

Ernest (Ernie) Boyce Ingles

b. Dec. 30, 1948, Calgary, AB; d. Sept. 17, 2020, Edmonton, AB

Education:

1970 BA University of Calgary

1973 MA University of Calgary

1975 MLS University of British Columbia

Positions:

1974–1977 Head, Dept. of Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Calgary

1978–1983 Founding Director, Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions (now Canadiana.org)

1984–1990 University Librarian, University of Regina

1990–2013 Vice-Provost and University Librarian, University of Alberta

2010–2013 Director, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta

Publications (major contributions):

Ernie published fifty-seven articles and chapters in books, and made nearly two hundred conference and public presentations. The following is a selection of his works. Many of his journal articles have been published in *Feliciter*, the newsletter of the Canadian Library Association; these accounts featured many smaller Canadian public libraries.

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Beaudry, Guylaine, Ernie Ingles, et al. (2014). *L'avenir au present: les bibliothèques, les centres d'archives et la mémoire collective au Canada: un rapport du groupe d'experts de la Société royal du Canada sur l'état et l'avenir des bibliothèques et des centres d'archives du Canada*.

Associations/Committees:

Ernie served in executive capacity on more than twenty-five professional associations, societies, government boards and committees. The following is a selection of his service:

President, Saskatchewan Library Association, 1987–1988

President, Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL)

President, Bibliographical Society of Canada, 1989–1991

President, Canadian Library Association, 1991

President, OCLC Members Council, 2006–2007

President, Canadian Association of Research Libraries, 2009

Chair, Advisory Board of the Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information

Chair, Steering Committee of the Canadian Initiative on Digital Libraries

American Research Libraries (Ernie served on numerous ARL committees and working groups, including the ARL Board of Directors, 2010–2013) Library Association of Alberta (LAA)

Awards/Honours:

During his career, Ernie received twenty-nine professional awards and four medals. The following is a selection:

1974 Ruth Cameron Medal for Librarianship

1996 Bibliographical Society of Canada Marie Tremaine Medal

2001 Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (Ernie was the first practicing librarian to be elected)
2001 Canadian Library Association Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award
2003 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal
2006 Canadian Association of Research Libraries Award for Distinguished Service to Research Librarianship
2011 Honorary degree Blackfoot Eminent Scholar Kainai PhD from Red Crow College along with the Blackfoot title Kaaahssinnin ("Elder")
2017 American Library Association Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship

Accomplishments/Comments:

"Ernie Ingles was one of Canada's preeminent academic librarians and library innovators."

"Early in his career, [which spanned more than four decades], he achieved national attention for his creation of the Canadian Author's Manuscript Collections and the Canadian Architectural Archives. He also established the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions/ Institut canadien de microreproductins historiques, now Canadiana.org."

His "work at CIHM/Canadiana.org led to the filming and later digital preservation of Canada's printed , published heritage of books, periodicals and pamphlets. It also inspired his creation of the Peel's Prairie Provinces Website at the University of Alberta (<http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/index.html>) containing full digital texts of many thousands of Western Canadian books and printed ephemera".

At the University of Alberta, Ernie "was the driving force in linking Alberta library resources and services through the creation of Alberta's NEOS library consortium; the Alberta Library; the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library; the Health Knowledge Network (HKN); and the First Nations Information Connection."

"During Ernie's time as Chair, SLIS [the University of Alberta School of Library and Information Studies] created and launched the online MLIS program: the first wholly online degree of its kind in Canada."

"His crowning achievement was the creation [in 1993] of the Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute (NELI) that is internationally acclaimed as a landmark contribution to professional leadership development. More than 400 librarians have developed their leadership potential through the NELI experience."

Ernie's leadership-development program "has inspired, strengthened, and equipped a new generation to step up to the plate, and his leadership of the massive five-year 8Rs study - The Future of Human Resources in Canadian Libraries (2004) established the fundamental data on which to ramp up our human resource development for a resilient future."

"Lots of librarians come and go, and they do make a major impact. But after some years, they're forgotten. But this is not going to happen with the legacy that Ernie has left behind. The things he has done will definitely stand the test of time."

"The Ernest (Ernie) B. Ingles Reading Room is located in Bruce Peel Special Collections, a donor-supported research and teaching library on the University of Alberta's North Campus. The library houses more than 100,000 rare books and other significant archival materials. Before the COVID-19 pandemic significantly scaled back travel, it drew researchers from around the world."

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