



McGill Community for Lifelong Learning

*For people who want to learn
for the joy of it!*

December 2023 eBulletin

*Holiday Greetings &
Happy New Year!*

(and p.s. there will be no January eBulletin edition)



Winter Registration Opens December 5th

[To view winter lectures click here](#)

[To view winter study groups click here](#)

Holiday events....

An MCLL holiday tradition – a reading by
Andrew Macdougall

**NICHOLAS NICKLEBY JOINS MR.
CRUMMLES' THEATRICAL TROUPE**

adapted from the Dickens novel
Nicholas Nickleby

Friday, December 15 at 10 a.m.

A **FREE** hybrid event:

[REGISTER TO ATTEND IN PERSON](#)



[REGISTER TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM](#)



Bibliothèque et centre d'informatique
Atwater
Library and Computer Centre

To register for the Lunchtime Series and get the zoom link [CLICK HERE](#)

- ✓ Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023 at 12:30 pm – Christmas concert with vocalist Barbara Lewis and pianist Doug Balfour
- ✓ Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 at 12:30 pm – Actor Barrie Baldaro reads A Child's Christmas in Wales by Dylan Thomas

MCLL Art in the Lounge

Denise Marchand



Portraiting across Generations

Portraiting faces is at the core of my practice, the sole subject that I dig into day after day without ever feeling the weight of repetition. Each portrait poses a challenge and I only wish these drawings talk to you and inspire you to delve further into the story behind the images.

Qu'il s'agisse d'écriture ou de dessin, le sujet qui m'habite est toujours le même et se résume en un mot, celui de 'lien', en pensant à ce qui nous attache, et depuis le lieu habité par chacun, ce qui nous relie à ce qu'on appelle la 'chaîne' du Vivant, de la Vie.

Hiver 2024

Published!



Killer Nashville - an online magazine that focuses on detective, crime and mystery - has chosen to publish the poem, '**Roller Coaster**' by MCLL's own Michael Moore, which is promoted as "Up/Down/Sideways, sometimes/A wild ride, most always/Demanding, of course..." Read it [HERE](#)



Ongoing...more volunteer opportunities...

- **Bénévoles francophones recherchés**

Notre activité de jumelage linguistique entre des bénévoles du MCLL et des étudiants.es inscrits.es au Certificat de français pour la communication professionnelle (ÉÉP, McGill) se poursuit à l'hiver 2024. L'objectif? Contribuer à l'apprentissage du français. Le moyen? S'engager à converser librement 1 h/semaine avec des adultes d'origines diverses vivant à Montréal. Quand? Début-février à début-avril. Modalités? Le plus souvent virtuellement, dates et heures selon les besoins des partenaires. Bénéfice? Le plaisir de partager un peu de la culture francophone avec quelqu'un qui y fait ses premiers pas.

Pour plus d'informations, joindre **Danielle Duhamel**, mcll.scs.fr@mcgill.ca

- **Conversation exchange**



MCLL has partnered with a community group of seniors from the Plateau (Projet Changement) to offer a conversation exchange service. If you are interested in improving your French, they will pair you up with one of their members who want to improve their English. The two partners will arrange between themselves when and how they will meet (in person or otherwise) for one hour of conversation per week, alternating between French and English. Many participants enjoy this activity because, in addition to practicing a second language, they find it interesting to converse with people from a different background. **To register, go to [MCLL Lectures | MCLL - McGill University](#) and look for French-English Conversation Exchange (YCLML 717).** For more information, contact **Alain Lessard** at convex.mcll@mcgill.ca

- **Help needed**

We are having an in-person open house in the spring and volunteers to help organize would be much appreciated. Please contact **Marie Gravelle**: marie_e_gravelle@hotmail.com or (438) 881-2463.

- **We are listening**

The assistive listening devices that are currently in the office need to be replaced which led to MCLL meeting with representatives of the association **Hear Quebec** (<https://hearhear.org/>). We are currently looking for MCLL members who are hard of hearing and who would like to provide recommendations on how they could be helped.

Upcoming Lectures and more....

2023 F.R. Scott Lecture with International Human Rights Lawyer Irwin Cotler – December 10, 2023

To commemorate Human Rights Day and the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the **Friends of the McGill Library** invite you to this year's F.R. Scott Lecture featuring international human rights lawyer, **the Honourable Irwin Cotler**. The HYBRID lecture and Q&A session will be followed by a vernissage of the exhibit "Beyond the Declaration: A Canadian

Perspective on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights” at the Nahum Gelber Law Library.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION](#)



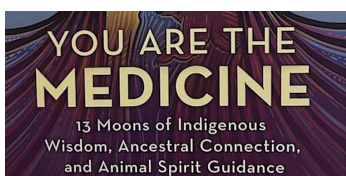
McGill Virtual Alumni Book Club

ONLINE: Pick up your copy of the latest McGill Virtual Alumni Book Club selection: *Birnam Wood* by Eleanor Catton. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP NOW](#) and join the conversation on our free, private online forum until December 15, 2023.

December – January Indigenous Events of Interest

Monday, December 4, 2023

Bannock & Books: Bringing our hearts and minds together book sharing
[FOR FREE TICKETS CLICK HERE](#)



Monday, December 4, 2023

Indigenous Resiliency and Steps to Reconciliation with Danni Okemaw
[FEW TICKETS LEFT](#)



Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Elder Shirley Williams Teaching - Christmas
[FOR FREE TICKETS CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Hiring and Understanding Indigenous Talent
[TO RESERVE YOUR FREE SPOT CLICK HERE](#)



Thursday, December 7, 2023

**Mohawk Institute Residential School
Virtual Tour**
[FOR FREE TICKETS CLICK HERE](#)



Saturday, December 9, 2023

**An Afternoon with Dr. Paul L. Gareau
(Michif/Métis)**
[CLICK HERE FOR YOUR VIRTUAL FREE SPOT](#)



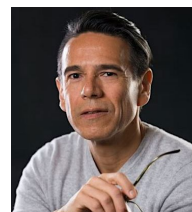
Thursday, January 18 2024

**When Two Worlds Met: Indigenous
Women in the Northeastern American
Contact Period**
[FOR FREE TICKETS CLICK HERE](#)



Thursday, January 25, 2024

**Speaker Series:
Taiaiake Alfred - It's All
About the Land**
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