

Horace Arthur Vespry

b. 1931, Trinidad; d. Feb. 27, 2008, Hamilton, ON

Education:

St. Mary's College, Port-of-Spain
1957 BA University of Ottawa
1958 BLS McGill University
1979 MLS University of Western Ontario

Positions:

1958-62 Librarian with Department of Agriculture Library, Ottawa and Vancouver
1962 University of Toronto Library (briefly)
1962-64 Librarian, Atomic Energy of Canada, Deep River, ON
1964-65 Librarian, Science Library, McMaster University
1965-1968 Brock University, St Catharines, ON (Chief Librarian)
1968-1970 Chief Librarian, International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria
1970-1975 Librarian, International Development Research Centre, Ottawa,
1975-1979 IDRC Program Officer for information development working mainly in Southeast Asia out of the Singapore office
1979-1982 Vienna. Overseer of a merger of the IAEA and United Nations libraries into the Vienna International Centre Library
1982-1983 UNESCO consultancy, in Manila
1983-1993 Chief Librarian, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok

Publications:

Vespry, Arthur (1964). Library manual: cataloguing, interlibrary loans, ordering. Chalk River, ON: Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.

Comments:

Arthur was particularly interested in "technical information in the service of development" and while in Bangkok offered short training courses for technical information officers in the region. After his retirement in 1993 he continued to work as a consultant. Following his wife Marianne's retirement from her United Nations work, the Vesprys returned to Canada.

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