

College Boreal adds impressive collection

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College Boreal has a few new books, or 533 to be exact, to add to its library collection.

Bernard Poulin, renowned painter, sculptor, muralist and author, donated his impressive 533-book collection to the college's library.

"This is a remarkable gift for our institution and we are very grateful to Mr. Poulin for entrusting us with this impressive collection," Pierre Riopel, Boreal's president, said in a release. "The books will provide tremendous support for our art programs and I am confident these documents will be appreciated by many students in the years to come."

Poulin's subjects range from prominent members of the world's political and royal elite to corporate leaders, artistic figures, athletes, and religious individuals. His murals can be found in the lobbies of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and the Ottawa Children's Aid Society. One of his bronze and marble sculptures is on display at the Solange Karsh Center for Medical Research.

Dedicated to the process of drawing, Poulin is the author of 11 books, including *The Complete Colored Pencil Book* published in 1992, which sold more than 75,000 copies in its first edition. The French translation, *Le crayon de couleur*, was published in Paris in 1995.

"Having a passion for the arts and the sustainability of the French-speaking community, I am proud to share my books with Franco-Ontarian students through Collège Boréal," Poulin said. "These resources will contribute to the success of our future artists and I am thrilled."

In 2011, the *Assemblée parlementaire de la francophonie* conferred upon Poulin the title of knight of the *Order de la Pléiade* in recognition of his contribution to the visual arts and to French language and culture.

Born in Windsor in 1945, Poulin currently lives in Ottawa. His wife is the Honourable Marie-Paule Charette-Poulin, a former senator. They have two adult daughters, Elaine and Valérie.

The collection of books contains Poulin's personal comments and notes. Community members can consult these resources on-site at the college's Sudbury campus.

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