

# Marie (Maria) Flora Zielińska

b. June 26, 1921, Krakow, Poland; d. Sept. 10, 2016, Ottawa, ON

## Education:

1947 M.SC (Jagellonian University, Krakow, Faculty of Agriculture)

1947 Graduate School of Social Sciences (Journalism)

1962 B. BIBL. (Université de Montréal)

1969 MLS (McGill University)

## Positions:

1962-1963 Chief Librarian dr. Hans Selye Institute of Experimental Medicine, Université de Montréal

1963-1965 Université de Montréal Main Library, various departments

1965-1969 Université de Montréal, organized and headed libraries for the Department of Biology

1969-1973 Head of the Dept. of Serial Publications, their gifts and exchanges for all 23 University libraries

1973-1994 Organized and headed the Multilingual Biblioservice adopted by the Canadian Government Policy of Multiculturalism at the National Library and Archives

## Publications (major works):

Zielinska, Marie F. (1969). *Bibliotherapy as a tool in mental therapy*. [Montréal: s.n.].

Zielinska, Marie F. (1976). "Multiculturalism: the Idea behind the policy." *Canadian Library Journal* 33, no. 3 (June): 223-225.

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Zielinska, Marie F. (2006). "Happy Birthday to Ottawa Public Library: a history of OPL's first 100 years." *ELAN* no. 40: 10-12.

Zielinska, Maria F. (2013). *May you live in interesting times: memoirs of a centenarian (well, almost)*. Ottawa: Baico Publishing Inc.

## **Associations/Committees:**

Canadian Library Association

Quebec Library Association

Ottawa-Hull Library Association

Ex Libris Association

Friends of the Ottawa Public Library

American Library Association

International Library Association

Polish Combatants' Association

Association of Polish Engineers

National Chair of the Polish Engineers Assoc. Golden Anniversary celebrations

APEC's Ladies Auxiliary

Canadian-Polish Congress Polish Saturday Schools, Montreal and Ottawa

Friends of the Catholic University in Lublin, Poland

## **Honours:**

1985, 1986 Ontario Award for Commitment to Volunteerism

1989 Newly established ALA Leonard Wertheimer Award

1994 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal

1998 Polish Combatants' Association Golden Cross of Merit

2001 Association of Polish Engineers in Canada Merit Award

2001 International Federation of Library Associations, Section of Library Services to Multicultural Populations certificate for outstanding services and honorary membership

2001 Canadian-Polish Congress Golden Badge of Honor

2002 Republic of Poland Golden Cross of Merit

2008 Republic of Poland Knight's Medal of Merit for 50 years for work for Polonia

## **Comments:**

"Marie was a joy to work with and an inspiration. She created a wonderful work atmosphere for her

staff, who came from many diverse backgrounds.”

From Marie’s retirement speeches: “We first met in the tower room of the University of Montreal. You were surrounded by a huge job- serials needing organizing. I remember your energy and enthusiasm in that situation you carried also throughout your years at NL [National Library]. You have been an inspiration to many libraries and have made a great contribution to libraries world-wide.”

“You have brought verve, dedication, vision and spirit to the National Library. You alone, with a number of specialists contributed to the development of the MBS [Multilingual Biblioservice] not only through collections and services but also through professional involvement in the wider world of libraries, culture and education.”

Benedikte Kragh-Schwartz, The Danish Central Library for Immigrant Literature: “Marie - we have known each other for more than 20 years - you have given me a good professional training and personal friendship, for which I cannot thank you enough. I have been so inspired by your Canadian work in MBS in Ottawa, as well as the many wonderful cheerful hours we spent together during conferences ....”

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