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The Leadership Summit kicked off with a special breakfast in the McGill Library's Cyberthèque hosted by the Campaign McGill Co-Chairs.

FROM THE TRENHOLME DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES



JANINE SCHMIDT,
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October was an extremely busy month with many activities. The annual combined McGill University Senate and Board meeting focused on the topic: *Are we who we think we are?* Pierre Moreau, Executive Director, Planning and Institutional Analysis, and others led us through a session focusing on a shortened version of the University mission:

We are a research-intensive, student-centred University, with a commitment to excellence judged against the highest international standards, and an enduring sense of public purpose.

With the assistance of “clickers”, those attending the session examined a series of statements about the University. We were asked to provide our opinions on

the University's standing in comparison with benchmarking surveys against our peer universities. Some of the results were surprising with many of those attending the session providing assessments of the University's performance in some categories which were considerably at variance from reality. For example, most recognized accurately that McGill was 2nd on the research impact of its publications. However, most attending failed to recognize that while McGill scored well in comparison with its counterparts in the NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement) on the level of the academic challenge, it was at the 11th place in active and collaborative learning and in the provision of a supportive campus environment <http://nsse.iub.edu/NSSE_2009_Results/>.

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Some of the international rankings of universities were also presented. Each of these uses different measurements of performance ranging from numbers of Nobel prize winners to faculty student ratios. McGill is no. 65 in the Shanghai Jiao Tong University rankings for 2009 with the University of Toronto ahead of it at 27 and the University of British Columbia at 36 <<http://www.arwu.org/ARWU2009.jsp>>. In the Times Higher Education survey ranking universities, using different criteria, McGill scores high at 18 <<http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2009/results>>. The latest assessment by Maclean's places McGill at the top in the research university ratings. How meaningful are these ratings? Some say that the real test is the evaluations undertaken by our students. The Library's performance contributes to the University ranking. The collections and the services we provide enrich the student experience. We continue to do well and rated A again in the *Globe and Mail* Survey. Thanks to all who contribute to the excellence of our service delivery.

Staff at the Nahum Gelber Law Library welcomed 60 people and held five tours of the Library for Open House Day on November 8, 2009. Student Navigator Zoe Zeng is pictured at the welcome table (with their mascot Barrister Bear on the table!)



TAKE A MUG TO YOUR LIBRARY!

by *Graham Lavender,*
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In its mission to provide a comfortable, welcoming research environment while also protecting the collections and facilities, the McGill Library now permits clients to consume beverages in the new “library” insulated mug (or similar). Since these insulated, re-useable containers have spill-proof tops, they allow clients to enjoy coffee, tea, or other beverages while minimizing the risk of spills, which can attract insects and damage library materials. Water in a sealed container continues to be an option, and all other food and beverages may be consumed in neighbouring cafeterias only.

Official McGill Library mugs are being offered for sale at the Tim Hortons in the cafeteria in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library, though clients are welcome to use any mug with a spill-proof top. The Library hopes to encourage extended use of its facilities while also promoting an environmentally friendly alternative to disposable coffee cups. For further information regarding the new policy, please contact Diane Koen at (514) 398-2149 or diane.koen@mcgill.ca.



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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 <http://www.mcgill.ca/library/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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TECHNOLOGY TIDBIT

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OVERDRIVE SUPPORT

A resource account has been set up for library staff to report problems with OverDrive (similar to the account for EndNote support questions). Please send messages to overdrivegroup.library@mcgill.ca

Questions? Call Louise O'Neill.



WHAT'S NEW

HEALTH MATTERS

Staff is reminded to check on a regular basis the University's H1N1 website. <http://www.mcgill.ca/health/h1n1/> There are many changes being made on a daily basis. A recent change has been made on the reporting of illness and all staff are advised to read the details <<http://www.mcgill.ca/health/h1n1/selfreporting/#staff>>. Any concerns should be raised with Laurence Cormier or your Head Librarian/Team Leader.

The Library has a plan for dealing with the provision of services in the case of a pandemic and it is being explained to you by your Head Librarians or Team Leaders. Cynthia Leive, Head Librarian, Marvin Duchow Music Library, is representing the Library on a central planning taskforce.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome Sean Swanick (pictured below on a trip to Mongolia), to our Islamic Studies Library. Sean commenced work with McGill on November 2. Sean has an MLIS from Dalhousie, a Master in Middle



East Studies from the University of Exeter, and a B.A. Hons. in Classical Studies and English Literature from the University of New Brunswick. Sean has also studied modern standard Arabic at various universities in the Middle East. He has worked at Mount St Vincent University and the University of New Brunswick,

as well as teaching English as a second language in Seoul, South Korea. Welcome to the McGill Library, Sean!

OPEN ACCESS WEEK

The week beginning October 19 marked Open Access week, which drew attention to the need for scholarly information produced primarily within the academic environment to be made available freely and widely for all <<http://www.openaccessweek.org/about-the-week/>>.

What is Open Access? Open Access <<http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/bethesda.htm#definition>> is a growing international movement that uses the Internet to throw open the locked doors that once hid knowledge. It encourages the unrestricted sharing of research results with everyone, everywhere, for the advancement and enjoyment of science and society.

Open Access is the principle that all research should be freely accessible online, immediately after publication, and it is gaining ever more momentum around the world as research funders and policy makers throw their weight behind it. The Open Access philosophy was firmly articulated in 2002, when the Budapest Open Access Initiative <<http://www.soros.org/openaccess/read.shtml>> was introduced. It quickly took root in the scientific and medical communities because it offered an alternative route to research literature that was frequently closed off behind costly subscription barriers.

Now Open Access is on a roll. Recent Funder Mandates — including that of the U.S. National Institutes of Health (the world's largest research funder), which now requires that all their funded research be placed in an openly accessible database, and Harvard University — have further strengthened the prospects for Open Access to all research <[\[openaccessweek.org/about-the-oa-movement/\]\(http://openaccessweek.org/about-the-oa-movement/\)>.](http://www.</p>
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Various events were held within the McGill Library to mark Open Access week. Libraries worldwide are seeking to draw attention to the importance of opening up access to research output. The Association of Research Libraries re-enforced their commitment recently <<http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Open-Access-to-Research-Is/8475/>>. Your help in publicising the need for improved access would be much appreciated.

MCGILL THESES

Over 17,000 McGill theses are now available online through eScholarship@McGill. Thanks to the efforts of our Library Technology Service and particularly the work of Elizabeth Thomson. New dissertations are being submitted online and we are gradually mounting others online to make true our commitment to Open Access.

REDUCTION OF CATALOGUING BACKLOG

Staff in Collection Services continue to do great work in reducing the cataloguing backlog and in the year 2009/2010. They have completed almost 8000 items thus far, almost 7000 items from our outstanding holdings in Rare Books and Special Collections and almost 1000 items from the Cutter collection. Congratulations and many thanks to all involved. Our clients can now locate more easily the materials they need for their research and scholarship.

FACILITIES

The construction phase of the Shared Services project on the ground floor of the McLennan Library Building has begun. The School of Information

Studies has moved up to the Education Building and our Archives colleagues are now located on the 6th floor of the McLennan Library Building.

The Library's McLennan Closed Storage area, located below the new Shared Services floor, is being completely cleared out in order for the contractors to gain access to the ceiling area.

All materials considered to be "non-rare" have been moved over to the Redpath Compact Storage area, their catalogue records will be changed to reflect their new location and will be retrieved directly by our clients. The remaining items are primarily rare serials and have been boxed up by Scott's Transport staff and stored in the Redpath Library Building basement. Scotts will also dismantle the shelves, reinstall the shelves and reshelve the rare material when the room is ready for our use. The boxed rare material will not be accessible during this construction period except for special needs. We expect that the rare material will be back on the shelves in the McLennan Closed Storage room by May 2010.

All catalogue records for the boxed rare material records have been updated to read "Unavailable". If any clients ask about the material, please let them know that we will attempt to obtain a copy via Interlibrary Loan.

Please do not hesitate to contact Richard Virr or Diane Koen with any questions.

WELCOME TO THE ARCHIVES TEAM

Theresa Rowat, Director and University Archivist and the McGill Archives team have re-located and are settled into their new office space and reading room on the 6th floor of the McLennan Library Building. We are pleased to invite our Archives colleagues to share the Staff Café facility on the 2nd floor of the Redpath Library Building effective Wednesday, November 18.

Thank you all for making them feel welcome. The Library hosted an informal afternoon tea on Wednesday, November 18 to welcome our colleagues.

MCGILL OPEN HOUSE

The University opened its doors at the downtown and Macdonald campuses to some 5,000 visitors on Sunday, November 8 for Open House. Representatives were available from McGill's faculties, schools and administrative units, including those from Macdonald Campus Undergraduate, Graduate and Continuing Education programs. Thanks to **Tatiana Bedjanian** for coordinating the Library's activities, which included tours of Rare Books and Special Collections. Thank you also to all staff who volunteered and added an additional welcome to our visitors. It was a great opportunity for the Library to share in presenting the University to prospective students and the community at large.

OPEN HOUSE IN COLLECTION SERVICES & LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Visit Collection Services on January 14, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and find out more about what they do and who works there. There will be 30 minute presentations at 1:00 p.m. and again at 3:00 p.m. to give an overview of Collection Services, along with tours of the area and an opportunity for questions about what goes on behind the scenes. Take this opportunity to find out more.

The Library Technology Services Open House will take place on December 2, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All library staff are welcome to drop in. Find out and ask questions about what LTS does for the library and for library staff.



There are two Open House locations: On the 2nd floor Redpath Library Building (adjacent to Collection Services) and on the 4th floor McLennan Library Building to see Kirtas robotic scanner and Espresso Book Machine demos (Room 4-17B, on north side of building). Questions? Call Jennifer Innes at 514-398-4750.

CAMPAIGN MCGILL ON TRACK

On October 15, McGill University was proud to announce that, thanks to the collective contributions of 70,000 donors around the world, Campaign McGill has surpassed the \$500-million mark.

Publicly launched on October 18, 2007, Campaign McGill: History in the Making is raising the funds needed to ensure McGill remains one of the world's great research-intensive, student-centred universities. Campaign McGill is now well-positioned to reach its \$750-million target, the largest starting goal at the time of any fundraising drive in the history of Canadian universities.

The achievement was announced at McGill's inaugural Leadership Summit, an historic two-day gathering of 750 of the University's key volunteers, senior administrators, esteemed academics and talented students.

"We are tremendously proud of having reached this milestone in Campaign McGill," said Principal and Vice-Chancellor Heather Munroe-Blum. "I am deeply grateful for the steadfast support of our McGill community – our alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students and friends. Their outstanding commitment, during one of the most tumultuous times in recent memory, will help keep McGill at the forefront of teaching, scholarship, research and service for years to come."



DOD AND POD AT MCGILL LIBRARY

by Louise O'Neill,
Library Technology Services

WHAT IS DOD?

The “D” in DOD stands for digitization. A working definition of digitization is:

- Conversion/transformation of existing artefacts from print/hand-written/pictorial/photographic/manuscript versions to online formats
- For materials in public domain, or with permission
- From library collections (primarily in-house)
- Working cooperatively with others to ensure no duplication
- Creating a distributed global collection
- Enhancing access to knowledge

DOD stands for Digitization on Demand. At McGill Library, it refers to the plan that we will scan rare books and other items from our collections and create electronic versions of them, on request, for free on a read-only basis, or for a price for a downloadable or print version. All items must be in the public domain and free of copyright, and their physical condition and format must make them suitable for scanning.

The Kirtas APT2400 high speed robotic scanner (pictured at right) owned by the Library is usually used to scan the books, although other scanning equipment owned by the Library is also used when needed. In May 2009, McGill Library signed an agreement with Kirtas to sell copies of digitized books on the Kirtasbooks website, with a share of the revenue. On its website, Kirtasbooks displays metadata for rare books extracted from the library catalogue to show what is available for DOD or POD.

The agreement is non-exclusive, and McGill Library can also sell digitized copies of books directly to clients (www.kirtas.com, www.kirtasbooks.com).



WHAT IS POD?

POD stands for Print on Demand – in this case, creating print reproductions of books which have been digitized, on request for a cost. Kirtasbooks.com offers POD for McGill titles, but the

Library also uses the Espresso Book Machine (EBM) to print paper bound copies of digitized books from McGill collections.

(N.B. the EBM can also be used to access, download and print books from publishers over the internet, or to print books for self-publishers, but the McGill Library is not currently using the EBM in this way.)

www.ondemandbooks.com

Why is McGill Library offering DOD and POD?

McGill Library is digitizing its collections to enhance universal access to knowledge, to facilitate discovery and delivery of its rare and unique treasures, and to make them openly accessible to researchers, students and all interested individuals in the McGill community and around the world. DOD and POD is also performed for preservation purposes. And, in support of open access, McGill Library is making read-only copies of digitized works freely available through its catalogue and the library website. However, one must pay to acquire an electronic or print copy.

How much does it cost?

McGill Library is operating on a cost-recovery basis. The current price is a flat rate of \$10.00 per digital book (e-book in PDF format) and \$29.00 per print reproduction. Extra charges may apply for items of unusual size or format or any item requiring special treatment. Pricing will be reviewed in May 2010.

Kirtasbook pricing varies because it is based on the number of pages and demand.

How are DOD and POD services publicized?

Web pages, an online order form and a DOD and POD brochure will be available soon. Links to read-only digitized titles will soon appear in Aleph along with a note stating “A high quality-reproduction of this item is available for purchase. Click here.” In the meantime, library staff are encouraged to tell clients that DOD and POD services are available when appropriate, and can feel free to refer requests and inquiries to **Amy Buckland**. Orders can be sent to **Jennifer Innes** (via email until the order form is available).

Is there any overlap with GoogleBooks?

McGill Library has not made its collections available to Google. Since the focus is on digitization of McGill’s rare and unique collections, it is not anticipated that there will be much overlap with GoogleBooks’ offerings.

In addition, McGill’s digital reproductions are of high quality, with special attention paid to detail such as legibility of annotations.

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT, PARENTS WEEKEND, HOMECOMING

October was a busy month, with numerous events held at McGill.

Hundreds of alumni, parents and other friends of the University visited McGill for a variety of events that took place, mostly from October 15 – October 18. This provided an excellent opportunity to profile the Library and the University to the many visitors. Events like these help us to create a strong presence in the community and build awareness of the important role that the University and its libraries play in the life and outreach of McGill.

In addition to the annual Homecoming and Parents Weekend, this year marked McGill's inaugural Leadership Summit and the University welcomed donors, volunteers, senior administration, and faculty to the largest, targeted networking event of its kind on campus.

On Thursday October 15, the Library hosted three signature Leadership Summit events. The Leadership Summit kicked off with a special breakfast in the Cyberthèque hosted by the Campaign McGill Co-Chairs – The Hon. Michael A. Meighen, Eugene C. McBurney, and L. Yves Fortier. The heads of the Campaign welcomed participants and outlined the Summit's main goals. The event also provided an opportunity for everyone to network and get acquainted with volunteers from other regions before heading into a day of workshops and discussions. The Principal Heather Munroe-Blum and the Trenholme Director of Libraries, Janine Schmidt, also spoke at the event.



The breakfast was followed by two Spotlight on Scholarship panel discussions which introduced Leadership Summit participants to some of the cutting-edge research taking place at McGill, while allowing them to experience how students learn in today's state-of-the-art classrooms. These events took place in Rare Books and Special Collections, and on the entry level of the Humanities and Social Sciences Library (pictured below).



In *Healing Our World: Promoting Global Health and Well-Being*, Drs. Jody Heymann, Nigel Roulet and Brian Ward took a comprehensive look at the challenges facing our planet, including global warming, the increased risk of pandemics, and the struggles of developing nations to rise out of poverty.

Policies for Peace: Whose Job is it Anyway? featured three leading thinkers on human rights. Drs. François Crépeau, Khalid Medani and Philip Oxhorn examined how peaceful countries like Canada can help encourage reconciliation in war-torn areas.

By seeing some of McGill's top professors in action during the Spotlight on Scholarship events, Campaign volunteers gained a greater understanding of how the University's research is having a far-reaching impact on our world.

The Leadership Summit continued with the special honorary degree ceremony for President Bill Clinton and the annual Leacock lunch. Bill Clinton gave a stirring address and the webcast is available for viewing from the University's website.

Friday, October 16 began with the annual breakfast for parents on the 6th floor of the Schulich Library of Science and Engineering. Approximately 150 McGill parents attended this event. The topic for this year's breakfast was *Leading the savvy generation to knowledge: parents and librarians partnering in the learning process* and speakers Janine Schmidt, Louis Houle and Tara Mawhinney gave an informative and engaging presentation.

The activities as far as the Library was concerned concluded on Saturday, October 17, in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library with a debate between "The Learned Librarians" and "The Sassy Students". In an entertaining session, they debated: *Facing down Facebook: Do Social Media Distract Students from Learning?* The sassy students, represented by Daniel Simeone, Mitran Mehta and Dahlia Leshafia, were beaten on the day by the learned librarians, represented by **Greg Colley, April Colosimo** and **Amy Buckland**, who argued seemingly successfully that social media did NOT distract students from learning. "Clickers" were used at the debate to register the vote.

It was a very busy time and exciting time for the Library and thanks go to all involved. Thank you to everyone for the remarkable teamwork and support for all the events that were held in association with these events. There were dozens of staff and several student navigators involved in the array of events also held with the Leadership Summit. Many accolades were received on both the events and the services provided by the Library.



CALL FORWARDING

Call Forward allows you to transfer all your calls so that they ring at another number. This is a good idea for all staff, especially in case of illness, as it will ensure our clients always have someone to speak to. You cannot forward calls while your telephone is ringing. To forward calls on the Meridian phone system (for all other phones, instructions can be found at knowledgebase.mcgill.ca):

1. Press Forward. The LCD indicator arrow flashes.
2. Dial the number that you want to forward your calls to. You can choose any one of the following:
 - Enter a 4, 5 or 6-digit extension number at McGill.
 - Enter an external local number (do not forget the 9).
 - Enter 8227 to forward your phone straight to your voice mailbox.
3. Press Forward. The LCD indicator arrow remains on. To cancel Call Forward:
 - Press Forward.
 - The LCD indicator arrow turns off.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

SHAHAIREEN RAHAMAN

Database Maintenance Assistant,
Collection Services

Where were you born?

Guyana, South America.

What part of town do you live in?

Downtown.

How long have you worked at the library?

I have been here since 1978.

Do you have any pets?

No.

What is your favourite place in Montreal?

Old Montreal.

What is your favourite dessert?

Cheesecake.

What are you reading and/or listening to?

Indian Times and listening to Indian Music.

What are your other interests?

Movies.

What is your pet peeve?

Gossip.

What is/are your favorite quote(s)?

“When someone has a problem, Maureen is always willing to solve.”

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

I attended School in Ireland, and did work in a Dublin Bank.

ELEANOR TURNER

Senior Cataloguing Editor and Acquisitions
Assistant, Database Maintenance,
Collection Services

Where were you born?

Montreal, QC.

What part of town do you live in?
NDG.

How long have you worked at the library?

40 years, but with 2 short breaks in continuity, because of kids.

Do you have any pets?

A 30lb. 15 year-old black cat named Taash.

What is your favourite place in Montreal?

Westmount Summit woods on spring Saturday mornings.

What is your favourite dessert?

Home-made apple crisp with Ben and Jerry's Heath Bar Crunch icecream melting into it.

What are you reading and/or listening to?

Reading: *The Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel; *The Corrections*, by Jonathan Franzen; *Off Season*, by Anne Rivers Siddons.

Listening to: CBC's and Vermont Public Radio's Jazz shows; Alison Krauss and Union Station; J.S. Bach; A. Vivaldi; John Coltrane; Charles Mingus.

What are your other interests?

The great outdoors: camping, birdwatching, hiking, canoeing, gardening, exploring the countryside of Quebec and Vermont; cooking family dinners; good wine; good company.

What is your pet peeve?

Self-centred people.

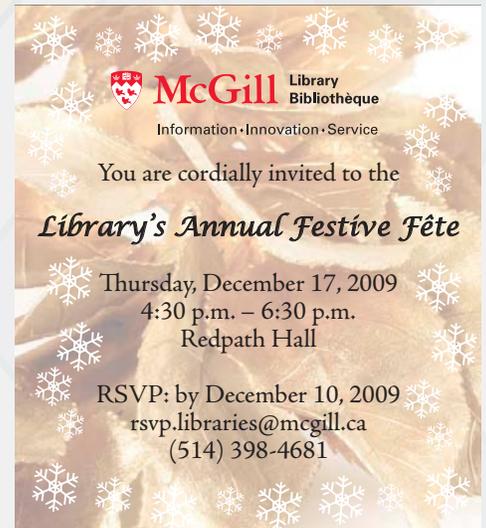
What is/are your favorite quote(s)?

“If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it. The more things you do the more you can do”—Lucille Ball.

“Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang the best”—Henry Van Dyke.

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

That I play trombone in a Lachine community concert band.



THANK YOU!

Senior library staff have been undertaking some leadership training. We have concluded that we do not celebrate our achievements enough.

As part of Canadian Library Month in October, and in recognition of everything each and every member of the staff does to ensure we meet the needs of our clients, a small gift was distributed. The gift was the new coffee mug which will be sold in Tim Horton's and the Head Librarian of your branch, or your Team Leader or Coordinator would have given you one of the mugs.

Thank you again to everyone, for everything you do. We are all deeply grateful.



MAPPING THE FUTURE: WALTER HITSCHFELD GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CENTRE OPENING

The renovated Walter Hitschfeld Geographic Information Centre (GIC) was inaugurated on October 27 by Provost Anthony Masi (pictured right). The official opening was followed by a demonstration by Professor Nigel Roulet of the facility's new active learning classroom.

Located on the 5th floor of Burnside Hall, the GIC is McGill's primary resource for geospatial information and has operated as a partnership between the McGill University Library and the Department of Geography since 1997. It constitutes a vital teaching, learning and research space.

The GIC facilitates a unique mode of collaboration among the McGill Library, faculty, and students. A truly interdisciplinary facility, it enhances services to students in the Department of Geography, the McGill School of Environment, the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, the School of Urban Planning and the School of Architecture as well as students from the Faculties of Arts, Law, Engineering, Management and Medicine. The newly renovated student-focused space blends a diverse range of studying and learning spaces for groups and individuals and various high technology and multimedia installations. With an expansion of the number of computers available, quality services can be provided through a team of specialists whose mission is to encourage effective use of geospatial data and GIS literacy at McGill.

"We are very excited about the renovation of the space, which puts the needs and preferences of our clients front and centre," said Janine Schmidt, Trenholme Director of Libraries. "The GIC has been transformed into a more productive, better functioning learning space where students, teachers, and librarians focus on quality information access and learning experiences in a leading edge environment."

The project was funded by the Teaching and Learning Spaces Working Group and the Library, undertaken with the support of University's Teaching and Learning Services ably led by Cynthia Weston and the Department of Geography led by Tim Moore.



SAD NEWS

Marilyn Cohen passed away on Monday October 12, 2009 in the Jewish General Hospital. Marilyn began work initially within the McGill Library on July 18, 1977 as a Reference Librarian in the Undergraduate Library, having completed a B.A. from Sir George Williams University in 1971, a Diploma in Library Science from Loyola College in 1973, and an M.L.S. from McGill University in 1977. One of her early supervisors commented “although modest by nature, she relates very well to everybody and displays sincerity and consideration for others. In all respects, Marilyn Cohen is a competent and excellent librarian who projects the image of a solid and sincere professional person”. She continued to exemplify this early assessment throughout her professional career at McGill – competent, sincere, modest and considerate of others.

Marilyn was promoted to Associate Librarian as of December 1, 1983 and was appointed as Acting Head of the Undergraduate Library in October 1986 and Undergraduate Services Librarian in October, 1987. Marilyn’s early work in the library focused on orientation and library instruction and she was known as an excellent teacher. She participated in various library committees, assisted in the implementation of automation and was responsible for the selection of English and American literature materials for the Library. In June 1990, Marilyn took up the position of Head, Education Library, one of the thirteen libraries within the McGill library system, a position which she held until her death, following an extended period of sick leave from the University.

It was in the Education Library that Marilyn worked particularly closely with faculty and became highly respected by them. Marilyn was a member of various committees within the Faculty of Education, including the Academic Policy Committee and the Committee on Research and Graduate Studies. She exerted herself with faculty in understanding their needs and in developing the collection in the broad range of Education subjects at undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as curriculum resources, to ensure that the Library held the collections required to support teaching, learning and research within the Faculty. Marilyn was highly regarded as a colleague by staff within the Faculty of Education who acknowledged her integrity and the contribution she made to their work, assisting in improving both their teaching and research contributions. Marilyn’s colleagues consistently affirmed that she was knowledgeable, responsive, thoroughly professional, helpful, cooperative and courteous. She was always focused on enhancing the collections and services of the Education Library and Curriculum Resources Centre.

Marilyn also worked closely with the students and was a leading force in gaining funds from the undergraduate education student fund which assisted in many library activities, including the recent extremely successful refurbishment of the Education Library and

Curriculum Resources Centre. During the refurbishment process, Marilyn ensured that targets for collection movement were met so that the project could be completed on time.

Marilyn was selfless, devoted to her family and her faith. She developed high standards and lived according to them. She was generous, compassionate, caring and kind and is remembered by her colleagues with great affection and warmth. Marilyn is mourned by us all, and by her family, her husband Arnold, her mother Lottie, her son Yisrael and daughter-in-law Avigail and her grand-daughter Shira Chana, as well as by her sister Lorraine Mehi. Marilyn was buried in Jerusalem. Contributions in her memory may be made to Canadian Friends of Meir Panim, 5784 Ilan Ramon Cr., Cote St Luc QC H4W 3L4.

Martin Cohen died on October 13, 2009 in Toronto at the Providence Health Centre. Martin began work at the McGill University Library on September 1, 1990, as Assistant Technical Services Librarian, coming from Concordia University Library where he had worked in various areas with his most recent position at Concordia as Collections Management Librarian. At McGill, he was initially responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Bibliographic Searching Unit and the Checking and Receiving and the Accounting Sections of the Acquisitions Department. Martin was promoted to the rank of full Librarian in June 1991. He made significant contributions to the selection of materials for the Humanities and Social Sciences Library until ill health forced his departure from the University on long term disability in 2005. Nursing staff commented on his courage in dealing with his illness in the final stages of his life.

Martin was born in Montreal in 1947 and graduated from McGill University with a B.A.(Hons) in English in May 1968 and a Master of Library Science in May 1975. He gained a Ph.D. from the University of Exeter in 1972 with a thesis entitled: *The deluded hero in the novels of Evelyn Waugh: a study of his functions*. He published widely in English literature and on library collection development and expenditure. A conference paper he presented in 1976 entitled *If it doesn't move, throw it away* would probably be changed today as all reflect some thirty years later on the disposition of little-used print heritage collections with the move to electronic resources. Print collections and their use continue to be under scrutiny. Throw them away? Maybe not!

Martin was exceptionally talented with languages and spoke English, French, German, Spanish and Italian and also read Catalan, Dutch, Portuguese, Galician, Romansh, Swedish and Romanian. His friends noted that during his illness he continued to maintain an extensive email correspondence marked by humour, caring and erudition. Martin was also a knowledgeable classical music enthusiast and maintained an extensive record collection.

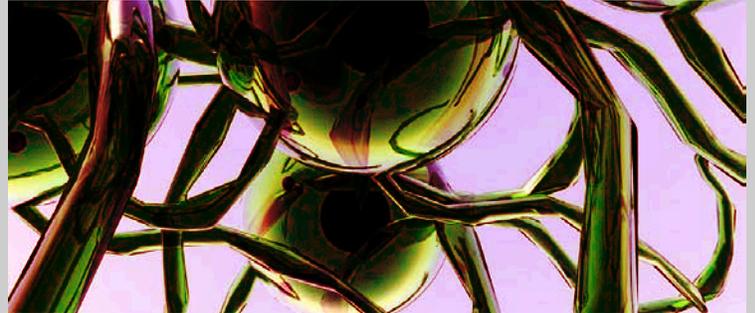
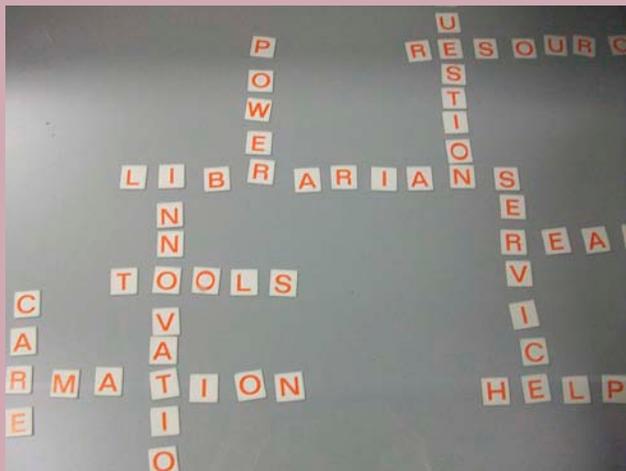
He also had a great love of gourmet food and enjoyed cooking for friends as well as dining out.

Service on committees within the University included the Curriculum Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Re-Accreditation of the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies. Martin also taught a unit entitled Information Users and Services within the Graduate School and is remembered fondly by many of his students. Martin's professional involvements

include editing *Argus* for the Corporation des Bibliothécaires professionnels du Quebec and membership of several Groupes de travail within the CREPUQ Sous comité des bibliothèques. We extend our condolences to Martin's friends and family. Donations in his memory may be made to Yad Vashem, The Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, P.O. Box 3477, Jerusalem 91034, Israel, or to any other organization devoted to remembering the Holocaust.

LIBRARIAN DISPLAY

Inspired by items she weeded from the Education Library's Children's Development Collection (CDC), **Maya Kucij** of the Education Library and Curriculum Resources Centre, created a librarian-themed display to welcome the School of Information Studies to their new location next door to the Library. Thanks to **Amy Buckland**, **Sara Holder** and **Megan Fitzgibbons** for their contributions. Be on the lookout for an upcoming toy and craft book display as we move ahead to the holiday season.



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CATALOGUING PROJECTS UPDATE

by *Joseph Hafner*,
Associate Director, Collection Services

In the past 6 months staff in Collection Services have re-catalogued 4717 Cutter titles from the Humanities and Social Sciences Library into LC Call numbers and moved them into the main HSSL collection. During the same period we have catalogued 833 titles from the Islamic Studies Smith backlog (circulating collection) and 7074 Rare materials, including those in the Colgate, Klibansky, Shapiro, Stern and Islamic Collections. In that period the catalogue backlog has been reduced by 12,887 titles including discards from the open stacks. Thanks to all staff who have been organizing, supervising and working on these projects!

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is for big kids too! Staff were invited to wear their Halloween costumes to work on Friday, October 30. There were some impressive costumes on the day and it was great to see everyone join in the fun!



