

Suzanne (Sue) Helen Murray, 1932–2005



Suzanne (Sue) Helen Murray died on September 6, 2005. She had retired from the library at the State University of New York (SUNY) Upstate Medical University in Syracuse in 1995. A Syracuse native (February 19, 1932), Sue received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from LeMoyne College in 1954 and her library science degree from Syracuse University in 1960, where she later completed twenty-seven hours of graduate study in its Department of Religion.

She began her career at the Health Sciences Library as a page while an undergraduate and, after graduation from library school, was appointed, successively, circulation/reference librarian and collection development librarian. In 1973, she was named associate director and, in 1985, director. During those years, she planned and oversaw the building of the new Health Sciences Library at Weiskotten Hall. In recognition of her contributions, SUNY commissioned her portrait, which now hangs among those of other notables in Weiskotten Hall.

From 1967 to 1973, she served as a consultant for the Central New York Regional Medical Program, headquartered at SUNY Upstate, and established a bookmobile service designed to demonstrate the effectiveness of a small book collection.

Sue was a member of the Medical Library Association (MLA) and the Special Libraries Association (SLA) and their local chapters, as well as the SUNY Library Association, where she was active in its Head Librarians' Council. She served on the Central New York Health Resources Council and was a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. She belonged to Zonta International, a global service organization founded in 1919 to advance the status of women worldwide. Twice chosen as a People-to-People Medical Librarian delegate, Sue went to China in 1989 and to Eastern Europe in 1993.

Alexander (Sandy) Cain recalls:

Sue was always an agreeable person to work with, with a delightfully dry, quirky sense of humor. When she began her theological studies, she realized that she would need some foreign language expertise, so she asked me for a little tutoring in French. I don't remember how much grammar we covered, but we passed some hilarious evenings. The Second Vatican Council had just closed, and I had

dug out some French work which was very much in line with the new ideas then floating around, so I really threw her in at the deep end. But she found it much more interesting than irregular verbs. Her sharp mind was good at exploring fresh fields. The library world's gain was distinctly a loss to theological studies.

Friends and colleagues recognized her dedication, determination, and integrity in her personal and library dealings. Her passing was a sad day for many. *Requiescat in pace.*

A brother, James P. Murray, of White Stone, Virginia, plus several nephews and nieces, as well as grand nephews and nieces, survive Sue. Memorials are suggested to the James P. and Helen E. Murray Memorial Scholarship Fund at LeMoyne College, 1910 Salt Springs Road, Syracuse, NY 13214.

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Eustace Hope Cornelius, 1925–2005



Long-time MLA member Eustace Hope Cornelius, former librarian of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, died on August 11, 2005. Born in India on May 23, 1925, where his father was a civil engineer, Cornelius was

christened "Hope" because he was such a sickly baby that he was not expected to survive. He earned his degree at Cambridge University (master of arts degree in modern languages) and then spent a year at the library school of University College, London. A fellow student comments: "His humorous companionship did a lot to lighten the weight of a very dreary and boring course of instruction."

He joined the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1948 as an assistant in the library. As deputy to William LeFanu [1], he played an enthusiastic part in building up the collection and succeeded LeFanu as director in 1965. Always keen to foster support for the library, he maintained friendly relationships with members of the council and staff. He contributed scholarly articles on medical history to the col-

lege *Annals*. In 1981, he was presented with the college's award for long and distinguished service, the McNeill Love medal, and retired in 1986—earlier than expected, because of the loss of an eye resulting from an unsuccessful operation to restore a detached retina. Thereafter, he continued to compile entries for *Lives of the Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons*.

Highly committed to interlibrary cooperation, he was secretary for eight years of the Medical Section (now Health Libraries Group) of the Library Association, and he served on several other bodies. International prominence came as the result of his serving on the organizing committee of the 5th International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML) in Tokyo in 1985. That congress focused largely on information transfer and tech-

nology, bibliographic control, and cooperation in services, and it attracted 571 contributions from 64 countries. During the congress, he and a group of other European medical librarians founded what was to become the European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL)—a body that has done much to foster medical library cooperation throughout Europe.

He was a keen gardener, who never missed the Chelsea Flower Show, and would insist on a month off every year to prune his roses! He loved music—especially Wagnerian opera—good food and wine, convivial company, and travel. All those who worked with him remember him with great affection, especially for his unfailing kindness and dry but gentle sense of humor. Many senior figures in the

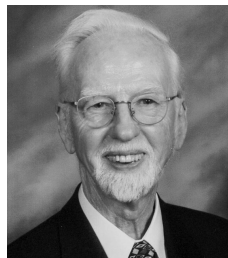
health library field have reason to be grateful to him for his encouragement in their early years. He was a librarian of the old school, who regarded computers with deep suspicion, and the fact that he managed to retire without ever having had to use one afforded him gleeful amusement.

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Colin William (Bill) Fraser, AHIP, FMLA, 1925–2005



Colin William (Bill) Fraser (known as Colin to many) was born in Matsqui, British Columbia, on October 29, 1925. He received his library degree in 1949 from McGill University in Montreal and began his career in public libraries, including a regional library system based in Prince George, British Columbia. He moved to Vancouver in 1961 to become director of the British Columbia Medical Library Service at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, serving there until his retirement in 1991. From this position, he exercised a significant influence in the Pacific Northwest and Canadian health library communities. He is equally remembered for his humanity and his friendly interest in everyone he met. He inspired many with his intellect, kindness, and wit.

Bill applied his public library network experience to the medical library service, which serves all doctors registered to practice in British Columbia. Hospital libraries were used as the local resource in each community. Each year, Bill would set forth across the province to meet with doctors and to evaluate collections and facilities [1]. The network of libraries, with hospital staff to keep them in order and doctors to chair local committees, worked well. Bill was practicing library outreach long before it was commonly in vogue [2]. Many hospitals acquired professional librarians as a result of his advocacy.

Through Bill's participation in a symposium in Seattle in 1964, his ideas contributed to the development of the Regional Medical Library Program in the United States (now the National Network of Libraries of Medicine). In his oral history, he noted the great interest in the British Columbia program shown by Martin Cummings, AHIP, FMLA, then director of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) [3].

His column in the *BC Medical Journal* and his participation in the continuing education and historical activities of the British Columbia Medical Association were effective in raising the profile of librarians in the medical community. For many years, Bill taught the health library course for the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies at the University of British Columbia. His favorite class involved role-playing a meeting of a hospital library committee. What better way to convey the politics of hospital librarianship? The school awards an annual scholarship in his name.

An active member of the Medical Library Association (MLA), Bill regularly attended its annual meetings and participated in the Medical Society Libraries Section (chairing it twice) and the Relevant Issues Section. He was program chair for the Seattle meeting in 1977 and chair of the Pacific Northwest Chapter on three occasions. He was elected a Fellow in 1991.

In his home country, Bill was one

of the founders of the Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada when it was established in 1976 and remained one of its leaders. In his own province, his initiatives led to the formation of the Health Libraries Association of British Columbia in 1978. He was elected to honorary life membership in both of these groups and the British Columbia Library Association.

In retirement, Bill kept busy, and his smile grew with more time for travel, theater, opera, and art. He continued work with the British Columbia Schizophrenia Society

and in the Unitarian Church. In 1995, he moved to Victoria with his cats. In remembering Bill, he would hope we would dance—he was a superb dancer. He would wish we think of his family. He always asked about the families of others and shared his joy in his children and grandchildren. Bill passed away peacefully on October 12, 2005.

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