

# Basil Stuart-Stubbs



Basil Stuart-Stubbs, c1950s. Credit UBC Archives.

b.1930, Moncton, NB; d. May 29 2012, Vancouver, BC

## Education:

1952 BA (Hons.Phil) (British Columbia); 1954 BLS (McGill)

## Positions:

1954-1956 Reference Librarian, McGill University Library

1956-1964 Librarian in Cataloguing, Serials and Special Collections, University of British Columbia Library

1964-1981 University Librarian, University of British Columbia

1981-1992 Professor and Director, School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, University of British Columbia

1992-2012 Professor Emeritus, University of British Columbia

## Selected publications:

Stuart-Stubbs, Basil (1968). Maps relating to Alexander Mackenzie: a keepsake for the Bibliographic Society of Canada. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Library.

Stuart-Stubbs, Basil (1973). Developments in library and union catalogues and the use of microform in British libraries. Ottawa: National Library of Canada.

Stuart-Stubbs, Basil (1976) . A survey and interpretation of the literature of interlibrary loan. With K. Nichol, D. McInnes and M. Friesen. Ottawa: National Library of Canada.

Stuart-Stubbs, Basil (1979). *The northpart of America*. With Coolie Verner. Toronto: Academic Press.

## Associations/Committees:

1971 UBC Press Board, Founding member. Chair

1978 Canadian Institute for Historical Reproductions, founding member.

1986-1988 Canadian Institute for Historical Reproductions, founding member and third president

1987 Simon Fraser University. Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing, board member

2004 Bibliographical Society of Canada, Chair of Publications Committee

Alcuin Society, founding member

British Columbia Arts Board

Canada Council

Canadian Literature, participant in the establishment; first Circulation Manager

National Library of Canada. Advisory Board

National Research Council, Board on Scientific and Technical Information, Member

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

## Honours:

2006 Order of Canada

1967 Canada Medal

1984 Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada

1987 Canadian Association of College and University libraries, Miles Blackwell Medal, Outstanding Academic Librarian Award (first award)

1992 British Columbia Library Association. Helen Gordon Stuart Award

2004 Association of Book of BC, Gray Campbell Distinguished Service Award

2012 Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal

British Columbia Library Association, Helen Gordon Stewart Award

British Columbia Library Association, Honorary Life Membership

American Library Association, Honorary Life Membership

## Comments:

"...he presided over UBC Library during a period of extensive growth but he was not a mere administrator; he was a scholar, a lover of history and a gentleman ... in short, a librarian's librarian ..."

Citation on the receipt of the Order of Canada:

"Basil Stuart-Stubbs displayed vision and boundless energy in his work on behalf of Canadian librarians, book publishers and authors. As the University Librarian at UBC for many years, he established and guided UBC Press and organized the first Conference on Western Regional Publishing in 1972. He was one of the early proponents of public lending rights legislation to compensate writers for the use of their works in public libraries. More recently, he has served as a founding director of Simon Fraser University's Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing."

## Sources:

[Basil Frederik Stuart-Stubbs biography](#) at HLWIKI Canada. Accessed Feb. 15, 2016.

Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Book on British Columbia [biography at BC Book Awards site](#). Accessed Sept. 9, 2013.

Globe and Mail, June 25, 2012. "He made books and writers a priority."

University of Toronto Library catalogue.

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