

Feature Articles

Dalhousie's School of Information Management Turns 50

Marc Harper, APLA Bulletin Co-Editor and SIM alumna (2014)

The Halifax Central Public Library, which will very soon be celebrating its fifth anniversary, recently played host to a commemoration ten times longer in the making as Dalhousie's School of Information Management (SIM) turned half a century old.

On the evening of October 26, SIM alumni, current and past faculty members, current students, as well as various library & information management professionals, gathered in downtown Halifax to mark the occasion.



SIM Director, Sandra Toze

The evening included a PowerPoint slide with 50 years of memories, speeches from SIM Director Sandra Toze, SIM Alumni Association (SIMAA) Chair Marie DeYoung, and Past SIMAA Chair David McDonald.

The festivities were made possible through the efforts of people from SIM's past, present, and future. Volunteers and current SIM personnel who lent their time and efforts included:

Alumni: David McDonald (Past Chair, SIMAA), Marie DeYoung (Chair, SIMAA), Sarah Jane Dooley, and Marc Harper

Current Students: Liana Nand, Kathleen Pond, Robyn Nicholson

From the School of Information Management: Dr. Sandra Toze (SIM Director) and Janet Music (Master of Information Program Coordinator)

In the near future, commemorative materials will be released to mark the occasion as well as to look back at SIM's first five decades. These publications will include odds & ends such as our very own [APLA Bulletin from December 1969](#) which discussed Dalhousie's brand new School of Information Management.



SIMAA Chair, Marie DeYoung



SIMAA Past Chair, David McDonald



Alumni who were there at the beginning, in 1969, were asked to raise their hands. These included a few from SIM's first graduating class (1969-71). Below is the complete list of SIM's first graduates

SIM Class of 1971

Clark, Helena Mary Janet, BA
Curtis, Richard James, BA (Waterloo Lutheran)
Davies, Beverly Stephens Hard, BA (Scripps College)
Dawson, Joan Eileen, BA (Oxon)
Dindial. Frances Aletha, BA (St. Dunstan's)
Drake, David Dunbar, BA. B.Ed. (Acadia)
Dunfield. Everett Robert, B.Sc. (U.N.B.)
Dykstra, Mary Elizabeth Heerema, BA (Calvin College)
Earley. Vera Mae, BA. B.Ed. (Acadia)
Glenister, Peter Gerard, BA. B.Ed. (St. Mary's)
Hardy, Gloria Lily, BA
Hewitt, Ann Graham, BA (N.Y.C.). BA (CW. Post College)
Honeywell, Joan Leslie, BA
King, Jane Elizabeth, BA (Victoria)
Lutley, Patricia Mary, B.Sc. (Mt. St. V.)
MacDougall, Phyllis Minerva McCarthy, BA (Mt. A.)
Mowat, Vaila Stuart, MA
Murchie Jr., Donald John, BA (Colorado). MA
Murphy, Lynn Marie Isabel, BA (St. Dunstan's)
Murphy, Mary Noelle, BA. B.Ed. (Acadia)
Oxley, Anna Ruth, BA
Patterson, Edith Macnee, BA (Queen-s). B.Ed. (Mt. A.)
Pitblado, Aliee Margaret, BA (U.N.B.)
Pomaranski. Wladyslaw, BA (K.U.L.-Poland). BA (L.I.U.)
Renouf, Janet Dorothy, BA
Ripley, Ann Wardell, BA
Vaisey, George Douglas, BA (Trent)
Wilson, Elneta, B.F.A. (C.L of T.)