

Commemorative Naming Proposal – Grace Thompson Meeting Room
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In recognition of Grace Thompson's historical significance to the community of Stittsville, the City of Ottawa has been asked to name a meeting room in the Ottawa Public Library, Stittsville Branch, the "Grace Thompson Meeting Room".

A summary of the proposal, submitted by Barbara Bottriell and Lesley McKay, is provided below:

Grace Thompson was born on August 29, 1913. She was very involved in the community of Stittsville and was instrumental in the formation of many of the Village's societies that still exist today. Mrs. Thompson was also a local historian, having published many accounts of Stittsville's historical roots and those of its founding families, including her own, dating back to the 1800's.

Keen to contribute to her community, she and her husband, being avid gardeners, formed the Stittsville Goulbourn Horticultural Society (SGHS) in 1962, which still thrives today. For her involvement with the SGHS, the Ontario Horticultural Society honoured her with a special service award in 1991, and with a lifetime membership in 1992.

Committed to her community, she also helped found the Goulbourn Township Historical Society, the Goulbourn Jubilee Singers, the Greely Players Theatre Group, and was a volunteer with many organizations, including the Stittsville branch of the Ottawa Public Library and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Women's Missionary Society.