

# Alice Willis Harrison

b. 8 January 1929, Milliken, Colorado; d. 23 March 2006, Halifax, NS

## Education:

Education degree (Northwestern University)

1957 MLS (University of Illinois)

1982 Master of Theological Studies (Atlantic School of Theology)

## Positions:

1970-1978 Associate Librarian, Atlantic School of Theology

1978-1995 Head Librarian, Atlantic School of Theology

## Publications:

Harrison, Alice W. (1981). The conservation of library materials. Halifax NS: Dalhousie University, University Libraries.

Harrison, Alice W., Edward Collister and Ellen Willis (1982). The conservation of archival and library materials: a resource guide to audio-visual aids. Metuchen NJ: Scarecrow Press.

Harrison, Alice W. (1987). Checklist of United Church publications, 1925-1986: sixty-one years: a union list of catalogued holdings of nine libraries. Halifax, NS: Atlantic School of Theology.

## Committees/Accomplishments:

1973 following the survey of the Canadian Conservation Institute, highlighting the conservation needs in the Atlantic provinces, Alice lead the response.

In 1975 and 1977 Alice organized workshops at the Dalhousie Library School on conservation in conjunction with various local bodies such as Visual Arts Nova Scotia, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Museum and the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

During her tenure as Head Librarian she oversaw the construction and dedication of the new AST library which was officially opened in 1994.

She served for 9 years on the board of Pine Hill Divinity College.

1978 Offered a non-credit course in Conservation at the Dalhousie University Library School.

## Honours:

1975 Atlantic Provinces Library Association presented her with the first Alberta Letts Travelling Fellowship which enabled her to visit conservation laboratories in seven foreign countries and in eastern Canada.

1979 the Halifax Library Association presented her its first Distinguished Service Award for her work in directing the salvage operations of historic church documents after the fire at the Brunswick Street United Church.

## Sources:

Obituary, the Chronical Herald, March 31, 2006.

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