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Former Robarts librarian appointed head of Laurier's library

Sharon Brown to prepare library for growing student body and academic programs

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WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University has appointed Sharon Brown, former head of general reference at the University of Toronto Robarts Library, to the top library position at Laurier. Brown will begin a five-year term as university librarian on July 01.

“Coming from one of the best libraries in North America, Sharon Brown is well suited to develop Laurier’s library in all its aspects as the institution introduces new teaching programs and research initiatives,” said Rowland Smith, vice-president: academic. “She is an admirable choice to continue the substantial development that the library has undergone over the last 10 years under the guidance of the previous librarian, Virginia Gillham.”

Brown’s first challenge will be to reoccupy the library following extensive renovation underway since early spring. She will then address the ongoing task of managing Laurier’s library system to meet the needs of a growing student body and an increasing number of academic programs.

Brown will also work to enhance Laurier’s innovative partnership, the tri-university group (TUG), with the universities of Waterloo and Guelph. The agreement allows members of the three universities to access the others’ collections through a common catalogue named TRELLIS.

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Brown has served as the head of the general reference department at Robarts since 1994, also serving as acting head of the collection-development department since July 2001. She holds a bachelor of arts in honours French and German, a master of arts in Medieval French and a master of library science from the University of Toronto.