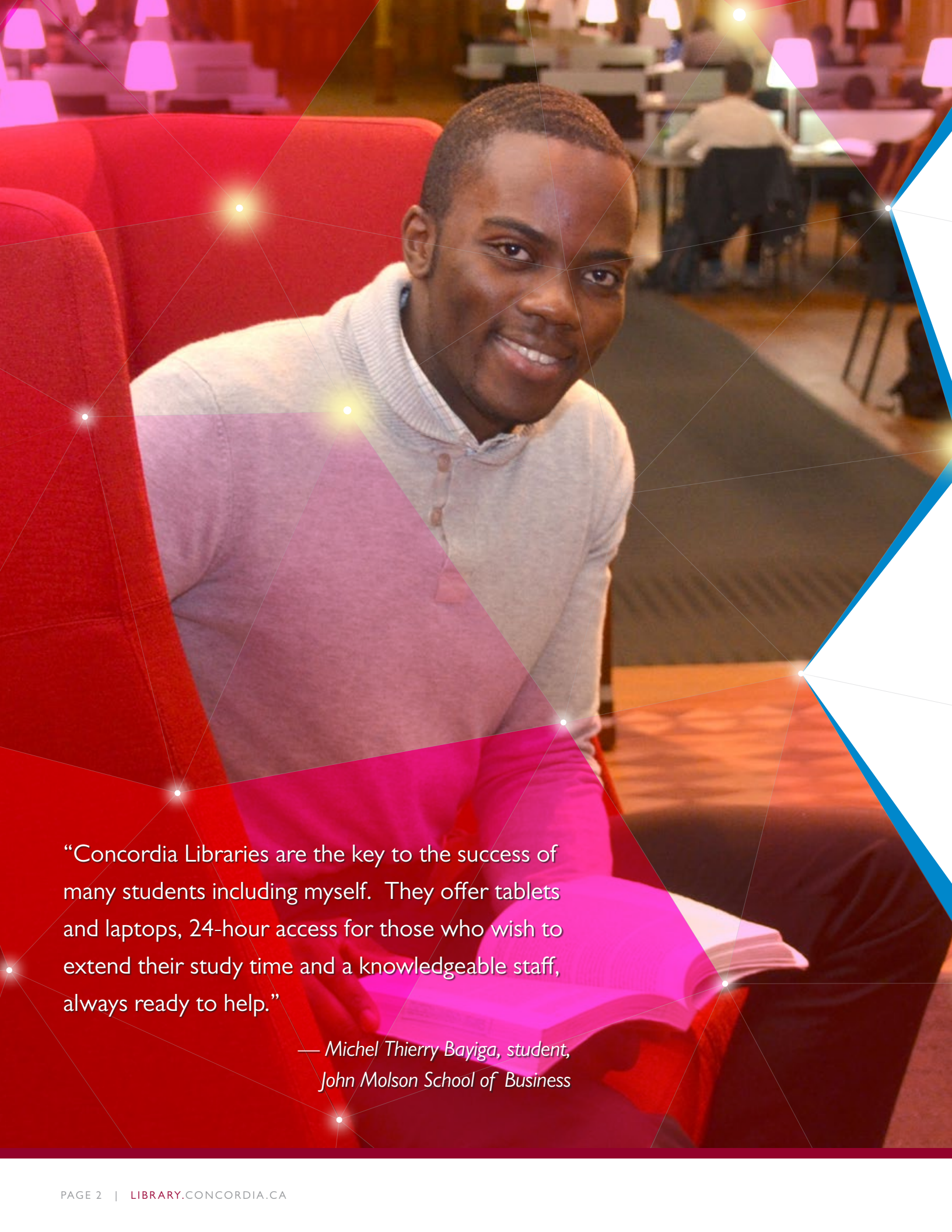




THINK AHEAD:
SUPPORT THE NEXT
GENERATION OF LIBRARIES



“Concordia Libraries are the key to the success of many students including myself. They offer tablets and laptops, 24-hour access for those who wish to extend their study time and a knowledgeable staff, always ready to help.”

— Michel Thierry Bayiga, student,
John Molson School of Business

A MEETING OF MINDS

Concordia Libraries are at the centre of the student learning experience

Concordia Libraries provide a supportive and inspiring intellectual environment that fosters learning and discovery. Our libraries feature more than books. They are the foundation of academic life and a modern keystone to big thinking.

The first in Quebec to provide students with 24-hour service throughout the academic year, Concordia Libraries offer spaces conducive to intensive study and research — for students working individually or in groups.

Our facilities are currently undergoing major upgrades to give students the modern amenities they require. Join us in transforming Concordia Libraries for the benefit of students today. And tomorrow.

OUR LIBRARIES AT A GLANCE:

- 6,000 to 12,000 visits daily
- More than two million visits annually
- Serve 46,000 students, 7,000 faculty and staff, 193,000 alumni and numerous members of the external community
- Open 24 hours, seven days per week
- Georges P. Vanier Library on the Loyola Campus
- R. Howard Webster Library on the Sir George Williams Campus
- Grey Nuns Reading Room on the Sir George Williams Campus

OUR LIBRARIES FEATURE:

- 1,000 electronic databases
- 1.9 million print and electronic books
- 72,500 print and online journals
- 129,000 government documents
- 3,900 musical scores
- 62,000 sound recordings, films and videos
- 16,000 course reserves, including textbooks and course packs
- 10,700 rare books, periodicals and manuscripts

See Concordia Libraries in action. Watch a time lapse video at concordia.callibraries-open-24-7.

CONCORDIA **first**

Concordia Libraries open a 240-seat silent reading room as well as 108 study spaces in 14 group study rooms at the Grey Nuns Student Residence and Reading Room in 2014.



“Open access is an audacious and evolving initiative that presents us with a unique set of opportunities and challenges. We should not be afraid to experiment, investigate and be bold in our thinking about the ways in which we can incorporate open access into our work and mission.”

— Geoffrey Little, scholarly communications librarian,
Concordia Libraries

SCHOLARLY THINKING

Concordia Libraries provide easy access to an electronic world

Through a wide range of invaluable databases, students and researchers are only a touch away from thousands of scholarly journals and countless articles. This exciting wealth of complex and global information presents fresh challenges.

Reference librarians and specialist librarians are an indispensable source of support in guiding students in their research journeys. Available nearly around the clock, librarians are accessible in person, by email, phone or chat. Laptops and tablets are borrowed regularly by students to facilitate their research or studies.

SPECTRUM: CONCORDIA'S RESEARCH REPOSITORY

Concordia Libraries are a leader in the promotion of open access, the movement towards unrestricted online access to scholarly research. Our policy encourages Concordia faculty and students to place dissertations and research findings, free of charge, on Spectrum, the university's web-based research repository (spectrum.library.concordia.ca/information).

Spectrum is ranked among Canada's best. Since its inception in 2009, the number of full-text downloads has reached almost two million.

DIGITIZATION OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND THESES

In order to preserve certain manuscripts and archival collections, digitization has been undertaken to limit use of the originals. Examples include audio recordings of Canadian poet Irving Layton and over 200 items from the S.A. Rochlin collection of historic materials from South African political organizations and trade unions.

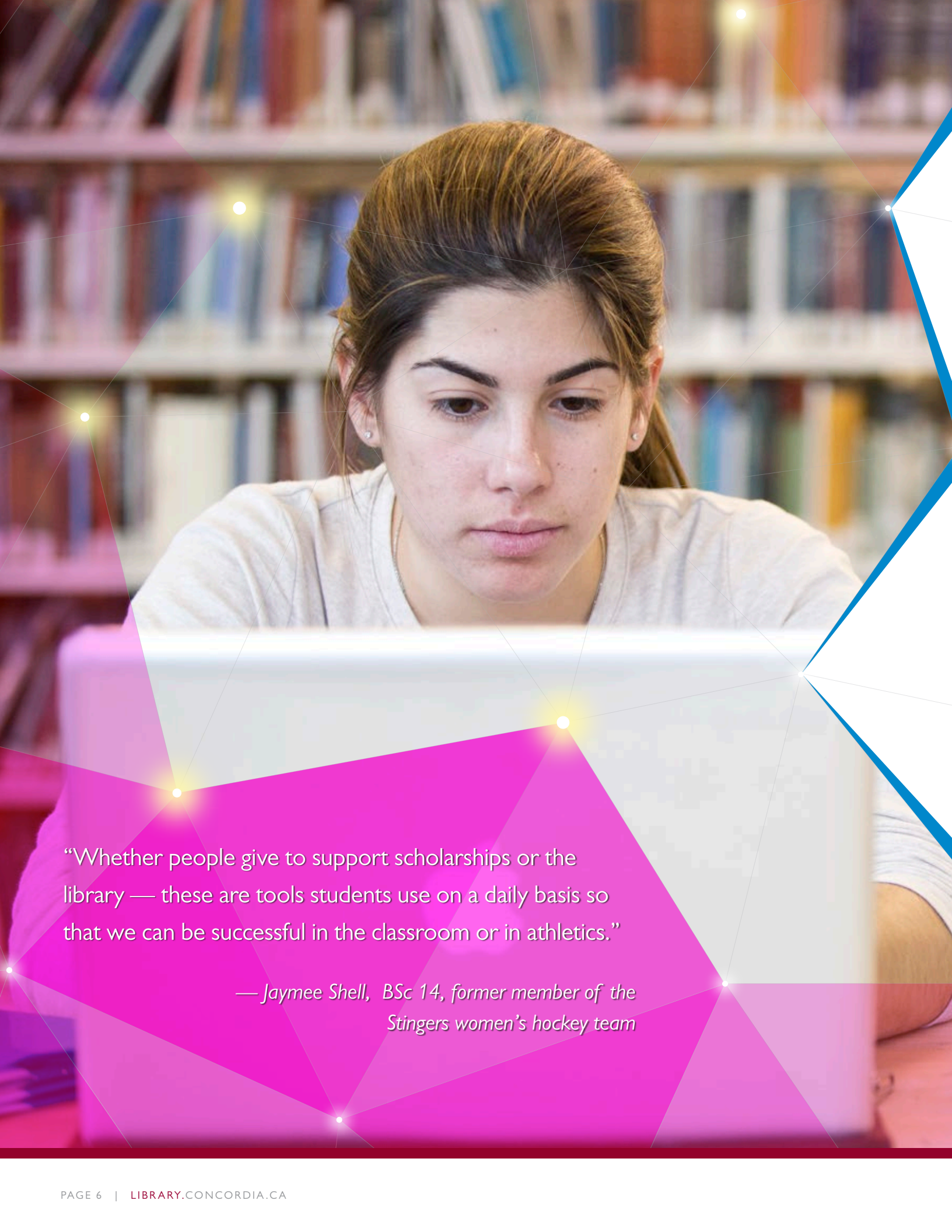
Nearly complete, the retrospective digitization of Concordia student theses and dissertations on Spectrum is another priority of Concordia Libraries. This initiative includes the work of Sir George Williams and Loyola graduates going back to the 1960s.

GATEWAY TO SOCIALLY PROGRESSIVE AND RARE HISTORIC COLLECTIONS

- Concordia's Azrieli Holocaust Collection contains 8,500 titles from almost every discipline and is one of the most important specialized collections in Canada for scholarly research and teaching on the Holocaust.
- The Irving Layton Collection, maintained by Concordia Libraries, is the largest collection of published and archival material of the late Canadian poet.
- Concordia's Gay and Lesbian Literature Collection contains over 1,900 unique literary works and periodicals and is an indispensable resource for primary research in the area of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) studies in Canada.

CONCORDIA **first**

The Vanier Library welcomes pet therapy dogs for the first time in 2014 to help students reduce anxiety and lift spirits during exam period.



“Whether people give to support scholarships or the library — these are tools students use on a daily basis so that we can be successful in the classroom or in athletics.”

— Jaymee Shell, BSc 14, former member of the
Stingers women’s hockey team

RESEARCH – TOP OF MIND

Concordia scientists find solutions to today's problems —
our libraries are their greatest resource

Whether it's drawing the first links between obesity and doctor visits in Canada or creating the first brain map of love and desire, novel research thrives at Concordia. Our investigators garner \$45 million in sponsored funding annually and earn widespread recognition for their research contributions and studies that examine today's big questions.

Concordia Libraries offer a pillar of support for all research activities at the university. Graduate students, who produce more than 500 theses annually, depend on our libraries as a gateway to access journals, databases, archives and more.

AN INFORMATION HUB

Data sets — tables presenting statistics, facts or figures — are integral to many bodies of research. The abundance of newly available data resources is one aspect of the digital revolution that has placed new demands on libraries.

With the help of Concordia librarians, students and faculty gain access to all kinds of data sets, such as recently digitized early census data from Ottawa's Library and Archives Canada. Previously, such data would have been available only through in-person site visits.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Many primary resources and rare documents are not available in digital form. Some are so rare that they have to be kept in the library's special collections and can only be consulted onsite.

Thousands of visitors have accessed collections such as our antique maps, the Walter Hannah masonic archive on freemasonry and our assortment of materials related to Father of Confederation D'Arcy McGee. Such archival materials are crucial to research in many fields.

DESIGN THAT UNITES PEOPLE AND SPURS IDEAS

A vibrant culture of research needs a physical environment that fosters collaboration and ease of access to information. Through the Webster Library transformation project, Concordia will offer state-of-the-art spaces to stimulate research-creation, cooperation and innovation.

CONCORDIA **first**

In a Quebec first, Concordia Libraries start lending 100 tablet computers to students in 2011.



Plugged in: Today's tech-savvy students are connected and require a modern learning environment.

THINKING AHEAD

The shift from print to digital culture has transformed the design of academic libraries

Times change. When the Webster Library opened in 1992, Concordia had 16,000 students. Today, 46,000 students study, learn and collaborate inside Concordia Libraries. Their needs are much different from their predecessors.

The digital revolution is redefining how we study and research. Concordia Libraries are reinventing the library model through the reorganization of our physical environments, modernization of our facilities and transformation of our services.

ADAPTING FOR NEW AND EVOLVING DEMANDS

Beginning in 2015, major renovations and upgrades to the downtown Webster Library will reflect an increasingly digital world. The next generation of Concordia Libraries will:

- Create an intellectually stimulating learning environment with improved space quality and variety, functionality and technology; the implementation of 3D printing; and access to mobile technology carts and screens with advanced software.
- Foster collaboration through quarters designed for social learning and exchange; spaces where students from the university's four faculties — Arts and Science, Engineering and Computer Science, Fine Arts and the John Molson School of Business — will converge to experiment with new technology that promotes fertilization across disciplines.

- Provide students with the best digital learning and interactive environment.
- Further support students who undertake research for the first time or who navigate a new area of knowledge. Screen-sharing capabilities for the library's online chat help service will allow a librarian to remotely assist a student with such tasks as formatting citations.

Renovations will increase the library's seating capacity by 119 per cent — from 1,550 seats to 3,400 seats. The overall physical space will increase by 27 per cent.

CONCORDIA **first**

In 2011, Concordia Libraries become the first in Quebec to offer 24/7 services — a feature supported by the Concordia Student Union.

REIMAGINING WHERE WE STUDY

Webster Library transformation project offers high-tech and engaging learning environments

Concordia Libraries are undergoing transformations that present distinct opportunities for donors to help shape our future and leave a legacy.

VISUALIZATION TEACHING

ROOM: A large projection surface covering three walls will allow this room to offer an immersive experience for displaying multidisciplinary work.

THE TECHNOLOGY SANDBOX:

Located in the Webster Library, this dynamic site will feature a ceiling grid for projectors, cameras and other devices, and house micro-controllers, electronics prototyping platforms, 3D printers and multiple mobile devices.



Library entrance info desk

INTERACTIVE, DIGITALLY ENABLED CLASSROOMS:

Individual and group learning will thrive in these three teaching and learning settings in the Webster Library, equipped to accommodate one laptop per seat and large flat panel displays for group work.

SEMINAR AND THESIS DEFENCE

ROOM: Designed for discourse and critical thinking, this beautiful glass-walled room will be one of the library's key architectural features. With 45-50 seats, the seminar room will provide a venue for master's and doctoral theses defences and talks from local and international scholars, as well as offer videoconferencing capacity. A work of art from Concordia's Leonard & Bina Ellen Art Gallery will adorn this space.

EXHIBITION SPACE:

A large vitrine at the entrance of the Webster Library will function as a gallery to showcase student art.



Collaborative learning atrium

Read updates on our transformation project at library.concordia.ca/webster-transformation.

All illustrations by MENKÈS SHOONER DAGENAIS LETOURNEUX Architectes.

GRADUATE STUDENT SPACE – DISSERTATION WRITERS' ROOMS:

An inviting space with natural light, comfortable chairs, work tables and access to safe storage will greatly facilitate the important — and sometimes stressful — task of writing a dissertation. Four dissertation writers' rooms and a lounge area at the Webster Library, and one graduate study room at the Vanier Library will support the thesis-writing experience and increase student success.

GROUP STUDY ROOMS: Today's teaching places high value on group work that prepares students for a professional world where teamwork is the norm. Our Group Study rooms will provide strong Wi-Fi connectivity and at least one large screen for up to four computers. An easy-to-use online booking system will allow students to reserve a room in advance and check availability.



Group study room

Cameras and speakers in four of the group study rooms will allow students to practise their presentations. Some rooms will also feature podiums.

Twelve group study rooms, including four presentation practice rooms, will be available at the renovated Webster Library. Further group study rooms are planned for the Vanier Library.

CONSULTATION ROOMS:

Three fully equipped consultation rooms will facilitate a consultation with a librarian for tasks such as delving into research, learning to use a database or preparing for an assignment.

STUDY HALLS: Sharing a large and silent study hall with others is often motivating for students. The renovated Webster Library will offer 11 study halls, each with comfortable seating, tables, desktop computers and desks with dividers to facilitate concentration.



Reading room

CONCORDIA **first**

By Concordia Senate resolution, researchers are asked to deposit peer-reviewed articles into Spectrum as of 2010. Overseen by Concordia Libraries, the online repository encourages open access and now holds over 12,000 peer-reviewed articles, book sections, presentations and 8,000 graduate dissertations.



New spaces for contemplation in historic venue:

In 2014, Concordia opened the Grey Nuns Student Residence and Reading Room. Located in Quartier Concordia in downtown Montreal, the iconic building was previously owned by the Grey Nuns of Montreal. In addition to housing Concordia students, the much-needed new space features 14 group study rooms and a 240-seat reading room.

JOIN THE THINKING

Whether you are a graduate, donor or friend, you can help Concordia Libraries advance lives and research

Each year, libraries spend millions of dollars acquiring materials from commercial publishers produced using public funds. With the increasing cost of books, journals and databases, many libraries are faced with difficult choices of where to invest limited funds. This can impact student learning experiences.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY PRESS

The Concordia University Press will allow researchers to produce, publish and share work, advancing the institution as a leader in scholarly communications. As part of Concordia Libraries, the Press will publish high-calibre open access scholarly books in humanities, social sciences and fine arts, which will be available for free to anyone with an Internet connection.

LECTURE SERIES

In a first for our libraries, a proposed series of lectures and debates will be held in the Webster Library's modern new seminar room. Some events will cater to professional librarians; others will be open to the public.

ACQUIRING AND PROTECTING ARCHIVAL MATERIALS

Occasionally, an extraordinary opportunity presents itself to secure an archival collection in a strategic area of development. In such cases, the collections must often be purchased in their entirety.

Your donations can help Concordia Libraries secure valuable research archives and provide the best possible conditions for their lasting preservation.

CONCORDIA **first**

In a Quebec first, the Concordia Student Union and Concordia Libraries partner in 2010 to offer all undergraduate textbooks and course packs through the Webster Library Course Reserve Room and the Vanier Library Circulation Desk.



“Concordia librarians have been leading proponents for the implementation of open access internationally. Helping implement open access at Concordia, the first major university in Canada to do so, was very exciting to us at the foundation.”

— Evan Birks, chairman, Birks Family Foundation

THINKING OF OTHERS

Over Concordia's 40-year history, donors have made an immense difference to our libraries. Here are some of our champions:

The Birks Family Foundation donated \$150,000 in 2012 to establish the Concordia University Press and Open Access Initiatives Fund, which aims to make publicly funded research findings freely available online.

The Freda Otchere Staff Recognition Award was created in 2012 by long-time professor in economics Dan Otchere, in memory of his wife, a librarian at Concordia from 1978 until her passing in 2004

The Concordia Student Union committed \$6.8 million to the Student Union Library Service Fund in 2009, enabling Concordia students to fund 24/7 library service.

The Marjorie and Gerald Bronfman Foundation donated \$100,000 in 2008 to strengthen Concordia Libraries' collections in sociology and related disciplines.

Carolyn and Brian Neysmith gave \$250,000 to initiate the Carolyn and Brian Neysmith @ccessibility Project in 2002, increasing online access to business resources.

The Concordia University Alumni Association made a \$250,000 gift in 1999 to the Library Development Fund.

The Macdonald Stewart Foundation gave \$400,000 in 1998 to establish the Liliane and David M. Stewart Orientation Room in the Webster Library and an endowment for library acquisitions.

The R. Howard Webster Foundation's generous donation of \$1.5 million in 1990 was vital in establishing the Webster Library.

The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation donated \$4.5 million in 1987 towards the R. Howard Webster Library, which is housed in the J.W. McConnell Building on the Sir George Williams Campus.

IMAGINE THE POWER OF YOUR GENEROSITY

It feels good to give back and make a difference

You can help create the conditions for talented students to succeed by supporting our libraries.

Your gift can help the next generation of leaders. It is an investment in their future. Right here at Concordia — or wherever in the world their success brings them.

Just think!

Contact us: giving@concordia.ca or 514-848-2424, ext. 4856.

Learn more: concordia.ca/giving.

CONCORDIA **first**

In 2000, Concordia Libraries first pilot a project to lend laptops to students. A decade later, some 200 laptops are borrowed daily by students.



A quiet space: Large, silent reading rooms provide a motivating environment to students and are a central feature in the design of next-generation libraries.

WHY CONCORDIA?

An investment in Concordia is an investment in innovation, sustainability, community — and the leaders of tomorrow

Our unique environment for learning and research: Concordia's academic goals are grounded in an ethos of dynamism and social responsibility. This remarkable environment was created in 1974, after merging two proud Montreal traditions — the classic liberal arts education offered by Loyola College and the practical educational opportunities offered to wide audiences by Sir George Williams University.

Today, Concordia is an open and engaged university that encourages its more than 46,000 students to become active, critical and concerned citizens.

Our commitment to society: Concordia is leading the way to a new kind of university, one that makes higher education accessible. The university shares its ideas through free and open access to scientific findings and seeks ways to make social and economic justice more prevalent. We offer some 500 undergraduate and graduate programs, diplomas and certificates, while maintaining formal ties with more than 100 institutions in 33 countries.

Our strong academic leadership: Concordia is proud of its impressive roster of senior faculty, many established leaders in their respective academic fields, across the Faculty of Fine Arts, Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, John Molson School of Business and School of Graduate Studies.

Our contributions and discoveries: Every year, Concordia faculty and students are recognized for their accomplishments. Whether they are Rhodes Scholars, recipients of Governor General and Prix du Québec awards or members of the Royal Society of Canada, Concordians are among the celebrated academics in our country. Our contributions and our discoveries change lives.

Our partnership in Quebec: Concordia's value to the Quebec economy is estimated at \$1.3 billion annually. And this doesn't account for the contributions of our 188,000 alumni, 95,000 of whom reside in the university's home province.

Contact us: giving@concordia.ca or 514-848-2424, ext. 4856.

Learn more: concordia.ca/giving.

CONCORDIA **first**

In 1992, Concordia Libraries launch the university's first online public access catalogue, CLUES, which remains operational today.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

A portrait of Concordia Libraries would be incomplete without a look at our wider community. Here's a snapshot of our students, staff, faculty and alumni:

STUDENTS

46,272

96
RESEARCH
CHAIRS

20

SENATE-RECOGNIZED
RESEARCH UNITS:

CENTRE FOR BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS OF MASS SPECTROMETRY
CENTRE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH IN HEALTH
CENTRE FOR MICROSCOPY AND CELLULAR IMAGING
CENTRE FOR NANOSCIENCE RESEARCH
CENTRE FOR ORAL HISTORY AND DIGITAL STORYTELLING
CENTRE FOR PATTERN RECOGNITION AND MACHINE INTELLIGENCE
CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN MOLECULAR MODELING
CENTRE FOR STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS
CENTER FOR STUDIES IN BEHAVIORAL NEUROBIOLOGY
CENTRE FOR THE ARTS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE
CENTRE FOR ZERO ENERGY BUILDING STUDIES
CONCORDIA CENTRE FOR BROADCASTING AND JOURNALISM STUDIES
CONCORDIA CENTRE FOR COMPOSITES
CONCORDIA CENTRE FOR TECHNOCULTURE, ART AND GAMES
CONCORDIA INSTITUTE FOR WATER, ENERGY AND SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS
HEXAGRAM-CONCORDIA: CENTRE FOR RESEARCH-CREATION IN MEDIA ARTS AND TECHNOLOGIES
KARL POLANYI INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL ECONOMY
MONTREAL INSTITUTE FOR GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES

193,000
ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

REVENUES

OPERATING FUND 2013

\$454,207,000

SPONSORED RESEARCH INCOME 2013

\$44,358,000

5,911

TOTAL EMPLOYEES *

* AS OF JANUARY 2014:

1,739

FACULTY MEMBERS **

** INCLUDES FULL-TIME FACULTY, PART-TIME
FACULTY (INCLUDING CONTINUING EDUCATION)
AND LIBRARIANS

7,447 GRADUATE STUDENTS

2,520 SCHOOL OF EXTENDED LEARNING STUDENTS

36,305 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

28

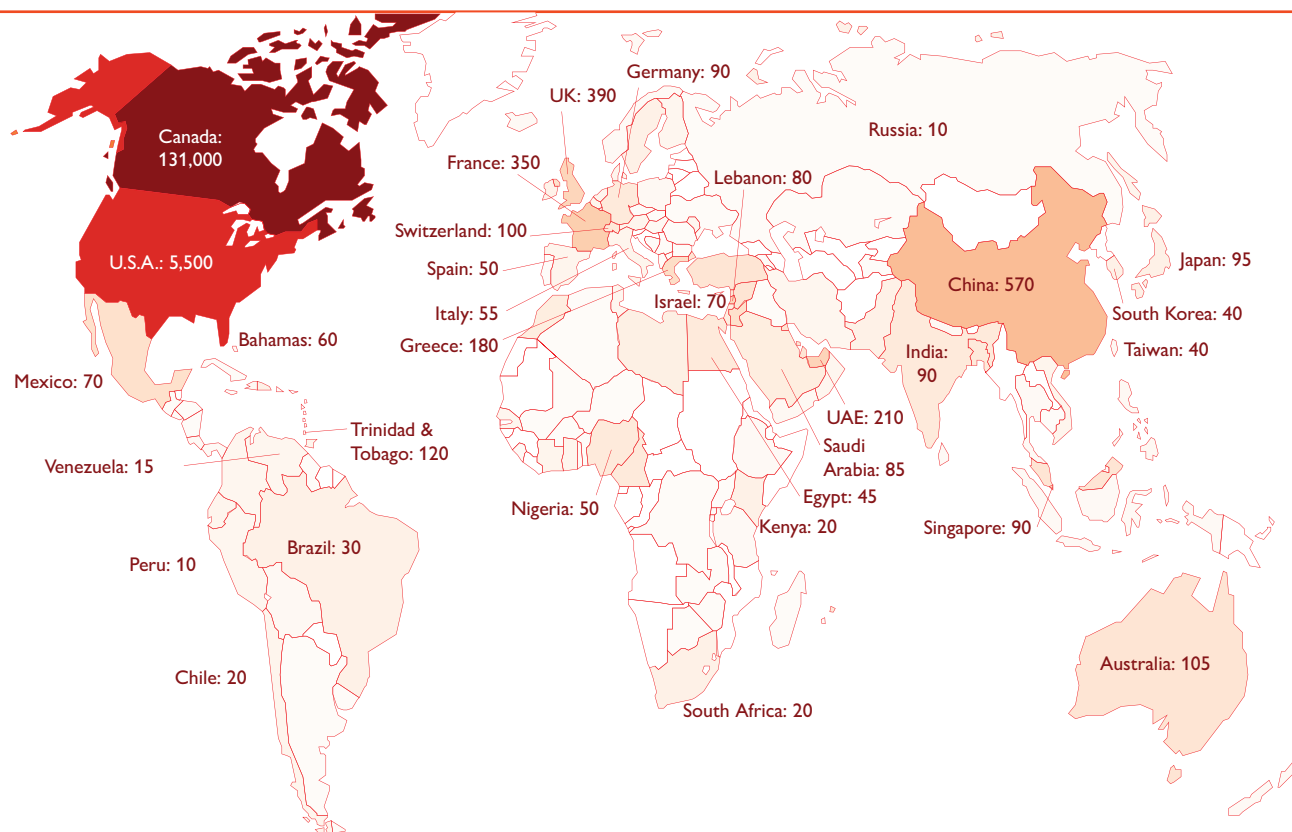
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PORTRAIT OF THE CONCORDIA COMMUNITY: SAMPLING OF WHERE OUR GRADUATES LIVE



CONCORDIA **first**

In 1984, Concordia Libraries first begin acquiring the Azrieli Holocaust Collection — one of Canada's most comprehensive collections for Holocaust research — which will eventually hold more than 8,500 items, generously donated by the late David Azrieli, LLD 75.

Learn how you can help Concordia provide
next-generation libraries for our students.
Contact our development staff at
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SMALL PLANET  BIG THINKING


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