

# Elizabeth Homer Morton



Elizabeth Homer Morton, c.1968. Credit *The Morton Years*.

b. Feb. 13, 1903, Tunapuna, Trinidad; d. July 6, 1977, Ottawa, ON

## Education:

BA, 1926 (Dalhousie)  
1926 Nova Scotia Normal School; Ontario Library School;  
MA 1969 (Chicago)

## Positions:

1927-1929 Cataloguer, Toronto Public Library  
1928-1931 Organized library for Saint John New Brunswick Vocational School  
1931-1944 Reference Librarian, Toronto Public Library  
1944-1946 Executive Secretary, Canadian Library Council  
1946-1968 Executive Director, Canadian Library Association

## Selected Publications:

(A more complete list can be found in *The Morton Years*, p 129-130)

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memorial lecture. Dalhousie University Libraries and Dalhousie University School of Library Service, Occasional Papers Series, No. 9. Halifax, N.S.

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## Honours:

1968 Order of Canada

1969 LLD, University of Alberta

1970 D.Litt, Sir George Williams University (later Concordia)

In recognition of her professional achievements, CLA published *Librarianship in Canada, 1946 to 1967* following her retirement as Executive Director in 1968.

1988 Elizabeth Homer Morton fund established

## Accomplishments:

Elizabeth was instrumental in the establishment of the Canadian Library Association. Former National Librarian, W.K. Lamb said that Morton promoted CLA's interests with imagination, wisdom and boundless patience. Under her stewardship, CLA lobbied for the establishment of Libraries and Archives Canada and the Canadian Periodical Index. The *Canadian Library Journal* and *Feliciter* also began publication with Morton as editor.

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