



A NOTE AMONG FRIENDS

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For Library and Archives Canada (LAC), as for its Friends, 2017 lived up to all our expectations. We wanted the 150th anniversary of Confederation to provide Canadians with an opportunity to reconnect with their leading memory institution, and we were not disappointed.

Our open houses were attended by 1,335 visitors at 395 Wellington on June 3rd and 4th, and by 1,836 visitors at the Preservation Centre in Gatineau on July 9th and 10th. On July 1st, 2,800 visitors walked through our doors on Wellington Street to view the *Who Do We Think*



We Are? exhibition and to partake in the giant birthday cake provided by Friends of LAC, an initiative of Grete Hale.

Throughout the year, the Friends worked side by side with us at some 60 events that restored the status of our building in the vicinity of Parliament Hill as a cultural hub.

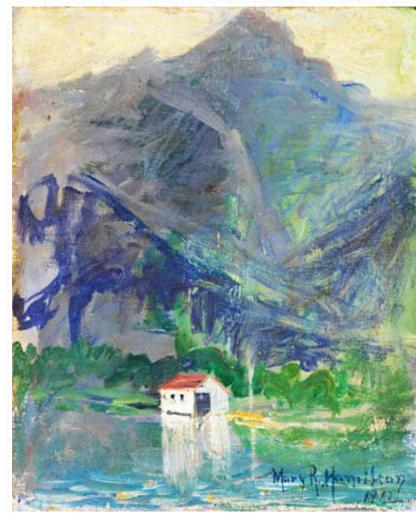
In addition, thanks to the donations of the Friends, LAC acquired two precious pieces in 2017. First, a painting by Mary Riter Hamilton entitled *Canadian Rockies Sketch* (1912); and second, a book published in 1785, *Direction pour la guérison du mal de la Baie St. Paul*, which was the first medical book published in Canada.

In recognition of the invaluable contributions by the Friends of LAC, it seemed natural to highlight the decisive role of their president, Marianne Scott, in a tangible manner. This is why last April 20th, the boardroom where the Friends of LAC hold their meetings at 395 Wellington was named the "Marianne Scott Room."

I know that all of the Friends of LAC welcome this tribute to Marianne. I hope they also feel personally honoured.

Dr. Guy Berthiaume

Librarian and Archivist of Canada



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President's Message



The start of a New Year is a time to look back at past successes, consider opportunities missed and think of future possibilities. As always, the Friends depend on its supportive membership that provides operational funding and helps acquire items for the collection. The Friends also rely on its volunteers that support activities within Library and Archives Canada: public programming events; special bibliographic projects such as enhancing access to the First World War Expeditionary Force attestation papers; and our longest-standing activity—receiving, sorting and selling books.

And let's not forget our ongoing book recycling project. Each year, several hundred books are added to the LAC collection from among the many donated for sale. (In 2017, the number was 698.) As for book sales, we will again make our gently used books available to the public via the Cubby/Le Recoin, our small bookstore in the Friends office area.

I would also stress the importance of the interest and support of LAC and our board members who help in specific areas. I am pleased to welcome the two new board members elected at the 2017 annual general meeting, Sue Jackson and Lee McDonald, and would encourage anyone who has thought of volunteering to make the commitment and come aboard.

A seminal moment in the life of the Friends occurred in 2017. Georgia Ellis, who originally set up the Friends office at my request, was unable to continue as a regular volunteer because of some health issues. She has now moved to Smiths Falls to be closer to family. I remain very grateful to Georgia for accepting the challenge that the startup of the Friends' office posed more than 25 years ago. We will be having a reception in the spring so we can express our appreciation for all Georgia has done for the Friends.

In closing, my sincere thanks to all of you for your continued support of the Friends and through us, of Library and Archives Canada.

Marianne Scott

50th Anniversary 395 Wellington Street 1967–2017



The building at 395 Wellington Street, home of Library and Archives Canada, was officially opened on June 20, 1967. Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, who was Dominion Archivist and National Librarian at the time, officiated. Prime Minister Lester Pearson cut the ceremonial ribbon. Secretary of State Judy LaMarsh also took part. The enthusiastic audience included other officials, staff, and members of the public.

On June 20, 2017, to commemorate this event and to mark our 50 years in this building, friends and staff gathered for a celebration. Dr. Guy Berthiaume, Librarian and Archivist of Canada, officiated. Marianne Scott, a former National Librarian and now President of the Friends of LAC, was one of the guest speakers and helped in cutting the ceremonial cake.





VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

LAC feted the Friends volunteers on April 20, 2017 with an appreciation event in the Pellon Room. On show was an exhibition of the books and paintings that the Friends had contributed and donated to LAC over the years. The volunteer of the year was Dr. Marianne Scott. Dr. Berthiaume presented her with a plaque that named Room 212, our boardroom, as the "Marianne Scott Room." A very nice gesture. Everyone then enjoyed tea and scones.

Celebrating our Volunteers!

Library and Archives Canada is pleased to invite you to celebrate the contributions of the Friends of Library and Archives Canada

Thursday, April 20, 2017 | 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
395 Wellington Street, Ottawa | Pellon Room

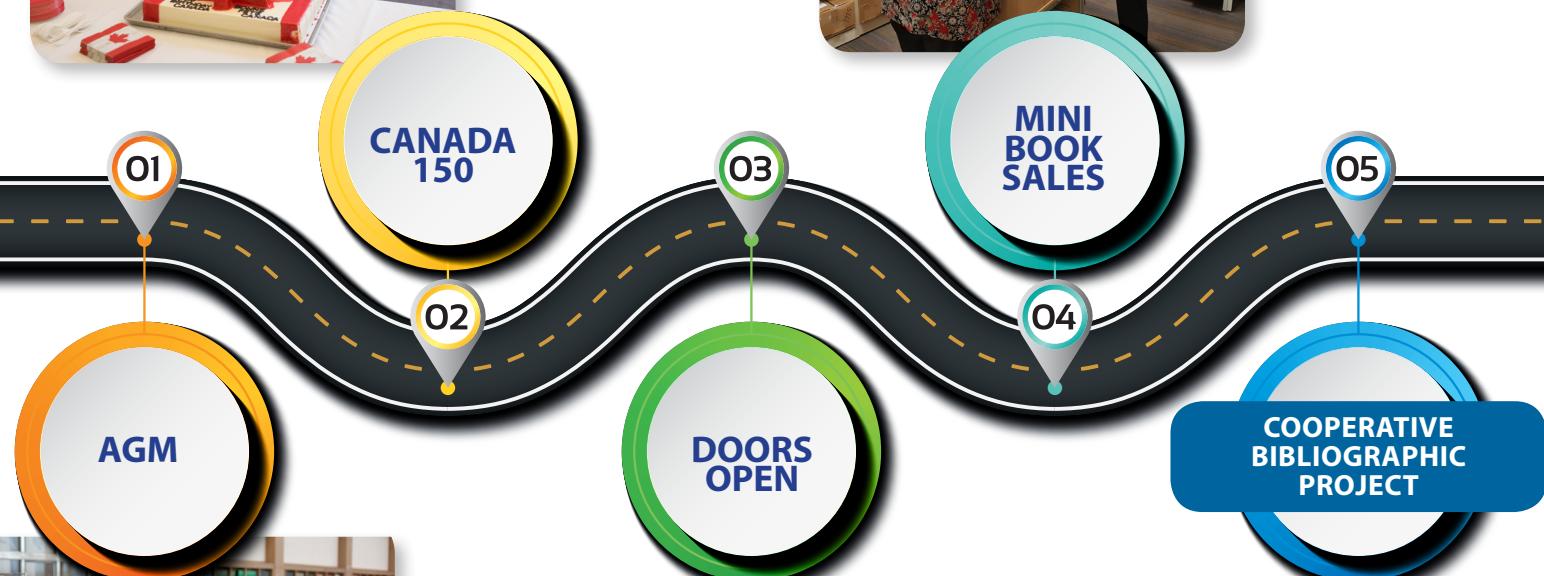
Please join us! Refreshments will be served.

RSVP by April 13, to Anne Charrand: 613-419-9752 | anne.charrand@canada.ca





"FRIENDS" ACTIVITIES



The project digitizes First World War Expeditionary Force attestation papers. From the start of the project, over 35,000 entries have been loaded. This project currently has nine active volunteers. More hands are always welcome! If interested, call Roseanne at 613-992-8304.

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