UBC Authors and Their Works Program, 1991 – 2006
(includes BC in Print Exhibits; Our Province@150/ Our University@100 Exhibit 2008)

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Quotes:
President Strangway: "Each work should be regarded and celebrated in its own right”, March 1997.

President Piper: "We tend to take so much of this for granted ....Yet in doing so we overlook the insight, the originality, the sheer brilliance of so many of our colleagues”, March 2006.

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1. Goals
The goals, formulated in large part in 1991 and continued throughout the program, were:
- to project a positive image of the library within the university
- to cultivate good relations with the faculty
- to celebrate the contribution of the library to the publications
- to provide means for liaison between library staff and faculty
- to publicize faculty output within the library system and beyond
- to educate the university and the wider community about the publications of UBC authors
- to provide a means for faculty authors to meet their peers across the disciplines

2. Scope
The program identified and celebrated UBC authors and their works annually for 16 years. A booklet listing authors and their titles was compiled and distributed to the authors and guests at the annual Reception and Exhibit. Two brief introductions to the booklet were written by the University President and the University Librarian. The University President and University Librarian each made a brief speech at the Reception/Exhibit, congratulating all the authors.
The works covered were published/created/produced between 1990 and 2005 and the Authors Reception was held in the following spring, from 1991 to 2006. Eventually the event became known as UBC Authors Week, with special additional events programmed.

From 2002 to 2005, virtual exhibits were also created and featured on the library's web page.

A special "BC in Print Exhibit" was also mounted in the Koerner Library (and virtually online). This exhibit displayed a subset of the works from the year's roster that included content about British Columbia. Sometimes these were chapters in books or case studies on BC topics, information about BC that could otherwise not have been easily discovered through the library catalogue. The exhibit also included books published by UBC Press on BC subjects and award-winning books from UBC Press.

Although the UBC Authors program had ceased by then, the library also curated a "BC in Print" exhibit in April 2008 in the Ridington Room to celebrate the University’s 100th anniversary, the Province's 150th anniversary and the opening of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre. Title of exhibit:

*Our Province@150 / Our University @100 / Lifelong Learning*

Ridington Room, Level 4, North Side, IKBLC
Curated by Margaret Friesen and Pauline Willems with assistance from UBC Press (Kerry Kilmartin) and Ann Doyle, Glenn Drexhage, Aleteia Greenwood, Katherine Kalsbeek, Merry Meredith, Simon Neame, Jill Pittendrigh

3. Formats

The UBC authors lists included printed books, e-books, e-reference works, CD’s, CD-ROMs, videos, virtual exhibits (Museum of Anthropology), exhibition catalogues (Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery), music scores, theatre scripts, conference proceedings, edited works, web publications.

All academic disciplines were represented: about 25% of the works covered the science/engineering/health sciences disciplines and 75% the arts/humanities/social sciences disciplines. The works were written/created by UBC faculty, staff, emeriti faculty, in dozens of languages and published all over the world.

In the final year of the program, the 2005 UBC authors (reception in 2006), the final count of UBC authors was 158 and unique titles was 166. The majority were books, with 7 titles published as an e-book only or in parallel print/e-book versions. The list also included 4 music scores, 7 CD’s (music performances) and 6 DVD videos. The library received over 40 of these titles as donations from the authors. About 25% of the titles covered BC topics, either in their entirety or in chapters or cases.

Exhibit: for the display itself, the Library brought 65% of the titles to the venue (temporary loans or donations from the authors), with the Bookstore providing the remaining 35%.
Summary and highlights (Friesen – UBC Authors)

4. Impact
- Recognition of UBC creators and their works by the University and the press
- Visibility of library as the value-added knowledge creator (compiling the annual list, discovering BC content)
- Forum for authors to meet faculty members from other disciplines (frequent faculty feedback from the event)
- Library/author relationships were strengthened and good will fostered
- Library received many donations of works from these authors, some fabulous, unique, rare, contributing depth of content in many different disciplines
- The President, Board of Governors, requested copies of the booklist to use in their discussions with governments and the Senate Library Committee recommended repeating the event (source: 1991 post-event assessment)

5. Partners
Co-sponsors: UBC President’s Office, UBC Library
Partners: Ceremonies Office, UBC Bookstore, UBC Press, Association of Professors Emeriti (Alumni Association), UBC Reports

6. Committee members (over the years)
Sponsors: President David Strangway, President Martha Piper, University Librarian Ruth Patrick, University Librarian Catherine Quinlan

Ceremonies: Eilis Courtney, Nancy Hermiston, Liz King, Basil Waugh
Library: Anita Bidinosti, Jeremy Buhler, Yvonne Chan, Margaret Friesen, Kimberley Hintz, Paul Lesack, Tina Louie, Merry Meredith, Jill Pittendrigh, Timothy Shew, Pauline Willems
UBC Bookstore: Debbie Harvie, Clare Kenny, Michael Roth, Greg Willett
UBC Press: Kerry Kilmartin, Peter Milroy, Jean Wilson

7. Reception invitees
UBC authors and their guests, selected University and community VIP’s, Board of Governors, Senate Library Committee, President’s Advisory Committee on the University Library (PACUL), representative library branch heads, selected student representatives, BC Bookworld.

8. Highlights and special events
a. The UBC Authors Reception and Exhibit, 1991-2006
   - 1992 included the UBC Library Display in celebration of the Year of the Three Millionth Book. Fifteen titles were displayed, including books, journals, a datafile, video, Canadian government publication, computer diskette, map, music score and CD, manuscript.
   - 1994 Innovation Showcase, Canadian Library Association, June 14-18, Vancouver, 1994 (a selection of works by UBC authors curated by Pauline Willems)
   - 2000 A definition of "electronic book" was developed for the purpose of establishing eligibility for this event
2003: Year of the University Press (6 UBC authors were published by UBC Press in this year)
2005: included UBC Okanagan authors for the first time

b. BC in Print Exhibits
   Case 1: A Salute to UBC Press: Award Winners
   Case 2: A Salute to UBC Press and the UBC Authors of 2002
   Case 3: The Power of the Word
   Case 4: Close to Home
   Case 5: Green Spaces
   Case 6: Then & Now

   The Year of the University Press, designated by the Association of Research Libraries and the Association of American University Presses
   Case 1: Ways of knowing
   Case 2: In word and song
   Case 3: Looking back, looking forward
   Case 4: A Salute to UBC Press and the UBC authors
   Case 5: A Salute to UBC Press: Award Winners and Shortlisted Awards for 2003

   The 40th year of the Creative Writing Program at UBC
   Case 1: Theatre, Film and Creative Writing: Creative Writing Program
   Case 2: Theatre, Film and Creative Writing: Theatre Program
   Case 3: British Columbia: Close to Home
   Case 4: British Columbia: Close to Home
   Case 5: UBC Press publishes UBC Authors
   Case 6: UBC Press Award Winners

2005 BC in Print: Selections from the UBC Books of 2005
   43 titles in the virtual display:
   http://www.library.ca/authorsweek/2005/BCinPrint.html
   29 titles in the Koerner Library display
   Case 1: Green Spaces
   Case 2: Then and Now
   Case 3: The Power of the Word
   Case 4: Close to Home
   Case 5: UBC Press publishes UBC authors
   Case 6: UBC Press award winners

c. Other special events
   • Friday Noon Hour @ Main Library: a Salute to the UBC Authors, Composers, and Performers of 2001, 2002
Summary and highlights (Friesen – UBC Authors)

- **Ways of Seeing: the UBC Filmmakers Showcase - Recent Productions.**
  Presented by Raymond Hall, Prof. Emeritus, Theatre, Film & Creating Writing, The UBC Library and The Media Group, March 14, 2002
- **UBC Authors from A-Z,** featuring two University Killam Professors, William H. New and Peter Hochachka

3. **Four Virtual Exhibits** (created by Paul Lesack)
   http://www.library.ubc.ca/authorsweek/2002/

   2003: UBC Authors of 2003: 148 authors, 167 new works --- Year of the University Press
   http://www.library.ubc.ca/authorsweek/2003/

   2004: Local Authors, Global Issues: UBC Authors, 2004
   http://www.library.ubc.ca/authorsweek/2004

   2005: Pacific Perspectives: UBC Authors & their Works, 2005
   http://www.library.ubc.ca/authorsweek/

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*UBC Reports*, including several years where the entire list of authors was published.

- March 5, 1992 (photo only)
- April 22, 1993 (photo only)
- March 9, 1995 (author list and profiles)
- March 21, 1996 (author list only)
- March 6, 1997 (feature)
- March 18, 1999 (feature)
- March 9, 2000 (feature)
- March 22, 2001 (feature)
- March 2, 2006 (article)

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11. Venues: Receptions/Exhibits

- 1991 (March 18): Graduate Student Centre Ballroom
- 1992 (October 15): Cecil Green Park
- 1993 (April 7): Graduate Student Centre Ballroom
- 1994 (March 16): Cecil Green Park
- 1995 (March 16): Cecil Green Park
- 1996 (March 21): Cecil Green Park
- 1997 (March 11): Cecil Green Park
- 1998 (March 24): Cecil Green Park
- 1999 (March 23): Library Square (Vancouver Public Library)
- 2002 (March 12): Robson Square
- 2004 (March 17): Sty-Wet-Tan Great Hall, First Nations House of Learning
- 2005 (March 15): Life Sciences Centre, West Atrium
- 2006 (March 30): Life Sciences Centre, East Atrium

Appendices:

Some highlights (from the Booklist introductions)

Files: Folders 1-21

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