Annual Report 2017
Montréal – Ottawa – Québec Chapter

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Montréal – Ottawa – Québec - Chapter Report, as of December 31st 2017

Leadership Update :

New executive committee 2018

• President: Mathieu Pomerleau, Reference Librarian (Canadian Centre for Architecture)
• Vice-president: Simon Barry, Head Librarian (National Theatre School of Canada)
• Secretary: Adèle Flannery, Public Services Librarian (Université du Québec à Montréal)
• Treasurer: Sarah Severson, Coordinator, Digital Library Services, (McGill University Libraries)
• Membership Secretary: Jenna Dufour, Reference & Subject Librarian (Library, Concordia University), Montreal
• Past President and ARLIS Canada representative: Jessica Hébert, Librarian (Artexte)

Update:

February 2017 – Event: Dialogues on Copyright and open access in the visual arts – A panel discussion on copyright and the visual arts, addressing questions related to digital collections in libraries, archives and museums. The event was held at Artexte in Montréal and featured three speakers with various areas of expertise in copyright and the visual arts. The event was made possible with funds from ARLIS/NA though the Special Projects grant which covered the cost of speaker fees, promotion and hiring a videographer to film the event. It was uploaded to the ARLIS/NA learning portal and can be viewed in its entirety.
March 2017 – Outreach: ARLIS MOQ participated in the Annual Library school Career Fair held at McGill University. We had a table and several members, including Mathieu Pomerleau, Adèle Flannery, Alan Reed and Sarah Severson were on hand to answer questions and provide information about the association.

June 2017 - Spring Meeting: The bi-annual meeting was held on June 2nd at the University of Ottawa, organized by Jessica Hébert and Catherine Lachaine, Fine Arts Librarian at the University of Ottawa. Following the business meeting, members had a tour of the Museum of Classical Antiquities, as well as the Archives and Special Collections, for a tour of several special exhibitions showcasing documents from the University archives and rare books. The day ended with a tour of the audio-visual library.

July 2017 – Website – After more than a year of working on the website redesign, the new ARLIS MOQ website was finally launched in early July: arlismoq.ca The project was made possible through the hard work of several members: Sarah Severson, Jessica Hébert, Adèle Flannery, Renata Guttman and Alan Reed.

July 2017 – Advocacy – On July 5th, the ARLIS MOQ executive published an open letter to Luc Fortin, Québec Minister of culture and communications, in response to massive cuts at Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec. The letter has been circulated widely and is available on the ARLIS MOQ website: http://arlismoq.ca/letter-minister/ (In French)

July 2017 – Publication - The latest issue of MOQDOC, Vol. 26 no 2 (Spring 2017) was released in digital format on the ARLIS MOQ website in mid July. Following the results of an online vote in winter of 2017, the publication has ceased its print run and will now continue as an online publication only: http://arlismoq.ca/moqdoc/.

July 2017 – Conference Proposal 2021 – After much discussion within our membership, ARLIS MOQ submitted a proposal to host the ARLIS/NA conference in Montréal in 2021. The proposal was drafted by Jessica Hébert, Sarah Severson, Mar Gonzálas Palacios, Adèle Flannery and Nancy Duff with support from Jennifer Garland. At this time the we have not yet heard confirmation if the proposal was accepted.

August 2017 - Update on Conference Proposal – The ARLIS/NA executive board advised our chapter that the proposal was accepted and the annual ARLIS/NA conference will be held in Montréal in 2021. The MOQ chapter is very excited about this opportunity.

November 2017 – Fall Meeting

The ARLIS/NA MOQ Fall Meeting was held on November 24th at the Canadian Centre for Architecture. The program was organised by Mathieu Pomerleau, Reference Librarian at the CCA. It was one of our most well attended meetings in recent years
with over 35 members and guests in attendance. During the chapter meeting the new 2018 executive was announced and will begin their mandate in January 2018. Mathieu Pomerleau will go on to fulfill the role of President while Simon Barry will become vice-president, Jenna Dufour will be Membership Secretary, Adèle Flannery will become secretary and Sarah Severson will continue in the role as treasurer.

Following the chapter meeting in the morning, the group had a tour of the exhibitions as well as a tour of the library and archives. The day concluded with a tour of a recent archival acquisition on architecture in Africa and a presentation of the digital archiving initiatives.

Submitted by Jessica Hébert, President (ARLIS/NA MOQ 2017) on February 1st 2018