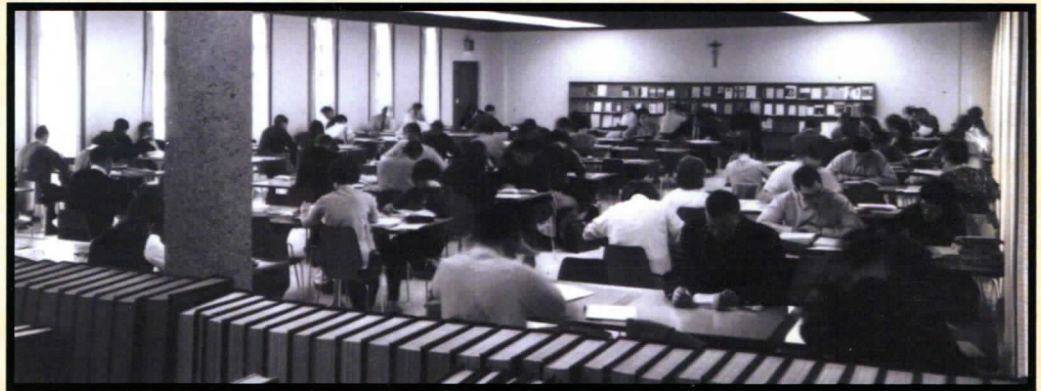


Q: How Does a Library Grow?

50th Anniversary Celebratory Report

1963



The original Shannon Library Reading Room

2013

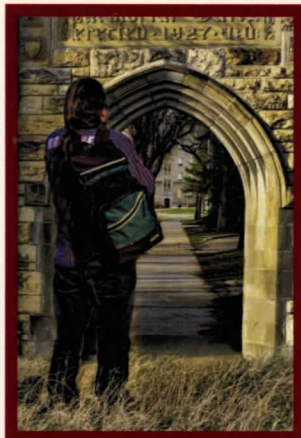


A: It Grows Through Change ...

The Shannon Library Librarians:

Fr. Leonard Kennedy, csb:1946-48
Fr. Robert Finn, csb:1948-1956
Fr. Robert Black, csb:1956-1959
Fr. Robin Neill, csb: 1960-1963
Mr. Jim Feeley:1963-1966
Mr. Raymond Deutsch:1966-1969
Miss Madeleine Bayet: 1969-1972
Dr. Margot King: 1972-1987
Ms. Jane Morris: 1987-2000
Dr. Donna Brockmeyer: 2000 -

The Shannon Library librarian provides strategic direction, leadership and management for all library services, including reference, information literacy, collection development, acquisitions, cataloguing, special collections, technologies, facilities, staff development, donor relations, and budget management. She supervises library and archival staff, liaises with faculty, administration and members of the broader Catholic community. The librarian has typically served on such committees as the Building Committee, and the Academic Steering and Planning committees. She is also a member of the tenured faculty with associated responsibilities.



Photos by Brad Klebaum

The Computer Lab

was opened in November, 2000 with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Minister of Education, Glenn Hagel, who presented the College with a cheque for \$500,000.00.

Almost 180 students per week use the computer lab.

Donna's Vision For the Shannon Library

Librarians are dreamers, to be sure! The chance to dream and envision a world of magic comes from spending their childhood and youth in libraries, a place of wonder and fantasy. For librarians, as their careers grow, so do their dreams. Indeed, "Librarians can lose their lives in libraries — they ought to be warned" (Saul Bellow).

My dream for the Shannon Library is to move part of the lower stacks into room 200 (when the new classrooms are built) and then to build a mezzanine library loft by installing a second floor to Room 200, which has at least a 20 foot ceiling. This loft would be open to the Reading Room below and would be a special Research Centre for faculty to gather and write, grad students, professors emeriti and those using the Special Collections under supervision, such as the Saint Thomas More Special Collection, the Chesterton first editions, archival documents or the Nin Literary Collection. This would also serve to free up lower stack space which has limited access.



New York Public Library serves as a metaphor for Donna's vision of the Shannon Library with a mezzanine at the back of the library and beautiful lamps on the tables.

... And it Changes Through Work...

Celebrating Recent Staff Achievements



Major Achievements of the Library Director, Dr. Donna Brockmeyer:

- Designed, and oversaw renovation for a computer lab/information commons (2000)
- Introduced course-based information literacy instruction in the classroom (2000)
- Installed the *Faculty Publications Display Case* (2001)
- Created a collections policy for, culled, and relocated the Anglin Collection (2001)
- Built Special Collections shelving to showcase the Reference, Rare Book and Anglin collections (2002)
- Negotiated an agreement to amalgamate STM online catalogue with the U of S (2002)
- Drafted policies for *Plagiarism* and *Records Management* for the College (ongoing)
- Launched the *Pristine Copy Collection of STM Authors* (2002)
- Merged catalogues with the University of Saskatchewan; Grand Opening with “We Are One People” by drummer Joseph Naytowhow (pictured here, 2003)
- Actively received the Anais Nin Literary Collection, nurtured donor relations (2004)
- Published *On Sibyl’s Shoulders: Seeking Soul in Library Leadership* (2005)
- Granted Sabbatical leave (2006, 2013)
- Refurbished the Reading Room flooring and leather furnishings (2008)
- Assumed management of Archives; engaged Crown Storage to manage documents (2009-10)
- Participated in the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Conference; U of S (2010).
- Awarded St. Thomas More Research SEED Grant, \$2000.00 (2010)
- Initiated the Student Snack Program during Christmas exams: hot cocoa, apple cider, and granola bars (2011)
- Published articles, reviews, and registered copyright library fund raising concept (2007-2013)
- Served on approximately 20 faculty searches as Equity Advisor (2004-2012)
- Initiated *Shannon Library Newsletter* (2004, 2007, 2009, 2013)
- Volunteers for the Heart and Stroke fund and the Vesna Ukrainian Festival



Major Funding and Donor Relation Achievements Within the Last Two Years at STM:

- Evelyn and Isabelle Burkitt willed \$275,000.00 to the College to be shared between the Library and Scholarships. The sisters had made donations to the Library in the past, enabling the building of the Special Collections book-cases. The Burkitts, with whom the Library Director visited and nurtured relations, were family friends of the Brockmeyers (2012).
- Brockmeyer was awarded \$10,000.00 to curate the Nin Literary Collection Teunissen had donated to the STM (2013).

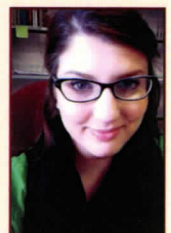
Major Achievements of the Library Assistant, Dorothy Abernethy:

- Interviews, hires, trains and supervises student assistants
- Works with the U of S staff to integrate and maintain the online catalogue
- Is a member of the U of S Circulation Users Group
- Assists with book and journal selection, as well as processing
- Maintains the book stacks with inventory, cleaning, labelling, bindery
- Serves as Library Administrator in the absence of the Library Director
- Plays an active leadership role in the Latin Mass community



Major Achievements of the Library Technician, Amanda Gieni:

- Catalogued approximately 2215 books since 2009
- Assists to supervise and train student assistants
- Undertakes many special projects for the Library Director
- Assumed responsibilities for Records Manager and the Archives
- Completed the Introduction to Archival Preservation Course
- Manages the *STM Authors Pristine Collection* and *AV Collection*
- Volunteered 225 hours to Newman Players; will direct Phantom Tollbooth in the Fall



... And it Thrives Through Time.

STM Library Mission:

The Mission of the Shannon Library at STM is based upon the Library Policy, approved by Faculty Council and the Board of Governors, September, 1974.

St. Thomas More College must maintain a strong library with clearly defined goals in accordance with its status as a Catholic liberal arts college federated with the University of Saskatchewan. The Shannon Library is one of the most important intellectual resources of the College.

The Collections in the Shannon Library
are one of most tangible representations
of the Mission of the College.

What is the Library in the Digital Age?

The Library is a hidden web of scholarly digital resources; the Internet is the road to get there. And while the Internet might be the road, the resources created by academic scholars found in the databases organized by librarians is the destination.

The Internet is marvellous, but to claim, as some now do, that it is making libraries obsolete, is as silly as saying shoes have made feet unnecessary.

Mark Y. Herring

Do Scholars Still Write books?

Yes! — and libraries house them. The University of Chicago Library recently added 3.5 million books to its 42 million dollar expansion.

Now, when I read constantly about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that the door is closing and that ... society has found one more way to destroy itself.

Isaac Asimov



This Statue of Mary was acquired by the Library and blessed by Fr. Ron Griffin, csb, in Feb, 2011. Our Lady was invoked to care for and protect the Library, the students who use it, and the staff who work there. Celebrants asked that this space may be transcendent in inspiring the imagination, and transportive in uplifting the spirit.



"It has been such a pleasure to work in the STM Library. It's a point of pride for our College!"

Desirée Steele
President of STMSU, 2012-13

Shannon Library: The Students' Library

Student Desk Assistants:

Each year, 13 STM Students are hired to work in the Shannon Library. This year, they were: Marie Barker, Marika Cameron, Marina Ellis, Linda Huard, Dawn Kellington, Britni Korte, Tessa Laird, Emily Lautsch, Katelyn Siggelkow, Desirée Steele, Kirk Trew, Carson Turnbull, and Jireh Wong.

More Students Served: This year during term, 86,275 users (faculty, staff and students) passed through the library gates, coming and going, which is an average of 2,696 per week.

Heart of STM Award

Granted to Dorothy Abernethy and Donna Brockmeyer in recognition for their active commitment and contribution, throughout their careers, to students and student life; and for a lifelong dedication to learning, 2011.



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Annual Statistics, 2013:

- **Circulation:** 7,247 circulation transactions
- **Reading Room Use Hourly Count:** 21,789 students during term, or 641 / week on 98 seats.
- **Computer Lab Use Hourly Count:** 6,097 students during term, or 179 students per week at 12 computers.

Total Library Holdings as of 2013:

* STM Books	44,849
* STM Anglin (Catholic History)	1,274
* STM Rare Books	531
* Journal Subscriptions	114
* Additional Items	9,944
* TOTAL	56,712

The U of S Library

Through the integrated catalogue, STM has access to approximately 10 million annual dollars worth of databases, and about an equal amount of additional library resources.

Margaret Dutli Bequest

For 28 years, Margaret Dutli taught in the STM English Department. She passed away October 14, 2012, leaving a substantial bequest to the Shannon Library for English materials.

