

UBC Library – Fall Update

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UBC Library jumps in ARL rankings

UBC Library has bolstered its standing as a top-tier library system in North America, according to rankings from the U.S.-based [Association of Research Libraries \(ARL\)](#).

UBC ranks 16 out of 115 ARL universities (compared to 24 last year), and third among Canadian academic institutions, in the recently released [ARL Investment Index](#). The index reflects UBC Library's investment in collections, services and resources – including the Digital Initiatives Unit, the Data/GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Lab in Koerner Library, and new learning spaces such as the Canaccord Learning Commons and Woodward Library's garden-level restoration.

The ARL annually ranks its members based on total expenditures, materials expenditures, salary expenditures and number of staff. Sixteen of the 115 academic institutions in the latest ARL rankings are Canadian. The top five Canadian institutions are Toronto (3), Alberta (11), UBC (16), McGill (32) and Montreal (38).

Twitterverse praise for UBC Library

At a recent library research conference, [presenter Willie Miller](#) discussed his study of ARL members using Twitter. In this study, he ranked [@UBCLibrary](#) – managed by the Library's Communications and Marketing team – as one of the top three influential accounts in North America. UBC Library was the only Canadian institution in the study's top 10 list.

To view the presentation "[ARL Klout study: significance of Twitter in academic libraries](#)" or to learn more, visit the conference [website](#) (2012 IUPUI University Library and School of Information and Library Science Joint Research Conference – Indiana University).

clRcle nabs top spot, launches award

It's been an eventful time for [clRcle](#). First, congratulations are due to UBC's open access digital repository for claiming the top spot in the rankings of Canadian repositories.

Since its 2008 launch, clRcle has been a growing force in the open access movement among its national and international contemporaries. According to the [July 2012 Webometrics](#) rankings, clRcle is ranked as the top repository in Canada, and 44th out of more than 1,400 institutional repositories worldwide.

Meanwhile, a new clRcle award for graduate students launched in July. The GSS clRcle Open Scholar Award, a collaboration involving the UBC Vancouver Graduate Student Society, has two aims: to feature UBC as a leader in the open dissemination of exemplary non-thesis graduate coursework; and to create an incentive for graduate students to populate clRcle with material beyond theses and dissertations.

The first award was announced in October 2012. Visit [clRcle](#) to find out about award criteria and additional information.

Basil Stuart-Stubbs: A Celebration of Life

On September 16, more than 250 friends, family and colleagues gathered at Sage Bistro on the UBC Vancouver campus for a Celebration of Life event to commemorate Basil Stuart-Stubbs – UBC's former University Librarian and Director of the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies – and his many contributions to the library world and the publishing industry.

"We collectively and individually are the better for his presence among us," noted Paul Whitney, former Chief Librarian for Vancouver Public Library, who reflected that the phrase "quiet trust" comes up when former staff and colleagues speak of Stuart-Stubbs.

Ingrid Parent, University Librarian at UBC, recalled her time as a student when Basil held the same role, and described him as having a true passion for knowledge. Parent introduced [The Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Book on British Columbia](#), to be awarded for the first time in 2013. The annual award will recognize the best scholarly book published on a B.C. subject by a Canadian author, and will be administered by UBC Library and the Pacific BookWorld News Society.

All who knew Basil are invited to visit his memorial bench near Point Grey Road and Alma Street, possibly while reading a Canadian book, and to consider a contribution to the [Basil Stuart-Stubbs memorial fund](#).

Remembering Dr. Irving K. Barber

In June, a capacity crowd gathered at UBC's Old Auditorium to celebrate the life of Dr. Irving K. Barber – a passionate supporter of education, research and libraries in British Columbia.

Dr. Barber, who passed away on April 13, 2012, was a visionary thinker with a strong commitment to strengthening B.C., improving the quality of life for its residents and providing an enriched university experience for students. His gift of \$20 million was largely responsible for the development and construction of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre and the realization of its mission: a facility dedicated to the intellectual, social, cultural and economic development of the people of British Columbia and beyond.

"We are ever grateful for the generosity of Ike and his wife Jean," said Ingrid Parent, UBC's University Librarian. "Their support was crucial to the success of the Learning Centre, which has connected with lifelong learners and students at UBC and beyond. And his support for, and belief in, the transformative role of libraries was inspiring. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on at the Learning Centre, and in the other worthy projects that he backed. Thank you, Ike, for your vision, passion, humour and dedication."

Dr. Barber's son James provided a touching tribute at the event, which also featured comments from guests including Christy Clark, the Premier of B.C.; Stephen Toope, UBC President and Vice-Chancellor; Martha Piper, former UBC President and Vice-Chancellor; Rory Fulber, a recipient of the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Transfer Scholarship; and others. Dr. Barber's longtime colleague and friend Mike Apsey, a former B.C. deputy minister, was the Master of Ceremonies.

Please read the Library's [tribute](#) for more on Dr. Barber's life and legacy.

UBC Okanagan Librarian selected for leadership program

Diana Bang, a Learning Services Librarian at UBC Okanagan Library, was selected as one of two

Canadians to attend the Minnesota Institute leadership training program this past July. The institute, geared towards librarians from under-represented groups in the early stages of their careers, has been offered every two years since 1998 by the University of Minnesota Libraries.

Participants are provided with intensive training to develop their managerial and leadership skills, as well as practical applications such as grant development and professional writing. The institute also presents library professionals with an opportunity to build a network of peers for support and collaboration. Participants are encouraged to establish a mentorship relationship with a more senior librarian at their home institution.

Sharing the success

UBC Library's [Hours & Locations portal](#) has been a success – so much so that its inner workings are being shared.

For example, the University of Calgary Library has gone live with its new website, incorporating code and information architecture provided by UBC Library. Of particular note is the [new hours portal](#); this past spring Paul Joseph, a Systems Librarian at UBC, was contacted by a colleague at the University of Calgary about this feature. UBC Library shared the code, along with advice and insights into the information architecture of the [UBC Library site](#).

UBC's Library Systems and Information Technology (LSIT) team has also been contacted by other schools – including Harvard, the University of Miami, the University of Illinois and the University of Alberta – that are interested in the code. It is also shared as open source code on [GitHub](#).

Updated copyright website

UBC has launched an updated copyright website, found at [copyright.ubc.ca](#), in response to the changing copyright environment in Canada.

Highlights include:

- Revised [copyright guidelines](#) for the UBC community that provide an updated summary and general guidance regarding current copyright law;
- Updated [copyright](#) and [fair dealing](#) requirements that set out specific requirements for faculty and staff in light of recent Supreme Court of Canada decisions on copyright law;

- A new section on [copyright resources](#) for UBC faculty and staff;
- Updated [Digital Classroom FAQs](#);
- An [RSS feed](#) that enables users to stay up-to-date on UBC copyright announcements;
- A [copyright announcement and broadcast e-mail archive](#);
- And enhanced design and improved navigation.

Content will be updated regularly, and is maintained by the Office of the Provost and VP Academic, UBC Library, UBC Bookstore, the Centre for Teaching,

Learning and Technology (Vancouver), the Centre for Teaching and Learning (Okanagan) and the Office of the University Counsel.

For more assistance, please refer to an [extensive list of contacts](#) at UBC's Vancouver and Okanagan campuses.

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