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## ALL WELCOME!

### ALCC OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, SEPT 16

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SATURDAY, SEPT 17

Come and enjoy:  
music,  
books,  
computers,  
special displays,  
building tours,  
refreshments...

### Upcoming Events

**MERCREDI, LE 14 SEPTEMBRE, 12H00-13H00**

**Parlons des livres montrealais:** Dernier événement dans la série présentée pendant l'été à Square Cabot par la Bibliothèque Atwater. Les professeurs Aziz Fall et Georges LeBel de la La Fondation Aubin, nouvellement installée dans le secteur, discuteront des aspects du mandat de la Fondation and de sa mission. Admission gratuite. En cas de pluie, la discussion aura lieu dans l'auditorium de la Bibliothèque Atwater.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7.30 PM**

**Atwater Book Club:** Mary Soderstrom will lead a discussion on Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*. Free for members, \$3 for non-members.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 10 AM – 7 PM**

**Open House at ALCC:** Admission free. Traditional live Québécois music by Michael Ayles from 11.00 to 12.30. Opening reception 12 noon. At 12.30 there will be refreshments, followed by a panel on "Some New Books in Montreal" with Derek Webster, William Weintraub, Alex K. Paterson, David Price and Oana Avasilichioaei. More events listed at [www.atwaterlibrary.ca](http://www.atwaterlibrary.ca)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 10 AM – 5 PM**

**Open House at ALCC:** Admission free. Tours of the building. Slide show of historical Mechanics' Institute photos. New books aplenty for sale at reduced prices. At noon Brian Merrett will give a demonstration called "Fun with Photoshop." Exhibits of new focus collections: Scottish, Black and Zines. Montreal Children's Library will present storytelling, music, crafts, and a raffle. Peter McGill Community Council will have photo displays of the historic Cabot Square area. Books of Fondation Aubin on display. Refreshments. More at [www.atwaterlibrary.ca](http://www.atwaterlibrary.ca)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 10.30 AM**

**Visit from Mme Lucienne Robillard:** Atwater Library & Computer Centre will receive the Hon. Lucienne Robillard, MP for Westmount Ville-Marie, who will announce a federal grant for ALCC. All are welcome in the auditorium.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6.30 PM**

**Atwater Author Reading Series:**  
Award-winning Vancouver and Toronto novelist Wayson Choy will read from his recent works at 7 pm. Wine and cheese at 6.30 pm. Admission free. Event supported by the Canada Council for the Arts.



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 6.30 PM**



**Atwater Poetry Project:** Poet Suzanne Buffam will read from her recent works, including *Past Imperfect*, her 2005 book of poems published by House of Anansi Press at 7 pm. Wine and cheese at 6.30 pm. Admission free.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 6, FRIDAY, OCT. 7 AND SATURDAY, OCT. 8**

**Giant Semi-annual Booksale:** New, gently used, and treasure books for sale at low, low prices. Times posted at [www.atwaterlibrary.ca](http://www.atwaterlibrary.ca)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 7.30 PM**

**Atwater Book Club:** Mary Soderstrom will lead a book discussion on the recently released *The Three-Day Road*, by Canadian novelist Joseph Boyden.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 12.30 PM**

**Atwater Author Reading Series:**  
Bestselling Atlantic provinces novelist Donna Morrissey will read from her most recent work, *Sylvanus Now*. Light refreshments from 12 pm



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6.30 PM**

**Atwater Poetry Project:** Canadian poet Di Brandt will read from her most recent works, including *Now You Care*, published by Coach House Press in 2003 at 7 pm. Wine and cheese at 6.30 pm. Admission free. Event supported by the Canada Council for the Arts.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Dr. Norman Eade on August 19 at the age of 76. A native of Saskatchewan, he was a graduate in pharmacology and medicine from McGill University, and for many years was associated with the Poison Control Centre at the Montreal Children's Hospital. He was president of the Atwater Library from 1985 to 1988 and was, with Dr. Ted Connolly in the early 1980s, instrumental in the introduction at ALCC of Montreal's first computer centre open to the public. He remained an active library member until shortly before his death.

**L'AUTRE MONTREAL TOURS - STOP FOR A VISIT AT ALCC**

Nearly 150 people new to ALCC have visited and toured the ALCC building with the L'Autre Montreal tours as part of Montreal World Book Capital 2005-2006 events. Saturday manager Irene Menear has been the ALCC hostess, passing out information about ALCC to all the tour participants. A non-profit educational group that has been offering guided bus tours of Montreal for 20 years, L'Autre Montreal has been concentrating this year on exploring Montreal's printers, publishers, bookstores, libraries and schools. Tours are given in French and in English, and continue until October 9. More tours will be organized for spring of 2006.

**ALCC PHOTOS ON MCGILL COLLEGE**

Take a trip down McGill College Avenue, from Sherbrooke to St. Catherine, any time until October 10. There you may see from one to four beautiful photos (by Jean-Eudes Schorr and Patrick Sanfaçon) of the Atwater Library. At one visit, there were photos of the reading room, main floor stacks, card catalogue and the lawn booksale. The show will continue at Pierre-Elliott Trudeau airport in September.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

Emma Albani (née Lajeunesse) from Chambly, educated at the Sacred Heart Convent, one of the best operatic sopranos of the nineteenth century, and who sang at Queen Victoria's funeral, gave her first concert as a singer, pianist and harpist in 1856 at Mechanics' Institute building on St. James Street. [Sources: *Canadian Encyclopedia*; *Emma Albani, Victorian Diva* by Cheryl MacDonald; *Forty Years of Song*, by Emma Albani.]



**FALL COMPUTER COURSES**

Introductory computer courses are offered in Internet and E-mail, Windows, Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Access XP.

- Brian Merrett offers two courses in Digital Photography & Photoshop Elements, one 10-12 pm, the other 6-8 pm two days per week. Information: [www.merrettimages.ca/tuition](http://www.merrettimages.ca/tuition)
- Hajni Blasko offers Introduction to Website Design, 6-8 pm. Information: [www.TopSiteMakeover.com](http://www.TopSiteMakeover.com)

**NEW FOCUS COLLECTIONS IN THE LIBRARY**

*Scottish Collection - Black Collection - Zine Collection*

**WOW!**



Here is past-president Gordon Clark in front of his favourite toy, at a special display in mid-August of four vintage MGs. The event was organized by ALCC in cooperation with the MG Car Club. Board member Marshall Wansbrough also brought his MG to the display.

[Photo: Michael Blair]