

Cynthia Jean Durance

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Education:

BA 1962 (Victoria University, Toronto);
MLS 1967 (McGill University)

Positions:

1963-1965 Dalhousie University Library
1965-1969 Reference Librarian, Sir George Williams University Library
1969-1972 Head of Serials Department, Carleton University Library
1972-1973 Head of Serials, University of Waterloo Library
1973-1974 Assistant Librarian Planning, University of Waterloo Library
1974-1979 Director, Cataloguing Branch, National Library of Canada
1979-1982 Director, National Library Network Project, National Library of Canada
1982-1986 Director, Office for Network Development, National Library of Canada
1986-1987 Co-Director, Information Technology, National Library of Canada
1987-1988 Chair Committee on Facilitation/Coordination, National Library of Canada
1988-2000 Assistant Director General, Government Records Branch, National Archives of Canada

Publications:

Durance, Cynthia J. (1980) Canadian network papers: policy, by C Durance and M Hillman. Revision of document no. EC:80/47. Ottawa: National Library of Canada.

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Durance, Cynthia J. (1976) Subject authority control in the Canadian context Paper given for the Technical Services Coordinating Group Workshop, Canadian Library Association, Conference Halifax, June 1976. Ottawa: National Library of Canada.

Durance, Cynthia J. (1992?) Wisdom, knowledge, information and data: transformation and convergence in Archives and Libraries of the Western World/ Cynthia J. Durance and Hugh A. Taylor. Ottawa?: s.n.

Associations, Committees:

Canadian Library Association, American Library Association, American Society for Information Science, IFLA Section on Information Technology Standing Committee, IFLA Section on Serial Publications Standing Committee, Governing Board ISDS International Centre, IFLA Working Group on the ISBD (Component Parts), Zonta Club of Ottawa

Accomplishments:

1973 Chair Sub-Committee on the Union List of Serials of the Task Group on the Canadian Union Catalogue

1980-1982 Vice-President, ISDS Governing Board

1981-1987 Secretary, Bibliographic and Communications Network Committee of the National Library Advisory Board

1982 Chairman, 4th meeting of UNISIST International Serials Data System, (ISDS) General Assembly, April 27-28, 1982, Paris

1982-1984 Chair Governing Board, ISDS International Centre

1985 three month exchange with the National Library of Australia

1986-1988 Director UDT Program of IFLA 1987-1989 Chair, Standing Committee, IFLA Section on Information Technology

Other Areas of Interest:

In retirement she hosted foreign students in her home and enjoyed introducing them to life in Canada.

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