



## May 2023 eBulletin

### Spring 2023 Lectures and Workshops

Click [here](#) for the full schedule.

#### Workshop

Title	Date	Presenter	Attendance
YCLML 648 Conversation Exchange Service	To be determined by participants	Organizer: Alain Lessard	

#### Lectures

YCLML 655 Louise Michel, "Passionaria" of the Paris Commune (Online)	Friday, April 28, 1:00 p.m.	Nadine Ozkan & Frank Nicholson	Online
YCLML 656 Ancient DNA: New Science of Our Human Past (Online)	Friday, May 5, 10:00 a.m.	Ruth Allan Rigby	Online
YCLML 657 Joseph Smith: His Life and Death (Online)	Friday, May 5, 10:00 a.m.	Frank Nicholson	Online
YCLML 658 Who Is Putin? (Online)	Friday, May 5, 1:00 p.m.	John Felvinci	Online
YCLML 659 The Marriageable Girls: Spunk and Scandal (In Person)	Friday, May 12, 10:00 a.m.	Françoise Bâby	In Person
YCLML 660 "The Disruption" Versus Giridharadas (In Person)	Friday, May 12, 1:00 p.m.	Lewis Cattarini	In Person
YCLML 661 Low Back Pain (Online)	Friday, May 19, 10:00 a.m.	Leora Birnbaum	Online
YCLML 662 AI (Artificial Intelligence): An Update (Online)	Friday, May 19, 1:00 p.m.	Richard Harris	Online
YCLML 663 Cryptology - Art of Secret Codes and Messages (Online)	Friday, May 26, 10:00 a.m.	George Lapa	Online
YCLML 664 The Formidable RNA (Online)	Friday, May 26, 1:00 p.m.	John Felvinci	Online
YCLML 665 Colorectal Cancer Screening (Repeat lecture) (Online)	Friday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.	Leora Birnbaum	Online



As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, all seniors (65+) in Montreal and its 15 demerged cities can ride an STM bus or metro for free provided they have accessed the necessary Opus ID cards. [Click here](#) for more info.

## **Wanted : A fan of French & English idioms**



### **"Raining Cats, Dogs & Pitchforks"!!!**

An etching by [George Cruikshank.](#), 1835

Source: [click here](#).

Jacques Lalanne has been collecting idioms that are different in French and English, for instance « It rains cats and dogs. » becomes « Il tombe des cordes ou des clous. ». He is looking for someone who would help him translate such idioms... and maybe become a co-author of a book to come.

Jacques Lalanne a collectionné des expressions idiomatiques différentes en français et en anglais, par exemple

" It rains cats and dogs. " devient " Il tombe des cordes ou des clous. " Il cherche quelqu'un qui pourrait l'aider à traduire ces expressions idiomatiques... et peut-être devenir co-auteur d'un livre à venir.

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**No  
Show  
Policy**

The Special Events Committee is devoted to providing the MCLL community with quality social programming where we can get together in a welcoming environment to see old friends and make new ones. Our commitment to MCLL and to you is to ensure everyone leaves an event knowing that "a good time was had by all". Unfortunately, some people register but don't show up without cancelling the reservation. Several of our programs are sponsored in whole

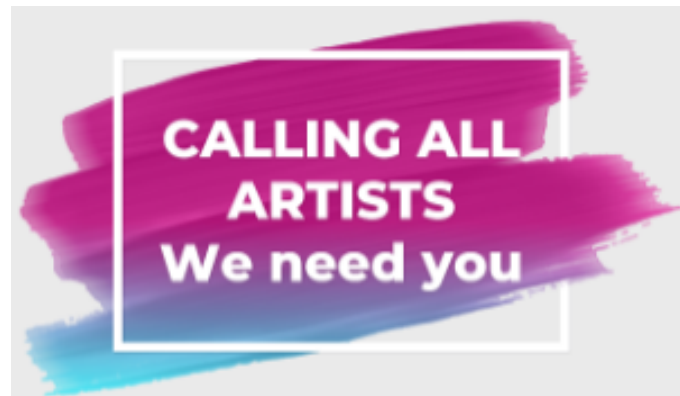
or in part by MCLL, and the wasted money spent on meals for no-shows is quite exorbitant. As well, for restaurant events (where you pay), it's embarrassing and we run the risk of losing trust for future reservations. Hence, the new policy. Read the policy in full [here](#). For queries or concerns feel free to reach out to Linda Sidel, Chair, Special Events Committee [lindasidel@me.com](mailto:lindasidel@me.com)

## **And... speaking of events... THINK PHOTOS!**



next e-bulletin.

We're looking for amateur photographers who love taking pictures and attend any of the events that take place with MCLL. Take your shots, send them to Linda Sidel, [lindasidel@me.com](mailto:lindasidel@me.com), and who knows? You may see your photo (with your name credited ) in the



Booking is on now for upcoming exhibits in the members' lounge (2024-2025) which gives you time to plan. Do you have something you were creating in the past and have tucked away in a dark closet? Here is a chance to give them some light. The lineup for 2023-24 has Liliane Aberman slotted in for the fall (pictured at left) and Sandra Woods for the spring. There is an open slot for the winter

session.

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**"Embroidery with seaweed and fungi"** by Liliane Aberman

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**Take a seat**

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MCLL's new chairs are now scheduled to arrive in early June, so we'll have a chance to try out them before the summer break. The old chairs will be looking for a new home. If you know of a non-profit organization who could use some, have them contact MCLL. Attached is a photo of the two types. We'd prefer that they be taken eight at a time. The new ones will be very welcome. Info: Tim Skene,

MCLL IT Coordinator: [tim@skene.org](mailto:tim@skene.org); 514-277-3366

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## *Want to get involved?*

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As a volunteer-run organization, MCLL is seeking members like you to help bring vibrancy and life to our projects. Get in touch with Nadine ([nadine.ozkan@gmail.com](mailto:nadine.ozkan@gmail.com)) to discuss the perfect project to put your skills to work and contribute to our amazing community.

### **What about joining a committee?**

Do you like writing? Updating websites? Liaising with community groups? Fundraising? Using new technology to enhance the learning experience? Discussing policy? Becoming a language conversation partner? MCLL volunteers add immeasurable value to the organization and new participants are always welcome and needed. For a full list of committees, [click here](#) or reach out to Astri Thorvik ([astrithorvik@gmail.com](mailto:astrithorvik@gmail.com)) or Sandra Baines ([sandrajbaines@gmail.com](mailto:sandrajbaines@gmail.com)) (volunteers coordinators) directly.

Another path to participation is becoming a moderator or liaison. Do you have a researched interest or background information in a particular area? You can receive help in submitting a proposal, delivering the actual presentation, or even sharing the moderator or liaison duties. Contact Julie Wait ([juliew@sympatico.ca](mailto:juliew@sympatico.ca)) or Ana Maria Klein ([kleina@fredonia.edu](mailto:kleina@fredonia.edu)) directly with questions.

The call for **Summer Proposals** (Registration June 20th/Lectures run July 5-August 23) is already out and the deadline is about May 5<sup>th</sup>.

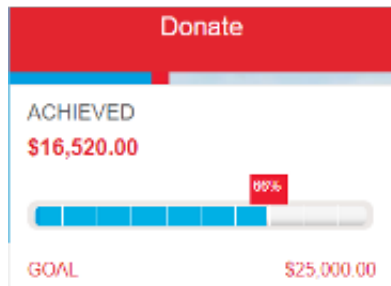
The call for **Fall Proposals** (Registration August 1/Classes begin September 11) will be May 9<sup>th</sup> and the deadline is about May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## *Fundraising*

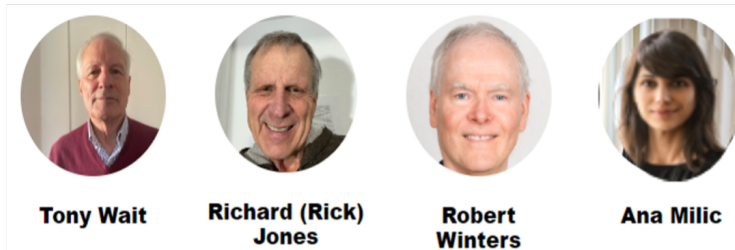
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A total of 104 people have contributed to date to the successful McGill24 fundraising campaign (as of April 26) for MCLL. McGill's Crowdfunding office provided \$4,518 in matching funds, bringing our total so far to \$16,520 vs. \$16,330 last year. Tony Wait, chair of the Development Committee, said he was very happy to see the generosity of MCLL donors this



year. Tony was a McGill24 ambassador for MCLL this year, along with vice-president Rick Jones, program administrator Ana Milic and president Robert Winters.

To DONATE and to learn about the people that are bringing this project to life, [click here](#).




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## *Moving on*

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After nearly 14 years at MCLL, program administrator Ana Milic (pictured above right) will be leaving MCLL as of May 1st for a position at Concordia. MCLL congratulates her on new job. A process is underway to find her replacement. More details in the upcoming Spring issue of the newsletter.

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## *Indigenous Events for May*

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May 2



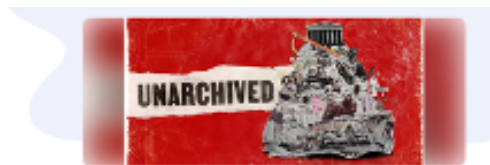
**Promoting Anti-Racism policies and Initiatives in Local Governments.**  
[Register here.](#)

May 9



**Public Policy Forum: Speaker Series on Indigenous Issues and Initiatives.**  
[Register here.](#)

May 17



### **Unarchived.**

With Elizabeth Montour, researcher in First Nations cultural material.

Explore other lives, places, and realities.

Join us as we watch and discuss a documentary film.

Katherine Kasirer, NFB librarian, will lead a discussion.

Open to members of the Westmount Public Library... In Person.

[Register here.](#)

May 21



### **Ethnobotany: Native Plants and Indigenous Culture.**

[Register here.](#)

May 25



### **Indigenous Identity & Canadian Law (Webinar).**

[Register here.](#)

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