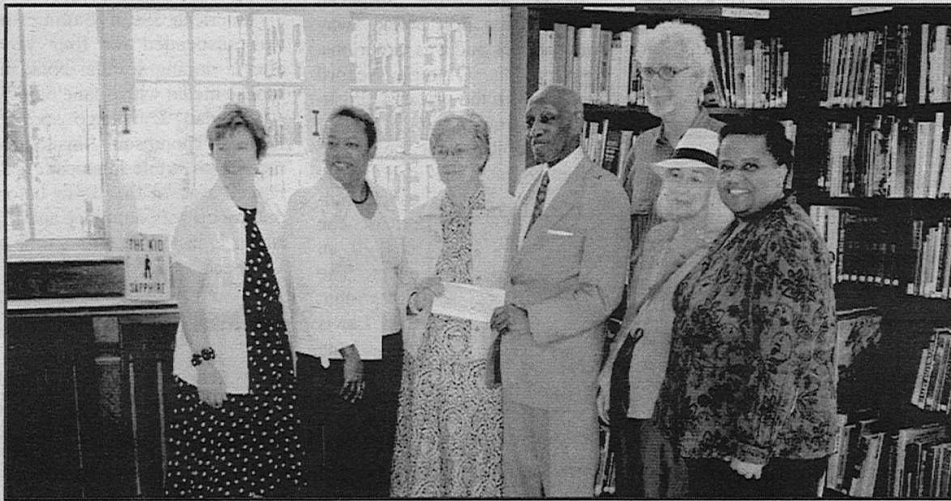


FINANCIAL DONATION TO ATWATER LIBRARY
**BLACK COLLECTION TO BE
 EXPANDED AND PROMOTED**



Dr. Dorothy Williams (extreme right) together with Richard Lord, Gemma Raeburn and officials of Atwater Library

The Atwater Library's Black Collection received a big boost recently when Montreal's Black community historian, author and archivist Dr. Dorothy Williams, made a donation of \$1,370 from funds raised at a reception following the recent premiere and screening of a documentary film, *Harlem USA*, and from a private donation from Louise Beaugrand-Champagne.

Honorary life member of Atwater Library and former Board member, Richard Lord, accepted the gift for the library at a ceremony in the Reading Room. Also on hand for the occasion was Lynn Verge, Executive Director of the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, TOTC founder and community activist Gemma Raeburn-Baynes, and Susan McGuire, former Executive Director of

the library (the person responsible for starting the Black Collection in 2005), as well as other library supporters and staff.

The Black Collection now comprises almost 500 books and movies about Black history and culture, and/or works by Black authors and filmmakers, some of which are no longer in circulation. The works of Black Montreal authors such as Dr. Dorothy W. Williams, Clifton Ruggles and La Florya Gauthier can be found in the collection. To see the selection, go to their online catalogue at www.atwaterlibrary.ca, choose "Anywhere" and enter "Black Collection" (with quotation marks).

The Atwater Library and Computer Center is a private, non-profit institution, established in 1828. In addition to being deeply rooted in Montreal's history, it is also a modern, innovative community resource center for Montrealers of all ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds. The library also offers various courses and workshops to young and old alike, such as the use of technology in the digital age, in its state-of-the-art computer centre, literary and educational events, providing space for community group meetings and much more.

It is centrally located in downtown Montreal on the corner of Atwater Avenue and Tupper Street, and is open to all, six days a week. Whether you're a member, a donor, or volunteer, the Atwater Library always welcomes your support.