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David S. Crawford, now retired, formerly McGill medical librarian

David S. Crawford (retired) educated at Campbell College and the Queen's University in Belfast (B.A. (Hons. Psychology - 1966), Dip Lib Stud - 1967). From 1967-1971 he was Assistant Medical Librarian at the Queen's University with responsibility for establishing network of satellite hospital libraries throughout Northern Ireland. He emigrated to Canada in 1971; working first at the W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library at Dalhousie University in Halifax as the Head of Public Services. Moved to McGill University in Montreal in 1972 and over the next thirty years was the Assistant Director and then Director of the Medical (subsequently Health Sciences and then Life Sciences) Library; he was also involved in promoting health libraries in Canada and elsewhere. In 1975-1976, he was Chair of an *ad-hoc* committee that recommended the establishment of the Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada and he served as its first (and third) President.

In 2002, he retired and was appointed McGill University's first [Emeritus Librarian](#). He remains a guest Research Librarian at the China Medical University in Shenyang, China, having established a linking project between CMU and McGill and taught there on several occasions. He was awarded a Fellowship in the (British) Library Association (now the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) in 1997 and a Life Membership in CHLA in 1999.

In a widely-cited 2000 article in the [Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana \(BMC\)](#) - [CHLA/ABSC 25 years on](#) - Crawford describes the formative period of CHLA/ABSC. In 2008, he served as President of the Toronto Medical Historical Club. In addition to his research in medical history, Crawford continues to contribute to health librarianship through his posts to the CANMEDLIB listserv, and by continuing to update and edit the Bibliography of Canadian Health Sciences Periodicals , Bibliography of histories of Canadian hospitals and schools of nursing (<http://internatlibs.mcgill.ca/hospitals/hospital-histories.htm>) and other bibliographies and medical historical research accessible through [his website](#). He lives in Toronto, Ontario.

In 2017, CHLA/ABSC honoured him by naming the honorary life membership award the David S. Crawford Honourary Life Membership Award (Membre honoraire à vie David S. Crawford).

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