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Principal Heather Munroe-Blum, McGill students Alexandra Pace and Adrian Angus, Provost Anthony Masi, and Trenholme Director of Libraries Janine Schmidt at the Cyberthèque official opening party on May 23

FROM THE TRENHOLME DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES



**JANINE SCHMIDT,
TRENHOLME
DIRECTOR OF
LIBRARIES**

The academic year is drawing to a close and the presence of the marquee reminds us that Convocation is upon us. Several students who have been on our various advisory committees for some years are graduating and we thank them for all their work with us and wish them well in the future. In particular, we thank **Adrian Angus**, who has been on our various committees for some time and has just concluded his term as VP, University Affairs with the SSMU (Students' Society of McGill University). The SSMU through the Library Improvement Fund has supported the Library for many years—seeking out student opinion on our serv-

ices, providing ideas for improvements, and supplying us with funds. We benefit enormously from all the student support we receive and thank each and every one who has contributed. We wish all graduating students every success as they leave the University to join the workforce or to continue their studies elsewhere.

Two students graduating from the School of Information Studies have done Practicum projects with us which have been extremely helpful. **Lydia Dawe** worked on a marketing plan for the Capital Campaign. **Amy Buckland** has assisted in our Sec-

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ond Life project. A third practicum student, **Katherine Hanz**, who will graduate in January, helped investigate the needs of graduate students in the sciences. We thank the students concerned and wish them all the best in their future careers.

A celebration was held last week in the Education Library and Curriculum Resources Centre to mark the conclusion of the academic year and the refurbished space in the Library. Library staff and Faculty joined together following an address to the Faculty Council by the Trenholme Director of Libraries on some of the services being provided to support the mission of

the Faculty in underpinning their teaching, learning, research and community outreach activities. A good time was had by all and we shall be carrying out further activities of this kind in the Fall term in other branch libraries.

Thanks to all library staff for their commitment during this past academic year. We shall be undertaking many projects over the summer, providing similar staff development opportunities to those undertaken last summer, and of course many staff will be taking the opportunity to take vacation and re-charge their batteries. Many graduate students continue with us and others are undertaking summer programs, so there will be little opportunity to rest on our laurels!

Library Matters @ McGill

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/.

We welcome your contributions. The deadline for submissions is the first day of the issue month. Send your input to the *you-never-heard-it-from-us* editorial team:

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WHAT'S NEW

CYBERTHÈQUE OFFICIAL OPENING

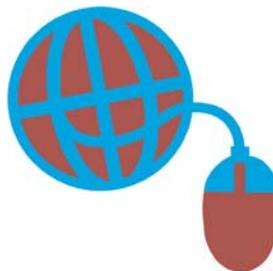
Already a hit with McGill students, the Library's Cyberthèque won over a new audience on Friday, May 23, at a special event marking the facility's official opening. With the "genius bar" temporarily converted into a wine bar, and plates of food laid out on the quiet study tables, the soirée attracted a diverse crowd including McGill alumni, Library donors and friends, students, staff and special guests Principal Heather Monroe-Blum and Provost Tony Masi.

Trenholme Director of Libraries Janine Schmidt, Provost Tony Masi, McGill student Alexandra Pace and architect François Emond made brief speeches during the evening. Mingling amongst the learning pods to the soft sounds of a Schulich School of Music jazz trio, all

guests concurred that the space was beautiful and functional, and a fabulous achievement for the Library.

ONE WEBSITE COMMITTEE FORMED

The Search Interface Committee (SIC) and the Web Advisory Group (WAG) have been merged into the "One Website" committee, which has an overall mandate to integrate and manage the Library's web-based services systematically.



CATALOGUE UPDATE

The erstwhile Search Interface Committee had been looking for ways to im-

prove the catalogue by making results lists more relevant. A new *Basic keyword(s)* search has been added as the default choice for the library catalogue.

The *Basic keyword(s)* search is targeted to search the author, title and subject fields. The goal is to find the user's search terms in this smaller set of indexes in order to increase the relevance of the results.

The *Word(s) anywhere* search still exists and now includes more information from the notes, which should be especially helpful for searching sound recordings and video recordings.

STAFF NEWS

Dr Richard Virr has agreed to extend his appointment for a further two years.

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Richard has done outstanding work in the Rare Books and Special Collections Division over many years. In the last two years he has headed up the Division and provided excellent leadership. Richard will be known as the Head and Curator of Manuscripts, Rare Books and Special Collections Division.

Richard Landon from the University of Toronto has provided a short report on the Rare Books and Special Collections Division following his visit in December. The report recommends an increase in the staffing of the area, targeted programs which will address the cataloguing backlog, special funding for exhibitions, focused digitization of the treasures and research content of the collection, and improved accommodation of the collections.

Adam Gacek, Head, Islamic Studies Library will be moving to half time work pending his retirement. Adam's work on Islamic manuscripts is world-renowned and the growth of the collections in the Islamic Studies Library is one of his legacies.

Diane Philip will be moving from the Education Library and Curriculum Resources Centre to the Osler Library of the History of Science.

Catherine Martin, a new graduate of McGill's School of Information Studies will be joining the Marvin Duchow Music Library in early June.

Edmund Lesniowski will join the Howard Ross Management Library as a Library Assistant in early June. (See page 4 for Edmund's staff profile.)

Greg Colley will begin his appointment as Liaison Librarian and Coordinator of Rare Books and Special Collections in early June.

STAFF AWARDS

A small reception to announce and celebrate this year's staff award recipients was held May 9 in the Staff Café in

the Redpath Library Building.

Lynda Scott of Lending and Access Services in Humanities and Social Sciences Library garnered the Library Staff Excellence Award, and the Career Recognition Award was given posthumously to **Elaine Yarosky**.



From left: Cynthia Leive, Lauren Yarosky, Janine Schmidt, Karen Yarosky at the staff awards reception held May 9, 2008



From left: David Curtis, Lynda Scott (recipient of the Library Staff Excellence Award), Janine Schmidt, Lise Hackett and Penelope Aubin at the May 9 reception

SUMMER PROJECTS

Summer brings with it a high level of activity for the Library, with numerous projects planned over the next few months. Our e-resource holdings will be boosted by the addition of 7,815 McGill theses, dating back to 1992, to the *eScholarship@McGill* portal. As part of project work, Library and Technology Services staff will transfer PDFs from DVDs provided by Proquest, apply optical character recognition soft-

ware to make the theses full-text searchable, and synchronize them with the Aleph catalogue entries.

The Humanities and Social Sciences Library foyers will be transformed into bright, welcoming spaces with the dark panelling removed and new furnish-

ings and floor coverings installed.

The top floor of the Schulich Library of Science and Engineering is currently undergoing refurbishment as well.

Other projects include:

- Emptying out the Currie Gym remote storage (required by the Faculty of Education for research use)
- Rearranging micro-forms in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library
- Further reducing the cataloguing backlog
- Installing compact shelving in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library in order to resolve shelving issues.

COLLECTION ADDITIONS

In the interests of promoting easy and immediate access to collections, the Library has used the remaining annual collection funds to purchase more back runs of online journal

collections.

The purchase of backfiles from Wiley, several Wilson retrospective databases (Business, Applied Science and Technology, Essay and General Literature Index) and the Embase and Lippincott Williams and Wilkins backfiles has enriched access to the collections. Updates to Oxford's online holdings and the Eighteenth Century House of Parliament papers will round out online collections in the social sciences.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: HOWARD ROSS LIBRARY OF MANAGEMENT

AMBER LANNON,
HEAD LIBRARIAN, HOWARD ROSS LIBRARY
OF MANAGEMENT

Where were you born?

Halifax, Nova Scotia

What part of town do you live in?

Beaconsfield

How long have you worked at the library?

~ 8 months

Do you have any pets?

Yes, a four month old Golden Doodle named Deputy.

What is your favorite place in Montreal?

Having only lived in Montreal for 8 months, mostly during the winter, I don't have one yet.

What is your favorite dessert?

Blueberry pie made with wild blueberries.

What are you reading and/or listening to?

I just finished *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, however, I don't often make time to read for pleasure. Most of my reading and listening is with my three year old daughter, right now it's *The Paper Bag Princess* and *The Wiggles* (Australian children's musical group).

What are your other interests?

Playing with my daughter, running, entertaining, renovating.

What is your pet peeve?

Negativity.

What is/are your favorite quote(s)?

Sorry, don't have one.

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

I love to play card games.

BETH DUNNING
LIAISON LIBRARIAN

Where were you born?

Pointe-Claire, QC

What part of town do you live in?

Plateau

How long have you worked at the library?

2 years as a liaison librarian, 2 years as an information assistant while I was studying at McGill's library school

Do you have any pets?

No, but cats are definitely better than dogs

What is your favorite place in Montreal?

Any sunny terrasse in the summer time, failing that my balcony with a glass of wine

What is your favorite dessert?

Chocolate

What are you reading and/or listening to?

Lately I've been reading Nigella Lawson cook-books. Dangerously good.

What are your other interests?

Trying to develop my green thumb, cooking, drinking, dancing, and laughing as much as possible

What is your pet peeve?

The expression "same difference" and double negatives

What is/are your favorite quote(s)?

My most annoying quote is a "A poor workman blames his tools", heard that all the time when I was growing up. I dare you to try it out when dealing with a frustrated student!

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

I have a weakness for really cheesy TV shows, *The O.C.*, *Gossip Girl* - it's horrible.

EDMUND LESNIEWSKI,
LIBRARY CLERK,
CIRCULATION SERVICES

How long have you worked at the library?

I am new to the team at Howard Ross Library of Management and I am looking forward to working along side with fellow

staff members who are knowledgeable and blessed with team spirit.

Having previously worked temporarily at Howard Ross, I was impressed with the libraries modernization, detailed collection and the friendly enthusiastic staff atmosphere which contributes greatly to McGill Library's motto of Information, Innovation and Service

What is your favorite dessert?

I don't really care for desserts, unless one takes into account the historical and cultural origins of pizza. Then I would have to say, without a shadow of doubt or hesitation that pizza is my favorite dessert.

What are you reading?

A variety of books to expand my intellectual curiosity and promote relaxation.

For Example. *Strategic Planning and Management for Library Managers* by Joseph R. Matthews, *On Writing* by Stephen King and *Judge & Jury* by James Patterson.

What is your favorite quote?

"Every memorable act in the history of the world is a triumph of enthusiasm. Nothing great was ever achieved without it because it gives any challenge or any occupation, no matter how frightening or difficult, a new meaning. Without enthusiasm you are doomed to a life of mediocrity but with it you can accomplish miracles." – Og Mandino

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

Unfortunately, I am an open book that can be easily read chapter and verse. Although there are times, I have rhythm and rhyme which may

inspire and surprise. I am but a quiet, romantic and humble poet at heart.



COMING ATTRACTIONS

INDUCTION PROGRAM

An Induction Program has been created for all new Library staff. Existing staff may also be interested in attending some of the Induction sessions. Please discuss attendance with your supervisor and then register by sending an email to Bruna Ceccolini in the Office of the Director of Libraries.

Induction sessions offered this summer:

Module 1: What is the University and the Library all about?

June 10, 2008 9:30 – 11:30
June 18, 2008 2:00 – 4:00

Module 2: Client Service (1) – General

June 19, 2008, 9:30 – 11:30
June 26, 2008 2:00 – 4:00

Module 2: Client Service (2) – Sorry, Glad, Sure

July 7, 2008 9:00 – 12:00
July 10, 2008 2:00 – 5:00

Module 3: Information Technology in the Library

July 16, 2008 9:30 – 11:30
July 23, 2008 2:00 – 4:00

Module 4: Collection Services

August 5, 2008 2:00 – 4:00
August 6, 2008 10:00 – 12:00

Module 5: Services for you

August 12, 2008 9:30 – 11:30
August 14, 2008 2:00 – 4:00

Module 6: Workplace Health and Safety

August 18, 2008 9:30 – 11:30
August 20, 2008 2:00 – 4:00

BROWN BAG CINEMA



Brown Bag Cinema is a fun, monthly lunch-hour series featuring DVDs from the collection of the Howard Ross Library of Management.

Who moved my Cheese?

June 10, 2008 at 12:10 p.m. and June 17, 2008 at 1:10 p.m.

A videotape presentation of the best selling story by Spencer Johnson describing change in both work and life. The story illustrates four typical reactions to change with two mice, "Sniff" and "Scurry" and two characters, "Hem" and "Haw", and their hunt for the cheese.

Video run time is 16 minutes, followed by discussion.

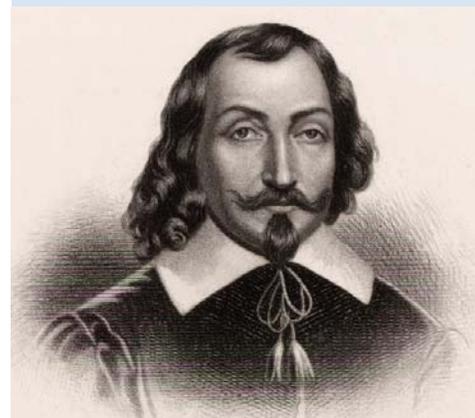
Location: Bronfman Building, Room 204 (same floor as the Howard Ross Library)

Who: All library staff are invited to attend. Please RSVP by June 5 to Annie Murray at annie.murray@mcgill.ca. Please indicate which date you will attend.

Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided; attendees may bring their own lunch.

The video selection will be done by the Brown Bag Cinema group with feedback from session participants. The members of the Brown Bag Cinema group are Emily Kasuto, Amber Lannon, Peter Martinek, Annie Murray, Francisco Oliva, and Joyce Whiting.

CHAMPLAIN REVISITED



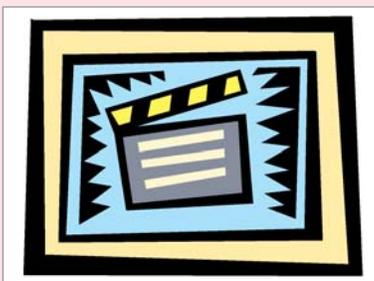
Samuel de Champlain

July 3, 2008 marks four hundred years since intrepid navigator and explorer Samuel de Champlain founded Quebec City, Canada's first enduring settlement. A man dedicated to developing the fledgling colony of New France, Champlain's expeditions extended beyond Quebec to the Maritimes, towards the Great Lakes, and into upstate New York. The historic 1608 voyage would be one of twenty-five Atlantic crossings made by Champlain over a period of thirty-two years.

The Library's current exhibition *Champlain Revisited* takes a fresh approach to commemorating the founding of Quebec City. Though the exhibition does contain material dating from this era—such as Champlain's published accounts of his voyages, maps, and biographies—it primarily focuses on the joyful enthusiasm and splendid ceremony of Tercentenary celebrations held in Quebec City during July 1908, 300 years after Champlain's landing.

The Tercentenary celebrations prompted an outburst of patriotism within Canada, and promoted a notion of a common heritage among the population. Designed to be both educational and inspirational, events included a Military Review on the Plains of Abraham, a Regatta in the harbor (announcing the arrival of the Prince of Wales) and a spectacular Pageant illustrating key historical events shaping the nation, from the time of Champlain to the British conquest. These events, and more, are captured in the many souvenir albums, postcards, photographs, drawings and booklets on display.

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"It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing."

– Thomas Jefferson