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DIRECTORS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Atwater Library of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, for the year ended December 31, 2004, was held on Tuesday, June 21. Reports for 2004 were received and approved. Appointed auditors for 2005 were PriceWaterhouseCoopers. Directors were elected to serve for the year 2005-2006:

Oana Avasilichioaei	John Bergevin
Lionel J. Blanshay	Robert J. Bourdus
Phillip J. Chartrand	Gordon A. Clark
Martin Cundall	Mark W. Gallop
Sam Gatelaro	Mary K. Leslie-Aitken
Agnes McFarlane	Hugh McGuire
Marshall Wansbrough	

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2005-2006

Following the annual meeting, officers for 2005-2006 were elected from among the directors:

President	Mary K. Leslie-Aitken
Vice-President	Hugh McGuire
Secretary	Robert J. Bourdus
Treasurer	Martin Cundall



Executive Director Susan McGuire is presented with a book by President Mary Leslie-Aitken in recognition of her running the library on a volunteer basis from October 2003 to March 2004.

OZONE - NOT A COMPETITOR TO NEWSLETTER

Many of you will by now have seen *Ozone*, a new publication at ALCC. It is an unofficial publication, written for and by volunteers and Computer Centre patrons. The editor of *Ozone* is volunteer Bruce Peterson. It is designed to put friendly and informative words to work for ALCC in a less formal manner than this Newsletter. Volunteers and patrons are encouraged to write for *Ozone* in English, French, or Spanish. Welcome, *Ozone*!

ZINE COLLECTION - UP AND RUNNING

Youth Alert!! There is now a zine collection at the Atwater Library, housed in the Computer Centre. Donations of your own zines or those of your friends, are welcome.

What's a zine? It's a small, self-published magazine, usually written and produced by one person. Zines come in many shapes and sizes, and are notably the result of passion and not of the profit motive. "Zines are about diversity, creativity, innovation and expression," according to the book *From A to Zine*. Zines are about making your voice heard and about defining and creating your own space within a corporate media culture.

Special volunteer Danielle Dennie has been the inspiration for this new collection, and has agreed to advise ALCC on a continuing basis for this new collection.

LORD, MACKAY BECOME HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Two new honorary life members have been elected by the Board and were announced at the AGM on June 21:

- *Ralph Mackay*, an ALCC employee from 1991 to 2002 who now owns a bookstore in Stratford, Ontario called Chumley & Pepys. The award was given as recognition of his dedication in the preliminary organizing and preserving of Mechanics' Institute archives for future generations of Canadians. Ralph and his wife Melanie were unable to attend the meeting.
- *Richard Lord*. This award was given in recognition of Richard's long-time service to many communities in Montreal, including the Black community, and his continuing support of the Atwater Library and Computer Centre. His award was presented by ALCC past-president Gordon A. Clark, a schoolmate at Westmount High School. Richard's wife Carole was

also present at the meeting.



Richard Lord is presented with an honorary life membership by Past President Gordon Clark and President Mary Leslie-Aitken.

COMPUTER REPAIRS AVAILABLE AT ALCC

A computer repair service is being launched in the Computer Centre in cooperation with qualified technicians from the community. Cost: \$35 per hour. Call Dan Enright at 935-7344, or email info@atwaterlibrary.ca

PAPERBACK SALE ON THE LAWN, JULY 16 AND 17

Volunteers Irene Menear and John Kozakiewicz will be organizing a paperback sale on the ALCC lawn (Atwater side) on Saturday, July 16, and Sunday, July 17. Low, low prices. It coincides with the sidewalk sale being held on St. Catherine Street from Lambert-Closse to St. Urbain.

TWO ARTICLES APPEAR

The June 2005 issue of *Connections* contains two articles by Board members. Mark Gallop's article is a synopsis of ALCC's history. Mary Leslie-Aitken's article details the life of Alexander Cowper Hutchison, a prominent Montreal architect who took architectural drawing at the Mechanics' Institute and was later on the Board of the MI.

THEATRE IN THE PARK: COMING TO CABOT SQUARE

A Molière play in French and a Shakespeare play will be performed in Cabot Square on (Saturday), August 20, sponsored by Peter McGill Community Council.

- ❑ At 3 pm, *L'Amour médecin* will be performed by a company from Théâtre du Nouveau Monde.
- ❑ At 7 pm, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be performed by the well-known Repercussion Theatre.
- ❑ From 5 to 7 pm, between the two performances, there will be a picnic, organized by Shaughnessy Village Assn, under the presidency of Dr. Naomi Holobow, a former ALCC board member.

A BUSY SUMMER IN CABOT SQUARE

Other events are also being planned for Cabot Square over the summer months by Peter McGill Community Council, which has an office in the ALCC building. The series is the brainchild of ALCC member Jean Giguère, who is director of Lincoln-Tupper Promotion and Development Corporation and a member of the board of Peter McGill. Financial support is from City of Montreal. All events are free and open to the public.

Events being planned (subject to confirmation):

- ❑ **Storytimes** for children on Mondays at 1 pm: July 4, 11, 18; Aug 1, 22. Organized by the Montreal Children's Library. More dates to be confirmed.
- ❑ **Antique Cars** in Cabot Square. Date to be announced. Time: 12 noon-2 pm. Organized by ALCC.
- ❑ **Painters in the Park:** Artists will sketch and paint in Cabot Square on August 14 from 11 am to 2 pm. Organized by ALCC.
- ❑ **Books & A Picnic:** Four book discussions over the summer months are being planned by ALCC. Details to be announced.
- ❑ **Environmental Games.** 1 pm, Monday, Sept 19. Organized by Eco-Quartier Peter McGill.
- ❑ **Aboriginal Days:** Saturday and Sunday, Sept 24 & 25. Events organized by Aboriginal and Inuit groups.

FALL EVENTS BEING SCHEDULED:

AUTHOR READINGS

Two author readings at ALCC have been approved for funding by the Canada Council for the Arts. Dates to be announced: Di Brandt, Wayson Choy.

Funding by the Canada Council for the Arts enables ALCC to bring noted Canadian authors to Montreal each year. Application is made through the Montreal Association of Independent Libraries (MAIL), of which ALCC is a member, along with Fraser-Hickson Library, Jewish Public Library and Montreal Children's Library.

ATWATER POETRY PROJECT

Poetry readings have been tentatively scheduled for Fall 2005 by Oana Avasilichioaei. Dates to be announced.

- ❑ Suzanne Buffan
- ❑ Poets from Small Presses of Montreal
- ❑ Betsy Struthers & Raymond Hsu

SPEAKER SERIES

Two lectures in Fall 2005 are currently being planned in the Atwater Speaker Series 2005-2006, coordinated by Bruce Peterson. Subjects and dates to be announced.

- ❑ LaFlorya Gauthier-Rombaut
- ❑ Brian Merrett

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

Four book discussions will be held in the Fall 2005, under the leadership of Mary Soderstrom and Tanya Mayhew. Club meets at 7.30 pm on Wednesdays.

- ❑ *The Da Vinci Code* September 14
- ❑ *The Three Day Road* October 12
- ❑ *The God of Small Things* November 9
- ❑ *The Navigator of New York* December 14

SUMMER STUDENTS ON STAFF

Two students, one funded in part through the Young Canada Works Program of the Department of Canadian Heritage, and the other funded in part through the Summer Career Placements program of Human Resources Development Canada, will be working at ALCC for several weeks. Heather Wood, a library technology student at John Abbott College, is working in the library and Liam Duncan, who hails from Alberta and is a McGill student, will be working in the Computer Centre.

NEW BOOKS - SELECTED RECENT FICTION

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| Hornby, Nick | <i>A Long Way Down</i> |
| Howard, Linda | <i>Killing Time</i> |
| Smith, Wilbur | <i>The Triumph of the Sun</i> |
| Cook, Robin | <i>Marker</i> |
| Pyper, Andrew | <i>The Wildfire Season</i> |

Selected Recent Non-Fiction

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| Jarislowsky, Stephen | <i>My Life in the Investment Jungle</i> |
| Yunker, Katherine | <i>Complete Canadian Diabetes Cookbook</i> |
| Henighan, Tom | <i>Coming of Age in Arabia</i> |
| Lee, Bill | <i>Have Glove, Will Travel</i> |
| Levitt, Steven O. | <i>Freakonomics</i> |