

Bruce Braden Peel

b. 1916, Ferland, SK; d. 1998, Edmonton, AB

Education:

1936-1937 Moose Jaw Normal School

1944 BA (Saskatchewan)

1946 MA (Saskatchewan)

1946 BLS (Toronto).

Positions:

1946-1951 Cataloguer of Adam Shortt Collection, Library, University of Saskatchewan

1951-1954 Chief Cataloguer, Library, University of Alberta

1954-1955 Assistant Librarian, University of Alberta

1955-1982 Chief Librarian, University of Alberta

1982-1998 Librarian Emeritus, University of Alberta.

Publications :

Peel, Bruce B. and Eric Knowles (1952). *The Saskatoon story, 1882-1952*. Saskatoon: M.A. east.

Peel, Bruce B. (1963). "Library Planning at the University of Alberta," *Canadian Library* 19 (March): 359-363.

Peel, Bruce B. (1964). "Early Mission Presses in Alberta," *Leisure: Cultural Activities Magazine* 6 (4) Jan.: 12-15.

Peel, Bruce (ed). (1968). *Librarianship in Canada 1964-1967: essays in honour of Elizabeth Morton*. Ottawa: Canadian Library Association.

Peel, Bruce B. (1972). *Steamboats on the Saskatchewan*. Saskatoon: Prairie Books, The Western Producer.

Peel, Bruce B. (1974). *Rossville Mission Press : the invention of the Cree syllabic characters, and the first printing in Rupert's Land*. Montreal: Osiris.

Peel, Bruce B. (1974). *Early printing in the Red River Settlement 1859-1870 and its effect on the Riel Rebellion*. Winnipeg: Peguis Publishers.

Peel, Bruce B. (1979). *The University of Alberta Library, 1909-1979*.

Peel, Bruce B. (1973). *A Bibliography of the Prairie Provinces to 1953, with bibliographical index*. 2nd ed. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Peel, Bruce B. and William J. Kurmey (1983). Cooperation among Ontario university libraries. Toronto: Council of Ontario Universities.

Associations/Committees :

Saskatchewan Library Association, Alberta Library Association, Canadian Library Association
1965, Special Committee on Library Resources for the Health Sciences in Canada.
American Library Association Committee on Accreditation, for four years
Canadian Library Association Microfilming Committee, 1960s to mid 1970s.

Honours :

1975 Marie Tremaine medal of the Bibliographical Society of Canada.
1982 Canadian Library Association's "outstanding service to librarianship" award.
1982 The Bruce Peel Special Collections named in his honour is a world-class collection of rare books with a significant collection of archival materials.

Accomplishments :

1960-1961 President, Alberta Library Association
1965-1966 President, Canadian Association of College and University Libraries.
1969-1970 President, Canadian Library Association
1970-1972 President, Bibliographical Society of Canada/La Société bibliographique du Canada

Other areas of activity :

Teacher in Saskatchewan before becoming a librarian.

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Obit. National Post. Don Mills, Ont., Dec 4, 1998, A.10.
[Website biography](#), Library, University of Alberta. Accessed Sept. 9, 2013.
Merrill Dlstad, "[A Tribute to Bruce Braden Peel.](#)" Papers of the Bibliographical Society of Canada 38, no. 2 (2000): 19-25. [PDF accessed Nov. 8, 2023]
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