

Nomination for Honourary Member – Cathy Moulder

The Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA) bestows an honorary life membership on a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of map librarianship or to a more significant understanding and appreciation of maps. To quote Heather McAdam (Honours Award recipient 2007), “these are individuals who have assumed leadership roles within the Association and have championed the Association beyond the confines of institutional walls.”

Cathy Moulder received the ACMLA Honours Award for Outstanding Achievement in 2000. Cathy served on the Executive for 9 years (from 1989 to 1998), including 2 years as president and 3 years as past president, as well as being on ACMLA committees. In 1993, Cathy was the recipient of the ACMLA Papers Award for her paper entitled “Training Student Assistants for Reference Service in a Map Library”. Cathy took on the challenging task of *Bulletin* editor in 1998 and was very successful in securing contributions from our members for numerous articles, until 2011, when she retired. ACMLA established the Cathy Moulder Paper Award for best *Bulletin* article of the year, in 2011. Cathy also participated in the Mentoring Program as a mentor to new ACMLA members. Although the program was not established until 2008, throughout her career she mentored several members on an informal basis, offering sound advice to those that often turned to her for guidance on professional issues.

Besides her contributions at the national level, Cathy was chair and active participant of the OCUL (Ontario Council of University Libraries) Map Group. Cathy organized and hosted the first OCUL Map Group Library Assistants’ Workshop in June, 2003. That successful workshop has continued every-other year at other OCUL institutions. She was also involved in the Council of Planning Librarians and the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services of the Canadian Library Association.

Cathy is a graduate of McMaster University where she began her career. Between 1971 and 1987, she was the documentalist in the Urban Documentation Centre at McMaster. When the Map Collection and Urban Documentation Centre were merged in 1987, Cathy took over as curator of what is now called the Lloyd Reeds Map Collection. Throughout her career at McMaster, Cathy continued to further develop her knowledge: obtaining a Library Techniques Diploma in 1979, a Municipal Administration Certificate, a Master of Library Science in 1991 and then a GIS Specialist Certificate. Cathy was awarded the McMaster University Faculty Association Outstanding Achievement Award in 2003. Cathy retired in April 2011 as Director of Library Services for Maps, Data and GIS at McMaster University Library, where she was also Liaison Librarian for Geography, Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences and GIS.

Cathy has been sharing her knowledge and expertise through a steady stream of publications and presentations at conferences, workshops and meetings. Her contributions to the *Bulletin* include such topics as data licensing, resource sharing, GIS services in libraries, training student assistants for reference service, extracting census data using Beyond 20/20, and Google Earth and Neogeography. She has been invited to

speak at historical societies, genealogical societies, at professional library associations such as the Canadian Library Association, Ontario Library Association and ACMLA. She has spoken about: Careers in GIS, Data Acquisition in the Electronic Age, GIS and its Impact on Libraries, Librarian-Scholars as Internet Publishers, Geo-Everything, Wikis Work.

The profession of map librarianship is a contagious passion that seems to capture us so whole-heartedly that we stay with it, very willingly, for most, if not all, of our career. It brings out a personal enthusiasm, commitment and dedication that is difficult to explain unless you have lived it. Cathy is proof of this.

Nominated by: Cheryl Woods

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