

Velma Parker

b. Dec. 27, 1941, Sioux Lookout, ON; d. Apr. 27, 2018, Ottawa, ON

Education:

Teaching Certificate (Western University)
1973 MLS (Western University)

Positions:

High school teacher, Timmins, ON
Cataloguer, University of Ottawa Library
1980?-2004 Subject Specialist, Head of Cataloguing, Standards Officer, Map Division, Library and Archives Canada

Publications:

Parker, Velma, Hugo L.P. Stibbe and Vivien Cartmell, eds. (1982). *Cartographic materials: a manual of interpretation for AACR2*. Chicago: American Library Association.

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Associations/Committees:

Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA), Treasurer, 1983-1991
ACMLA Bibliographic Control Committee (formerly Canadian Committee for Bibliographic Control of Cartographic Materials)
Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC)
Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Material
Inter-Agency Committee on Geomatics, Editor-in-chief of geomatic data sets cataloguing rules, 1994
Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) Working Group on Cataloguing Standards for Geomatics

Honours:

2001 ACMLA Honours Award

Comments:

“Velma was instrumental in the development of regulatory standards, codes and cataloguing methods, working on both the National and International Standards Committees. She was known among her peers for expertise in cataloguing and description.”

Velma’s work in cataloguing, metadata and Dublin Core “made her the key person in Canada to consult on the interpretation of cataloguing rules for maps and geographic data.”

Some of Velma’s achievements at Library and Archives Canada included “working on the harmonization of CANMARC and USMARC fixed field codes for cartographic material, and working with the National Library committee to add maps to the Canadiana CD-ROM [and AMICUS]. She also worked on the rules for archival description.”

Throughout her career, Velma presented numerous workshops on cataloguing maps in general, early cartographic material and geomatic datasets. Colleagues respected her “great attention to detail, the terrific work put into the first edition of Cartographic Materials: a manual of interpretation for AACR2 and her work on the revision of the LC “G” Classification section for Canada.”

Velma was also involved in editing Cartographic Materials: a manual of interpretation for AACR2 (2002 revision).

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