

Anne Alberta Effie Letts

b. 22 Oct., 1914, Bridesville, BC; d. 3 Nov. 1973, Nova Scotia



Education:

BA 1937 University of Western Ontario

BLS 1939 University of Toronto

Positions:

Children's Librarian, London Public Library, 1939-40

Librarian, Middlesex County Library Association, 1940-43

Librarian, Simcoe County Library Association, 1943-46

Bookmobile Librarian, Warder Public Library, Springfield, Ohio, 1946-47

Lecturer, University of Toronto Library School, 1947-48

Assistant Director, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, 1949-54

Director, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, 1954-73

Publications:

Letts, Alberta, (1953). *Manual for Assistants in Charge of Regional Branch Libraries*. Halifax: Provincial Library.

Letts, Alberta (1955) "The Provincial Libraries in Nova Scotia." *Ontario Library Review* 38, no. 3: 154-58.

Letts, Alberta (1955). "Nova Scotia [library development]." *Canadian Library Association Bulletin* 11, no. 6: 300-301.

Letts, Alberta (1956). "Public Library Service in Canada." In *Library Finance: Speeches, Proceedings*

and Recommendations of a Day of Special Study during the Eleventh Annual Conference [1956], 13-16. Ottawa: Canadian Library Association.

Letts, Alberta (1957). "Career Opportunities." Canadian Library 13, no. 5: 204-205.

Letts, Alberta (1957). "Three Mountains of Endeavour." Canadian Library 14, no. 2: 58-60 [CLA presidential address].

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Letts, Alberta (1971). Provincial Library Service – Today and Tomorrow. Toronto: Copp Clark Publishing Company [Mary Donaldson Memorial Lecture, 1970].

Associations/Committees:

Canadian Library Association, President 1957-58
Atlantic Provinces Library Association, President 1967-68
American Library Association
International Federation of Library Associations
Canadian Federation of University Women

Honours:

The Alberta Letts Memorial lecture established at Dalhousie University.School of Library Service
The Alberta Letts Travel Award established at the Dalhousie University School of Information Management

Accomplishments:

1958-59 President, Canadian Library Association
1967-1968 President, Atlantic Provinces Library Association
1958-1959 consultant on libraries to the Indian government; member of delegation of Canadian librarians visiting West Germany as guests of the German government.

Other areas of activity:

1949, taught librarians' course at Kitchener Public Library.
Lecturer, School of Library Science (Toronto) for two years.

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