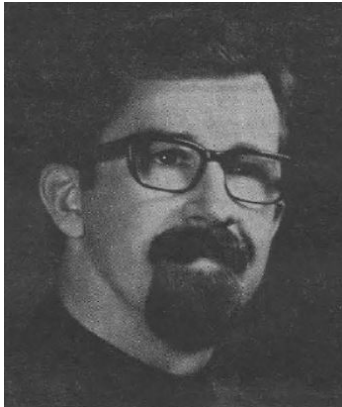


Richard Bradley Moses

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 Richard B. Moses c.1970. Credit Roger Williams College

Education:

1960 BA Harpur College, State University of New York at Binghamton
1964 MLS Rutgers University

Positions:

1963–1965 Rochester Public Library, New York State, Young Adult services librarian
1965–1967 Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Senior Youth services librarian, Community Action Program
1968–1969 University of Maryland School of Library and Information Services, Lecturer and Field Director/Instructor for “High John Project”
1969–1970 Pawtucket Public Library, Rhode Island, Regional Coordinator
1970–1971 Roger Williams College, Bristol, Rhode Island, Director
1971–1986 Oakville Public Library, Chief Librarian

Publications:

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Associations:

American Library Association

Canadian Library Association

Ontario Library Association

Accomplishments:

From the mid-1970s to the mid-1980s, Richard (Dick) Moses, Chief Executive Officer of the Oakville Public Library from 1971-86, was, arguably, one of the most daring and innovative librarians in the Canadian public library scene. After coming to Canada from the United States, where he held various administrative positions, he and Gordon Norman founded the first Canadian radio reading service for the blind and visually print handicapped in the basement of the Library. A daring and sometimes provocative librarian, he was one of the first CEOs to train his staff to offer computer classes for young children. Under his leadership, the Halton Hills Network (HALINET, which included Halton Hills Public Library, Milton Public Library and the Oakville Public Library) was founded, which installed the first automated circulation systems for public libraries in Ontario in 1980.

A man of strong principles and an advocate of freedom of speech, Dick would sometimes oppose the City Council on such matters as the design elements of a renovation. He would even challenge his Board regarding hours of operation and the showing of controversial films. Dick was a man of many

talents and abilities. He was an accomplished French horn player, playing for several orchestras across Canada. He contributed as a columnist for local newspapers, he acted in theatre, and he was a host of classical music at FM stations such as CJRT in Toronto and CKUA in Edmonton. He was instrumental in founding several arts organizations, the last being ArtSpring, the main performance and visual arts institution on Salt Spring Island (British Columbia), where he retired in 1996. His daring spirit led him to take a round-the-world voyage on a cargo ship in 2002 that he documented in a book, "By Degrees: Around the World by Tramp Freighter." Dick was indeed a man for all seasons. — Gulf Islands Driftwood Magazine

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