. The flexible electronic classroom seats 45 students and can be configured to teach large or small groups. When not booked for information skills classes, the e-classroom will be available for individual use. Laptops will be available for loan for use in the e-classroom, which has been designed so that various configurations will be available to suit different learning and teaching styles.

Service to users in the area will be provided from the desk within the Cyberthèque, initially for a limited period each day, by staff from the Humanities and Social Sciences Library. There will be support from Library Technicians in the Library Technology Service, and other staff as necessary. Staff will assist in providing answers to enquiries, lending lap-

tops and assisting with minor issues relating to use of the equipment. This service will be similar to services being provided from other branch libraries and other existing service points within the Humanities and Social Sciences Library. We are also working on trialling in the area requests for assistance which will be based on a messaging service.

We shall be providing tours of the new Cyberthèque facility in the New Year so that all staff can visit it.

We shall be hosting two consultants in the next few weeks. Richard Landon, who is the Director of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library at the University of Toronto, will be visiting us next week, beginning December 17, to undertake a review of our Rare Books and Special Collections. He will be examining the current structure, staffing, facilities and the provision of services and collections in relation to rare books and special collections within the McGill Library, taking into account the existing structure of the Rare Books and Special Collections Division, and the additional rare books and special collections which exist in the Nahum Gelber Law Library, the Osler Library, the Marvin Duchow Music Library and other branch libraries within the McGill library system. Richard Landon will be meeting with Carole Urbain and Richard Virr as well as staff from Osler, Law, Blackader-Lauterman, Music and other areas. He will also meet with some users and others in the community. If you would like to make some points to Richard, please contact the Office of the Director of Libraries. Richard will provide the Library with a report in the New Year and we shall also invite him back to speak to us in relation to his recommendations for the future. We have great treasures and marvellous collections and we must ensure that we manage them appropriately.

The second consultant is Alan Burk. Alan has recently retired from the position of Director, Electronic Text Centre at the University of New Brunswick, and he will be working with us for three months from early January to assist us in further developing our digitization strategies within the Library Technology Service. He will be helping us to develop a strategic plan, identifying the support we can provide to researchers, particularly in the humanities, focusing on the software we should be using, providing guidance to

library staff in use of various standards including XML and also assisting with further understandings of metadata applications. Further details can be obtained from Louise O'Neill, Associate Director, Library Technology Service.

Several new staff have recently joined us. Francisco Oliva has joined us as a Financial Administrator and Rosanne deWolfe, as Senior Library Clerk, Access and Lending, Humanities and Social Sciences Library. On January 16, Greg Houston will join Library Technology Services staff as Digitization Administrator. We welcome these new staff.

We shall be interviewing the week beginning December 17 for librarians to fill various vacancies in the Marvin Duchow Music Library, the Rare Books and Special Collections Division, the RUIS and the Humanities and Social Sciences Library.

An excellent function was held this week sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and the Library. The President of the Friends, Janet Blachford, made the award of the Friend of the Year to the Honourable Justice John Gomery, a former President of the Friends and recently retired from his official legal duties. The evening also saw the recognition of the generosity of John Gomery who has established a collection on ethics in honour of his father W. Bertram Gomery. Thank you to all the staff who assisted in putting the collection together—Daniel Boyer, Rajiv Johal, Beth Dunning and Megan Fitzgibbons, among others. We thank John Gomery very much and also his wife, Justice Pierrette Rayle, who paid for the restoration of two splendid cases (over 100 years old) which displayed some of the new books purchased.

The Library has been negotiating (through Louis Houle) for some time the purchase of some of our databases for use by alumni. There has been much demand for this. Early in the New Year, a new website will announce the databases available and provide details on how alumni might access them.

Last but not least, we shall celebrate the end of 2007 and the beginning of 2008, with the Library's annual Festive Fête on Tuesday December 18. I do hope everyone can come and join with each other. Thank you to all for a wonderful 2007. □

INTRODUCING ESSENTIAL SCIENCE INDICATORS (ESI)

BY APRIL COLOSIMO (SCHULICH)

There is a new analytical tool available through the Library that is part of the ISI Web of Knowledge family of products. We can still go to Journal Citation Reports for the most current journal rankings and impact factors, but for long-term citation analysis we now have access to Essential Science Indicators (ESI). In ESI citation behaviour is analyzed not only for individual journals but for scientists, institutions, and countries or territories. It is also possible to focus on a field of research and find out which papers are hot and which can be considered core.

ESI citation counts go back ten years plus the current year, but only journal articles or conference papers indexed by Thomson Scientific are included. Each journal is assigned to one of twenty-two subject fields, including a multidisciplinary field for journals such as Science and Nature. Much of the data provided in ESI is represented in tables or graphs.

Citation Rankings

The scientists section provides information such as what highly cited papers a scientist has published or who the most cited scientists are in a given field. All authors are credited equally when a paper is cited but only those that meet the citation minimums specific to each field are included in ESI. Dealing with author

names requires care since a name can represent more than one individual, or the same individual may be listed under more than one variation of their name (for example with and without middle initials).

Universities and corporate or government research labs that meet minimum citation count thresholds are included in the institutional rankings. As with authors, all institutions are credited equally for a paper, but only once per paper, regardless of how many affiliated researchers appear. Here we can discover how many papers were published from an institution over a time period or how an institution ranks in a certain field, for example.

There are national rankings that include countries and territories. Citation thresholds work much the same way as those for institutional rankings. It is possible to compare one country to others in a research field or view a graph of citations attributed to a country over time to determine whether the rate of citations is increasing or decreasing.

Journals that make it into ESI are also ranked for the past ten years plus the current year for each field. ESI keeps track of name changes and the mergers of individual journals.

Most cited papers

While rankings provide the top papers

for a scientist, institution, nation, or journal, this section focuses on papers that meet a high citation count threshold. We can find highly cited papers from the past ten years, or hot papers from the past two years that have become highly cited more quickly than expected in a field. Papers can include journal articles, proceedings, and research notes.

Citation analysis

ESI looks at links between highly cited papers and reveals research fronts. These are areas of research covered extensively in the literature or new upcoming areas of interest. Recurring words from papers are used to name the research fronts. Similarly, core papers may be identified by their relationship to other papers published in an area.

Commentary

In-cites commentaries provide additional information on certain papers, scientists, institutions or nations. These include interviews and essays written by scientists involved in the research. Commentaries may also cover special topics, examining the literature of specific fields.

With all of the above sections linked to each other and to individual records in Web of Science there is much to explore in ESI. □

INTEGRITY ON DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY

BY EMMA BUCKLEY (OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES)

On Wednesday, December 12, McGill Library and the Friends of the Library hosted a unique event combining the Friends' Annual General Meeting, Friend of the Year award, and annual end-of-year celebration. The event was also an opportunity for McGill Library to give thanks to the 2007 Friend of the Year, Justice John H. Gomery, for establishing the W. Bertram Gomery Collection in Ethics and Governance, a focused, multidisciplinary collection covering ethics and governance issues related to the humanities, social sciences, management and law.

A selection of items from the new collection was on display in the Rare Books and Special Collections Division lobby for guests to view upon arrival. The books were showcased in two century-old wooden display cases, recently restored to their former elegance thanks to the generous support of Justice Gomery's wife,

Justice Pierrette Rayle.

The evening's keynote speaker, La Presse journalist Yves Boisvert, spoke glowingly of Justice Gomery's character and achievements. In his talk entitled *Éthique de la colère*, he amused the crowd with tales of murky public office dealings and lessons not learned from the past. Boisvert maintained that, "anger toward dishonest practices is necessary to keep government clean."

Justice Gomery wrapped up the official proceedings with a short speech, in which he paid tribute to his late father, the collection's namesake, W. Bertram Gomery, who came from modest means



The Gomery clan at Wednesday's event

and was never able to attend a higher education institution. He gave his children "an absolutely inflexible model of integrity," Justice Gomery remarked.

By providing new generations of McGill students with ready access to a valuable collection, this spirit of care and moral goodness lives on in Justice Gomery's gift. □

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: GIC EDITION



In November, the Walter Hitschfeld Geographic Information Centre turned 10 years old. This month we will get to know the GIC staff—Rosa Orlandini (left, Geographic Information Manager) and Joanna Hobbins (right, Geographic Information Specialist).

ROSA ORLANDINI

Where were you born?

Toronto. I only lived there until I was 5.

What part of town do you live in?

St-Henri

How long have you worked at the library?

Seven years.

Do you have any pets?

Yes. "Fred da cat"

What is your favorite place in Montreal?

Lachine Rapids park in Lasalle.

What is your favorite dessert?

Crème caramel

What are you reading and/or listening to?

- The Shock Doctrine. Naomi Klein.
- Lute music composed by John Dowland.

What are your other interests?

Bird watching, long walks, and urban photography.

What is your pet peeve?

Joanna (Hobbins)

What is your favorite quote?

There are 10 types of people in this world. Those who understand binary, and those who don't.

What is one thing that people do not know about you?

I enjoy Polar Bear swims. I have jumped into Lake Superior, Saguenay Fjord, and a glacial-fed lake in Alberta (in winter). I have

also waded in Hudson Bay...I wasn't stupid enough to get my head wet.

JOANNA HOBBS

Where were you born?

Montreal

What part of town do you live in?

NDG

How long have you worked at the library?

4 years, 8 years or 27 years. Take your pick. (staff, student casual, child slave labour)

Do you have any pets?

One cat named Misky.

What is your favorite dessert?

Strawberry shortcake

What are you reading?

Bones to Ashes by Kathy Reichs

What are your other interests?

Textiles, rockclimbing, jewellery making, kayaking, scuba diving, reading, medieval reenacting.

What is your pet peeve?

Rosa

What is your favorite quote?

Doh!

What is one thing that people do not know about you?

I teach medieval textile arts (weaving, tabletweaving, fingerloop braiding, nalbinding, sprang and luceting)



The GIC turns 10 this year. Do you recognize any faces from the reception held at its opening waaaay back in the 90s?

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Outlook Calendar training
Monday, December 17, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

McLennan building M3-37A

This is a hands-on training session in which staff will work together as a group through the two Microsoft online training modules below. LTS staff will be present to assist and to answer questions. There will be time for practice at the end.

“Get to Know Your Outlook Calendar” and
 “So That’s How! Great Outlook Calendar Features to Make Time Work for You”

Registration required. Open to all Library staff. Please discuss attendance with your supervisor. Please email or call Joanne Hay at 4787.

Excel training

These are hands-on training sessions in which staff will work together as a group through the Microsoft online training modules below. There will be practice time at the end of the session. LTS staff will be present to assist and answer questions.

Tuesday, December 18, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

“Get to Know Excel: Create your First Workbook”

Thursday, December 20, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

“Get to Know Excel: Enter Formulas”

Registration for either or both required. Open to all Library staff. Please discuss attendance with your supervisor. Please email or call Joanne Hay at 4787.



HOLIDAY PUZZLE

Rearrange the letters to form words and then use the circled letters to solve the holiday riddle.

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Where does Santa like to study when he’s at the Library?

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