

Lesley Heathcote Graduate Scholarship in Library and Information Studies

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Award Name	Lesley Heathcote Graduate Scholarship in Library and Information Studies
Deadline	June 01
Value	5,000 CAD (varies)
Number	Two
Donor	Endowed by Miss Lesley Heathcote.

Eligibility

Two scholarships are awarded annually; one to a student entering the first year of the MLIS program; and one to a student entering the second year of the MLIS program. The recipients must have achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or greater and be registered full-time in their graduate program. The student may not hold any other awards from the University of Alberta.

Application

Eligible students will be considered automatically by the School.

More Information

In 1996 Dr. Lesley Muriel Heathcote generously donated \$225,000 to the University of Alberta to establish a new scholarship fund in recognition of academic achievement by students enrolled in the Master of Library and Information Studies program at the University of Alberta.

Two scholarships are awarded annually, valued at \$6,000 each for September 2000, one to a student entering the full-time MLIS program and the other to a full-time second-year student. Two undergraduate awards are also endowed to outstanding students in the Department of English at the University of Alberta who intend to pursue graduate degrees in library and information studies.

Lesley Muriel Heathcote was the youngest of the seven daughters of Henry and Annie Heathcote. She was born and raised in Edmonton, where her mother insisted that the girls go to school and become educated. Miss Heathcote attended the University of Alberta where she earned a B.A in Honors French and German in 1924 and an M.A. in Philology (Historic Linguistics) in 1928.

The following year she earned a B.S. in Library Science from the University of Washington, where she served as serials librarian for 15 years. In 1945-46, she worked at the International Labor Office in Montreal. She returned west in 1946 to work in the Montana State University (then Montana State College), eventually achieving the position of Professor and Director of Libraries in 1965, retiring in 1970.

During her tenure as Director, she oversaw the expansion of the University Library collections from 75,000 to nearly half a million volumes, as well as the construction of two library buildings. Miss Heathcote served as president of the Pacific Northwest Library Association in 1951-52 and of the Montana Library Association in 1953-54. In 1969, she was designated Librarian of the Year for Montana and in 1978 she received the Montana State University Blue and Gold Award. She was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Montana State University in 1981.

In addition to her extensive professional activities and numerous articles in library journals, Dr. Heathcote was a founding member of the Bozeman Symphony Society and served as Secretary 1968-70. She became a flautist at age 54 and played for the Bozeman Symphony. An active outdoors person, she was a life member of the Alpine Club of Canada, having joined in 1931. Dr. Heathcote passed away in August 1997.

Dr. Heathcote's generosity to the School and to Alberta librarianship is deeply appreciated by students and faculty and by the library community of the Province. Letters of acknowledgment may be sent to Mr. Lee Wilks, Dr. Heathcote's nephew, at the following address:

Mr. Lee Wilks, 4301 Saint Mary's Avenue, North Vancouver, BC V7N 1Y8