

# Laurent G. Denis

b. 21 Feb. 1932, Montreal, QC; d. Dec. 11, 1987, Toronto, ON

## Education:

1954 BA (Loyola College, Montreal)

1955 BLS (McGill University)

1965 MLS (McGill University)

1969 Ph.D. in Library Science (Rutgers University)

## Positions:

1955–1956, General Librarian, National Library of Canada

1956–1960 Assistant Chief Librarian for Public Services, Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean, Saint Jean, QC

1961–1970: Professor and Director, l'École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information, Université de Montréal

1970-1987 Professor, School of Library Science, University of Toronto

## Publications:

Denis, Laurent G. (1964). Rapport sur l'organisation de la bibliothèque d'une cité des jeunes.

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## **Associations/Committees:**

American Library Association  
Association canadienne des bibliothécaires de langue française  
Association pour l'avancement des sciences et techniques de la documentation  
Association of American Library Schools  
Canadian Association of College and University Libraries  
Canadian Association of Library Schools  
Canadian Association of Public Libraries  
Canadian Association of University Teachers  
Canadian Library Association  
Corporation of Professional Librarians of Quebec  
Institute of Professional Librarians of Ontario  
Library Administration and Management Association  
Ontario Library Association  
Toronto Library Continuing Education Group  
Public Library Association  
Quebec Library Association  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
Université de Montréal Teachers' Association  
University of Toronto Faculty Association

## **Honours/Accomplishments:**

In 1983, Professor Laurent Germain Denis was appointed as Senior Fellow, University of California, Los Angeles. Between 1987 and 1988, he held the title of Special Libraries Association Toronto Member of the Year.

## Other Areas of Activity

Professor Denis collaborated with his colleague, Professor Margaret Anderson, on a research project entitled "Ontario Public Libraries: Oral History Program." It was supported by funding from the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture. He also presented extensively at numerous conferences on topics relating to library services and management, as well as on library science education and professional development.

## Comments:

Professor Denis was the first Francophone to obtain a doctorate in library science. He was also the founding director of l'École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information at Université de Montréal, the only French language library school in Canada, where he introduced the Master of Library Science program. In 1990 a festschrift was published in his memory entitled *Prospectives en bibliothéconomie et en sciences de l'information : mélanges dédiés à la mémoire de Laurent-G. Denis*, edited by Paule Rolland-Thomas.

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