

**UPEI's Twenty-Second
Recognition of Founders Ceremony
Friday, December 15, 2023, 1:30 pm
The McCain Foundation Learning Commons (286A and 287)**

Citation for Ms. Betty Jeffery

Read by Dr. Sharon Myers, interim dean of the Faculty of Arts

I am pleased to present to you Ms. Betty Jeffery, *Librarian Emerita*.

Betty joined UPEI's Robertson Library in 1999 after a lengthy career as a librarian at Acadia University. She retired from UPEI in 2016 in the role of Instruction and Reference Service Librarian after years of dedicated service to the students and academic staff at the University.

Betty is highly regarded at UPEI for her service to the campus community. Through her career as an instructional librarian, she had a positive impact on UPEI students and their academic success. In her work with the UPEI Faculty Association, she improved the experience of teaching and research and the lives of faculty members at UPEI. In support of students interested in graduate studies in library and information sciences, archival studies, or history, she established the Betty M. Jeffery Award.

She has several "firsts" to her credit. She was the first librarian to receive a UPEI Senate Committee on the Enhancement of Teaching travel grant and a SCENT instructional development grant; the first librarian—and the first woman—to be elected president of the UPEI Faculty Association; and in 2017 the first librarian to be awarded the distinction of *Librarian Emerita* by UPEI.

Betty has an outstanding record of scholarship and publishing. She published two books, both of which were recognized with awards from the PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation. She also published several articles and presented at 10 conferences and workshops on aspects of her work, often in collaboration with UPEI faculty members and other librarians. She played a key role in developing library and research resources for UPEI students, including an "Avoiding Plagiarism Tutorial and Quiz."

Throughout her career, Betty served her academic and professional community. She contributed to the Atlantic Provinces Library Association in various capacities. At UPEI she served on several important committees both within Robertson Library and university-wide, including 12 years on SCENT, two years on the University Review Committee, and three years on Senate.

In her work with the UPEI Faculty Association, she was highly regarded as a strong and principled leader, who can be credited with developing a relationship with administration based on openness and trust. Her wise counsel and leadership contributed in no small part to the settlement of several difficult rounds of negotiations, including the successful negotiation of a new pension plan by the Joint Union Pension Group, which she chaired from 2011–2015.

Betty also served at the national level as a member of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) Librarians and Archivists Committee from 2008 to 2014, as well as on several other CAUT committees. In recognition of her service, she was awarded the CAUT Dedicated Service Award in 2009.

For her leadership and dedicated service to the University of Prince Edward Island, we are proud to name Ms. Betty Jeffery a 2023 Founder.