

Remembering Dolly Kennedy

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It is with deep sadness that we announce the loss of Dolly Kennedy, one of our valued members, who passed away on April 10, 2011.

Born in 1915, Dolly was a member of the first class to be graduated from the University of B.C.'s School of Librarianship in 1962. She worked for a time as a children's librarian in Vancouver and as a high school librarian in Ladner. She then became active with the Vancouver Public Library Board and helped establish the BC Library Trustees Association in 1977, traveling widely throughout the province on its behalf.

After receiving her BA from UBC in 1950, Dolly immediately joined the Vancouver University Club where she was active in many groups, and she maintained her membership until her death. She became President of the Club in 1971, and it was during her tenure that the Club co-hosted, with the UBC Continuing Education Department, a Conference on The Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada in the late 1960s - a benchmark for the place and rights women have in Canada today.

Dolly was also active with the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW). Education, art, music, books, travel, CFUW, and libraries were dear to her heart.



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Jacqueline van Dyk, Director of the B.C. Public Library Services, writes, "Dolly has been a friend, a mentor, and an inspiration to women here and throughout BC. Thank you, Dolly, for contributing so much in a life well-lived. We will miss you."

Our sincere condolences to the family.