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## Wilfrid Laurier University



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### **Wilfrid Laurier University names university librarian**

**Waterloo (Feb. 5)** — Virginia Gillham has been named university librarian of Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. The five-year term becomes effective April 1.

Associated with the University of Guelph's library since 1972, Gillham has been associate librarian there since 1989.

Donald Baker, vice-president: academic and chair of the selection committee, says he is pleased to welcome Gillham to Laurier. "Gillham brings a wealth of administrative experience, a record as leader in the accommodation of libraries to the electronic information age, a collegial style of management, and enjoys a high reputation among her peers."

As university librarian, she will be responsible for all aspects of the university's library, which has a collection of more than 1.3 million items and an annual budget of about \$3.4 million. She will supervise a staff of 50, including 13 professional librarians.

Gillham received her master of science degree in library science from the University of Illinois and a school library specialists' certificate from the University of Toronto. She graduated from McMaster University in Hamilton with a bachelor of arts degree in English literature.

Gillham has lectured and published on the topics of library automated systems, government documents, and library and research skills.

She succeeds Rev. Erich Schultz, who retired in 1991 after 31 years as university librarian.

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**Note: Gillham can be reached at the University of Guelph at (519) 824-4120.**