



## Library Volunteers Receive 2011 Arbor Awards

Library volunteers, Alex Pathy and Carter Poy, received Arbor Awards at a ceremony at the President's House on September 13.



Alex Pathy with Chief Librarian, Larry Alford.

Alexander Pathy, a collector of rare books and design bindings, was a member of the Friends of Fisher Library Steering Committee from 1985–1995. In 1998 he endowed a lecture series at the Fisher Library. Since its inception in 2005, Alex has been Co-Chair of the Library Associates Programme, which was established to encourage Library supporters to contribute time, ideas or funds for special projects. He also lends his expertise and advice to library advancement matters.



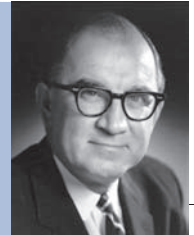
Carter Poy was a member of the advisory committee for the Richard Charles Lee Canada–Hong Kong Library's renovations, which created an upgraded and artistically enhanced library space for students. He also provided valuable advice for the community outreach activities of the Library.

Since 2008, Carter has acted as the leader of the architectural and city perspective tour in Shanghai, where twenty-five University of Toronto students study with Fudan students and faculty.

Carter Poy was unable to attend the ceremony to receive his award in person due to prior commitments.



## In Memoriam



### **VLASTA SCHEYBAL (1926–2009)**

The Czech studies program at the University of Toronto lost a dear friend and benefactor when Vlasta Scheybal died in her native Slaný, near Prague, on July 5, 2009.

In 1996, Mrs. Scheybal donated \$250,000 to the Library, and, in memory of her son, established the Josef F. Scheybal Czech Collection Fund for the purchase of Czech library materials, which has allowed the Library's Czech collection to grow into a major international research collection of well over 25,000 book and journal titles. Aside from the Scheybal Fund, she also provided funds for the creation of the Frank Josef Scheybal Seminar Room in Robarts Library, and the Karel Kukula and Family Graduate Scholarship, which is given to graduate students at the Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies who are undertaking research in Czech studies. Vlasta Scheybal considered the three funds she set up at the University of Toronto "the best things of my life"—so much so, that in her will she left \$200,000 more for the Frank J. Scheybal Czech Collection, thus ensuring its continuing growth and depth.

To give thanks and to celebrate her life, several librarians from the University of Toronto Libraries attended a concert in Vlasta Scheybal's memory on November 28, 2010 at the St. Wenceslas Church, where a selection of her favourite music was performed by the distinguished Czech pianist, Boris Krajny, and organist Dagmar Kopecky.

### **JOHN YAREMKO (1918–2010)**

John Yaremko, a great and dedicated supporter of the University of Toronto and its many programs died on August 7, 2010.

Over the years, he and his wife, Mary (née Materyn), funded many projects at the University of Toronto. Among these was their gift of \$50,000 made in 2008 to the Library, to be used for special projects to preserve and improve access to its Ukrainian collection. Though a keen lover of books—a love fostered at age ten by a generous Hamilton-area librarian who loaned him a nickel so he could register for borrowing privileges—Mr. Yaremko understood that technological advancements, such as the digitization and online access of print material, could serve as a bridge between the academic and the local and worldwide Ukrainian communities. To that end his donation is being used to digitize and make freely available the University of Toronto Libraries' pre-1923 Ukrainian holdings.

John Yaremko had a long and distinguished career in Ontario provincial politics. In his twenty-five years of public service, Mr. Yaremko was a strong advocate for education, human rights and multiculturalism. He had long-standing interests in advocating for the rights of immigrants, social justice, and in bettering the welfare of fellow Canadians. Mr. Yaremko was instrumental in assisting the arrival of thousands of Hungarians, Italians, Poles, Lithuanians and Ukrainians to Canada.

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