

## November 2023 eBulletin

*Time change Nov.5th*



***Our last issue was successful in our solicitation of volunteers, so here are some more opportunities....***

- **Do you have experience in Marketing or Communications?**

We are looking for people to take on a number of projects that will promote MCLL and increase membership to our very special organization. For more information contact **Nadine Ozkan**:

[nadine.ozkan@gmail.com](mailto:nadine.ozkan@gmail.com)

AS WELL.....

Volunteers are needed to add to the team that distributes MCLL publicity postcards to libraries, community centres, doctors' offices and other places around Montreal. In particular, people are needed who live in, or could go to, Cote St. Luc, Cote des Neiges, Town of Mount Royal, Roxboro, Pointe Claire, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Kirkland, Beaconsfield, St Lambert and other places on the South Shore. Also, if you belong to a club, sports group, church, synagogue or any other organization whose members might be interested in MCLL's programmes, or if you live in a building with many seniors, your help is requested.

The postcards are available in the office and the best time to distribute them would be mid-November just before the Winter programme is published.

Interested? Contact Ros Acutt at [racutt@hotmail.com](mailto:racutt@hotmail.com) or 514 243-1630.

- **MCLL's outreach to senior residences continues**

We need your help. If you have given a Friday lecture or a Wonderful Wednesday lecture, please consider doing it again at one of the senior residences. This outreach was stopped due to the pandemic, but we have re-established our contacts and would welcome your participation. Please contact **Sandra Baines**: [sandrajbaines@gmail.com](mailto:sandrajbaines@gmail.com) or **Krystyna Stewart**: [stewartk@iro.umontreal.ca](mailto:stewartk@iro.umontreal.ca)

- **Hosts needed**

Do you want to be part of a delightful group of MCLL members without whom many of our study groups simply couldn't happen? You can make a real difference to MCLL. Become a host. Training and support are available.

Requirements:

- a computer with a good internet connection
- a willingness to learn and to support study groups, moderators, lecturers and participants.

Contact: [susanvg@mac.com](mailto:susanvg@mac.com)

- **Mentoring a professional: a mutually rewarding experience!**

People who participate in MCLL have wide-ranging career experience, from technical and scientific professions and trades, to education, arts and culture, to business and government administration. The varied knowledge, experience and network of contacts of many MCLL members positions them to be valued mentors to adults, often recent immigrants, who face obstacles in finding a job that enables

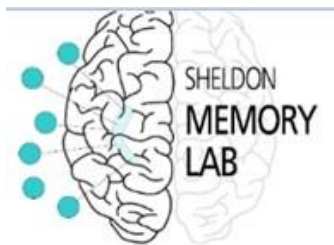
them to fully use their skills and expertise.

McGill's School of Continuing Studies—of which MCLL is part—has launched the **Experiential and Empowerment Development (SEED) Initiative** to help increase access to professional education and career advancement. In collaboration with community and industry partners, 40 to 50 individuals are selected each year as SEED Fellows to complete a Professional Development Certificate (PDC) in Collaboration & Productivity, improve their proficiency in French, and obtain a professional certification of their choice (e.g., MS Excel, QuickBooks Online, etc.).

The SEED Initiative enables participants to develop or enhance in-demand professional skills, improve French language proficiency, gain practical experience, and establish professional networks. SEED Fellows are professionals or aspiring professionals ready to advance their career, but who face systemic barriers to professional education and/or opportunity. They could benefit from the knowledgeable help and life experiences that a good mentor can provide, and the opportunity to discuss their goals, challenges and professional experiences.

You can check the SEED site as well as profiles of participants seeking mentors [HERE](#). If you decide you'd like to try this, email MCLL Vice President Chris Neal at [clneal16@gmail.com](mailto:clneal16@gmail.com).

- **Help understand how memory works**



The Sheldon Memory Laboratory in the Psychology Department at McGill University is recruiting participants over 65 years of age to participate in a research project on memory. Participation involves TWO sessions, which in total should last about 1.5 hours. You will be compensated \$20 in total for your participation, and we also cover parking (public transit now free for 65+). If you are interested in participating, you can contact us by calling at 514-398-1396 or e-mailing us [sheldonmemorylab@gmail.com](mailto:sheldonmemorylab@gmail.com) with your name, age, time and availability. [FOR MORE INFO](#)

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## *Have a seat....*

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Tim Skene reports that MCLL has received the rest of our new chairs. The existing ones have long been a source of complaint, but after two years of work on the project, we can finally sit in comfort. Response so far has been enthusiastically positive.



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## *News from the McGill library*

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Artist representation of potential Fiat Lux interior, showing how the project aims to transform the McLennan-Redpath complex into a light-filled, largely open-concept space designed to support different modes of learning, as well as health and well-being.

Join MCLL Liaison Librarian, April Colosimo, for an update on the **Fiat Lux Project** and the McGill University Collections Centre. Learn how you can borrow physical items from other Quebec university libraries for pickup at the McGill branch library of your choice (Network Loan).

The presentation will be offered twice in November, via Zoom:

- 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Wednesday, November 15 [REGISTER HERE](#)

- 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Friday, November 17 [REGISTER HERE](#)

### ***What is the Fiat Lux Project?***

The Fiat Lux Project is the transformation of the McLennan-Redpath Library complex into a new library filled with service and space offerings for the digital era to better respond to the needs of McGill students. Construction is currently anticipated to begin in 2025 and will take an estimated two to three years to complete. The McLennan-Redpath Library complex will be unavailable throughout the construction process.

### ***What is the McGill University Collections Centre?***

A sizable portion of the book collection is currently being relocated to the new McGill University Collections Centre. The move is proceeding one floor at a time, with unaffected floors staying open (and stacks accessible) until it's their turn. Books moving to the Collections Centre will be unavailable until it opens (March - April 2024). The "Request/ Hold" button for items on the move will not appear in the catalogue, but the hold button to borrow from other Quebec libraries (Network Loans) will remain.

### ***What are Network Loans?***

MCLL members can now borrow physical items belonging to 17 other Quebec university libraries through the library catalogue (Sofia). Requested items will be delivered to a McGill branch library of your choice for pickup.

Fiat Lux Library project and McGill University Collections Centre: [INFO](#)

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## ***Another library event...hybrid style***

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The McGill Libraries, the Department of Art History and Communication Studies, and the CIAC (Centre international d'art contemporain de Montréal ) are presenting a talk by special guest Abigail Susik celebrating the creative life and work of artist and dancer Françoise Sullivan. Location: Chancellor Day Hall, Moot Court, 3644 rue Peel, Montreal, QC, H3A 1W9, CA

[INFO + RSVP HERE](#)

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## ***Lifelong learning & travel all in one***

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The 2024 two-week Lifelong Learning Summer School at Girton College, University of Cambridge will take place 18-31 August. It enables participants to take academic courses for the love of learning, live and take meals in the College, alongside a social programme designed to experience the highlights of Cambridge college life in the company of other lifelong learners from around the world.



More information is available here: [WEBSITE](#)

The electronic version of the program flyer is available: [HERE](#)

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## ***Come strut your stuff***

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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 it some light.

Info: [jackiecytrynbaum@gmail.com](mailto:jackiecytrynbaum@gmail.com)

[www.jackiecytrynbaum.ca](http://www.jackiecytrynbaum.ca) (514)730-9419

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## ***Check out other dynamic organizations***

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**Are you a McGill  
University Retiree?**

McGill University  
Retiree Association



L'Association des  
retraité(e)s de  
l'Université McGill

MCLL members who retired from McGill University are eligible to join the McGill University Retiree Association (MURA). Over the course of its initial decade of operation, MURA has welcomed over 600 McGill retirees from all of the University's employee groups to indoor and outdoor activities,

information sessions, cultural and social events. More MURA activity and membership info:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/mura-arum/>



4korners offers a wide range of programs for the Laurentian English-speaking population that focus on healthy lifestyles, mental health and that foster creativity while providing support for youth, families, individuals, seniors and caregivers of the elderly.



<https://4korners.org/programs/>

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## ***List of Indigenous Events for November***

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### **Monday Nov 6th**

The portrayal of Arctic Indigenous peoples in mainstream culture.

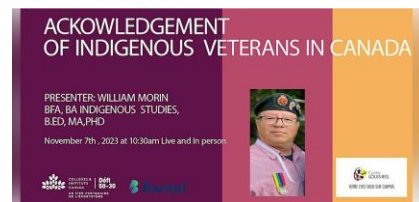
[FOR TICKETS CLICK HERE](#)



### **Tuesday, November 7**

Online- Acknowledgement of Indigenous Veterans in Canada

[FOR TICKETS CLICK HERE](#)



### **Wednesday, November 15**

Nurturing Indigenous Achievement: Post-secondary Leaders Summit

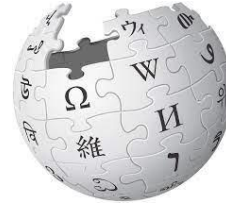
[INFO FOR FREE EVENT HERE](#)

### **Friday, November 17**

Indigenous Peoples Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

[FOR TICKETS CLICK HERE](#)

## Indigenous Peoples Wikipedia Edit-a-thon



**Nurturing Indigenous Achievement:  
Post-Secondary Leaders' Summit**  
Supporting Access and Success in Post-Secondary Education for Indigenous Students



**Hotel Bonaventure, Montreal QC**  
900 Rue De la Gauchetière O, Montréal,  
Wednesday November 15, 2023  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Welcoming Keynote:  
Mike DeGagne  
President & CEO Indspire

Indspire | rivers TO SUCCESS | Post-Secondary Summit Supporter | fyfe FUNDATION

### Wednesday, November 29

Documentary film – “We Can't Make the Same Mistake Twice”

In Person - with Indigenous filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin Westmount Public Library -

All welcome [FOR TICKETS CLICK HERE](#)



The Fall MCLL Newsletter  
is now available [HERE](#)



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