

TO the many beautiful people on staff who give willingly of their time to make talking books for the Crane Library

TO the 126 library personnel on floor 7 who carry on valiantly in spite of heat, overcrowding, toxic fumes, and four toilets

TO that man of many talents in the Mail Room, Julius, who is always ready and willing to help in any emergency.

TO all the people who let themselves be nominated for the various committees

'Tis Halloween when witches fly  
And blackcats and goblins and ghosts are abroad  
When Linus sits in his lonely patch  
and Biblos presents the Great Pumpkin Award



TO the imaginative soul who used my favourite colour orange to liven up the back wall in Circulation

TO Carol in the Main Library lunch room, whose un-failing cheerfulness under trying conditions is a marvel to behold

TO all the "Keepers of machines" who survive breakdowns, paperjams, poor copies, lack of change, spewing ink, personal abuse, dirty notes etc. etc. etc. You are the unsung heroes.

TO the free spirits who 'found' the couch for the 'women's staff rest room' on the fifth floor. 'Tis greatly appreciated

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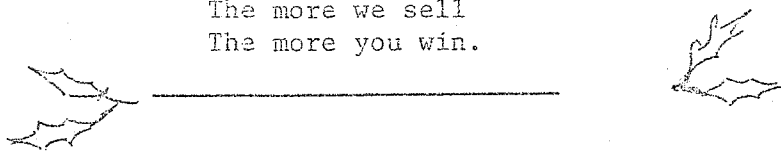
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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN !!!

It may be hard to believe but Christmas is only about eight weeks away and that means that it is Biblos Bonanza time again. Tickets for the annual draw will go on sale after November first. As well as the usual birds and bottles, this year we have added gift certificates and movie tickets so there will be something for everyone. Tickets, priced at twenty five cents each, will be available in every division. A facsimile of the ticket is on page 10.

REMEMBER. Proceeds in Prizes  
 The more we sell  
 The more you win.



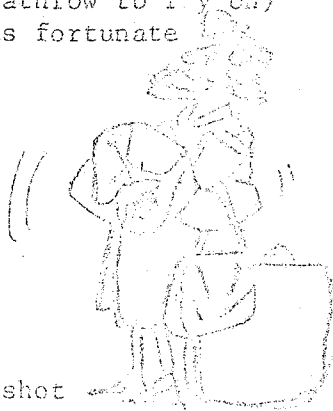
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WITH SUZANNE IN GENEVA 1972

Though it wasn't my reason for wanting to attend, I can't deny that its location in Geneva gave the International Symposium on Documentation of the United Nations and Other Intergovernmental Organizations held from August 21 to 23 that little extra bonus bit of excitement. After having, in the past, attended the National Microfilm Association conference in Washington, D.C. and having seen the location for that conference go on from there to New York and thence to Detroit I couldn't believe that something as good as the United Nations Symposium would actually be held in so lovely a spot. (My sincere apologies to those who like Wash., D.C. N.Y., N.Y., and Detroit. I'm sure lots of people do but I'm not one of them).

I arrived in Geneva after a trip of a total of seventeen consecutive hours (flying and waiting at Heathrow to fly on) at the end of a spell of bad weather and was fortunate enough to enjoy non-rainy, but very windy, weather for the five days I was there.

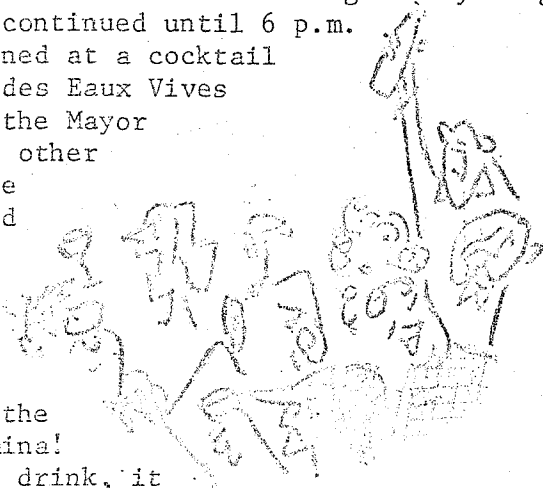
I was not really in a mood to appreciate the famous fountain when I arrived, which was too bad because I didn't see it again until the day I left. To my disappointment I found that it only operates below a certain wind intensity. The wind blew at about force 9 every day after the day I got there until the day I left. I have a nice shot of the fountain as the ferry-boat on which I left Geneva drew away from the dock.



After two days acclimatizing myself to the time change - sleeping all afternoon and lying in bed reading at 3 a.m. - I plunged into the Symposium. The First Plenary Session was held in the Assembly Hall of the Palais des Nations, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Natalia Tyulina, Director, Dag Hammarskjöld Library, U.N., New York. There were over 250 of us present and it was very interesting to see the enormous variety of nations and institutions represented. There were people from about fifty different countries, representing both producers and users of U.N. publications.

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The main meetings were divided into three panels of which I chose the one devoted to the acquisition and organization of U.N. material. This was a very lucky choice from a physiological point of view because my panel held its deliberations in the Executive Board Room of the World Health Organization building and smoking is not permitted in this room. All you non-smokers who have endured endless meetings where you were sure you'd either come out having suffered permanent brain damage from lack of oxygen or having been turned into something akin to a kippered herring, or both, will know what I mean. Our meetings were not for those with weak constitutions. Unlike most conferences I've attended these meetings went from 9 a.m. until 12:30, with no breaks for smoking or anything else. They resumed at 2 p.m. and continued until 6 p.m. On the second day we were entertained at a cocktail party at the beautiful Restaurant des Eaux Vives in the old section of the city by the Mayor of Geneva, Mme. Lise Girardin, and other officials. After sitting for three hours in the meeting we were herded directly out of the meeting room and into buses, driven across the city, and deposited outside the restaurant to stand for half an hour in a very piercing wind until the officials had all arrived and the party could begin. That took stamina! By the time we got to the food and drink, it was about 7:00 p.m. and the group fell on the table like a horde of locusts. Apart from the physical strain I must admit that the party was lovely. The food was gorgeous to behold and tasted just as good as it looked and the drinks lacked neither quality nor quantity.



Apart from this one bit of frivolity everything else was business. During the three days we actually did have two coffee breaks but the coffee wasn't free and breaks were very short. My group discussed a number of points, including the status of depository libraries, claiming procedures, cataloguing and classifying, methods of organizing collections, and the U.N.'s plan to start producing its publications on microfiche. The latter point was enthusiastically endorsed by everyone.

I met many interesting people at the Symposium and this was one of the more enjoyable benefits I derived. In addition I came away with, amongst other things, an excellent bibliography on the documentation of the U.N. and other international organizations which was for sale by the Symposium, a great stack of working papers which, when we've finished ploughing through them, should provide a lot of useful 'inside' information about the U.N. and its publications, and the comforting feeling that, in contrast with other collections of U.N. materials, ours compares very favourably both in the extent of the collection and, perhaps almost more important, in the extent to which it is used.

Suzanne Dodson  
Government Publications

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#### MAP COLLECTORS MEET IN OTTAWA

The Sixth Annual Conference of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries was held in Ottawa from August 28 to September 1. Ottawa weather fortunately was pleasantly hot but not overwhelmingly so. The meetings took place in the auditorium of the Public Archives/National Library building which is air-conditioned.

The attendance at the conference was small (about 50 people), and despite its name, librarians were in the minority. Most participants were either historians or geographers working in archival or general map collections or in government departments connected with mapping. This year the chief map curators of the British Museum, the Royal Geographical Society and the National Library of Scotland were present. Many different points of view were expressed, and the very lively discussion went on into all hours of the night back in the University of Ottawa residence.

The conference was a friendly, informal affair, and the talks which reflected the various interests of the delegates were of high quality. There were talks by geography professors

on Computer mapping, some unanswered questions and Nineteenth and twentieth century maps and the teaching of Canadian studies. Historians spoke on such topics as the voyages and landings of Cabot in Canada and the Urban development of Quebec City, 1800-1900. Members of the various government departments in Ottawa reported new developments in mapping, such as the 1971 census maps and the use of maps in the business of government such as courts of law and city planning.

For the last two days of the conference, tours of map collections and mapping agencies were arranged. It was with considerable that we visited the Map Division of the new University of Ottawa Library. It boasts specially designed map cases, atlas shelves and tables, and a well-equipped area for backing and repairing maps. Another fascinating tour was through the Surveys and Mapping Branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources which produces Canadian topographic survey maps well known to many Canadians. They have very up-to-date automated cartography equipment and computers. Statistics Canada also uses automated cartography to produce maps at a much greater speed than ever before, and our tour of their premises was much too brief as was the visit to Bytown Bookcraft, a firm which repairs old maps and documents.

Returning to Vancouver by train we were reminded of the vast expanse of country to be mapped.

Maureen Wilson

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L.A.A. TOUR DATES

Behind the scene at C P Air....

Tuesday, November 7th, 7:30 pm

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CONGRATULATIONS and thanks to all the newly elected committee members. May your term in office be interesting and rewarding.

BACK at her desk is Suzanne Dodson of Gov. Pubs. Suzanne attended the International Symposium on Documentation of the U.N. and other International organizations in Geneva and then journeyed to England for a holiday. (see elsewhere in this issue for her report on the conference).

ALSO vacationing in England is Jane Shinn of Fine Arts and we understand Regina Barzynsha of Pre-Bind is off to Hawaii 19th Oct.

We SHOULD be receiving reports soon from the many members of the Administration who attended the TRIUL conference Oct. 11-13 in Parksville.

URGENT reminder to all animal lovers. Don't forget the S.P.C.A. Bazaar which is to be held Sunday Nov. 19. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Oakridge Auditorium.

ARE YOU HAVING PROBLEMS with a sore throat, stuffed up head due to a cold? Why not saunter over to the Woodward Library some lunch hour before mid-



November and take a look at the current displays covering the History of Health Sciences. There are 6 displays spread through the Foyer and Memorial Room covering subjects such as Cholera, J.S. Haldane, and two on the common cold.

'TIS nice to see Dave Thomas of the Science Div. back at his desk after a lengthy absence and trip to the hospital.

OF INTEREST to many of her friends in the Library is the news that the husband of Rosemary McConnell has been named editor of the Province Newspaper.

WEDDING bells for Lynn Peirson of the Sedgewick Library who will be marrying Rick Bagnole November 10. Much happiness to them both.

IT'S A BOY for Bev and Danny Smigelsky - Bev used to be in the Reading Rooms.

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Jason Brent weighed in at 6 lbs on Saturday Sept. 23rd at the reasonable time of 4:30 in the afternoon. We understand this was also Bev's 21st birthday. Congrats on both counts Bev.

WE UNDERSTAND that the occasional trill from Gilbert and Sullivan can be heard in the Woodward Library. Bernie Olsen and Glenis Williams of that establishment are now rehearsing for the Greater Vancouver Operatic Company's production of the Mikado to be presented in the Spring.

SAME DEPARTMENT reports that Bess Rivett is taking classes at the Y in Synchronized swimming. Possibly a water ballet is coming up.

ANOTHER BOY. Donna Packer has already visited her old Alma Mater the Humanities department to show off her baby son David Joshua who was born 28th September 7.55 p.m. and weighing a healthy 8 and one third pounds. Various fellow workers report he is beautiful.

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FINE ARTS GALLERY. Down the stairs to the 1st floor. North west entrance. Lines or Fantasy and Social Comment. Tuesday Oct.17 through to Sat., Nov. 4. Lithographs, drawings and caricatures. Daumier, Gavarni, Steinlen, Arn Saba & Giuseppe Mazzariol. The gallery is closed on Mondays but any other day why not visit them in a lunch hour.

AND LAST BUT certainly not least a special wish for long life and happiness to the newly weds on the fifth floor, Main Library, Mr. & Mrs. Chew. He of the Info. & Orientation Dept. and she the former Claudia Kerr of Catalogue Maintenance. Claudia is a well known member of many committees and vice chairman of the Library Assistants Associatio

See you next month...WIBBY



PEOPLE-CENTERED SERVICES - SPECIAL  
LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION 63RD ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE, BOSTON, JUNE 4-8, 1972.

Impressions from my first large conference (2200 registrants) are many and varied. Here are a few selected highlights.

The First General Session provided a vivid illustrations of a communication gap on the burning issue of equal opportunity. The keynote address was given by Dr. Leon Sullivan, a Baptist minister and the founder of OIC, Opportunities Industrialization Center, which has over ninety branches in the U.S. and abroad to create jobs and better conditions for minority peoples. Dr. Sullivan is also the first black American to be on the Board of Directors of General Motors. It was interesting to experience at first hand the contrast between the fervent heat of the evangelist's dire predictions of blood flowing in the streets by the year 2000 unless the white establishment, libraries included, provides thousands of jobs immediately for blacks, and the coolness of the reception on the part of a largely government or business library-oriented audience that obviously felt the exhortation and warning to be misdirected or the passionate oratory distasteful.

Although not an SLA member, I had been attracted to the conference primarily by the joint meeting of Special Librarians and the American Mathematical Society which was set up to discuss publications and other matters arising from questionnaires sent out to mathematics and science librarians. While not providing much new information, it was a good opportunity to refresh my knowledge of various aspects of mathematical literature and its publication. Incidentally, it became obvious how few "mathematics librarians" there are - fewer than twenty had responded to pre-conference requests for information. There were not enough to form a separate section within SLA, and it now appears that a Mathematics-Physics-Astronomy section may be formed.

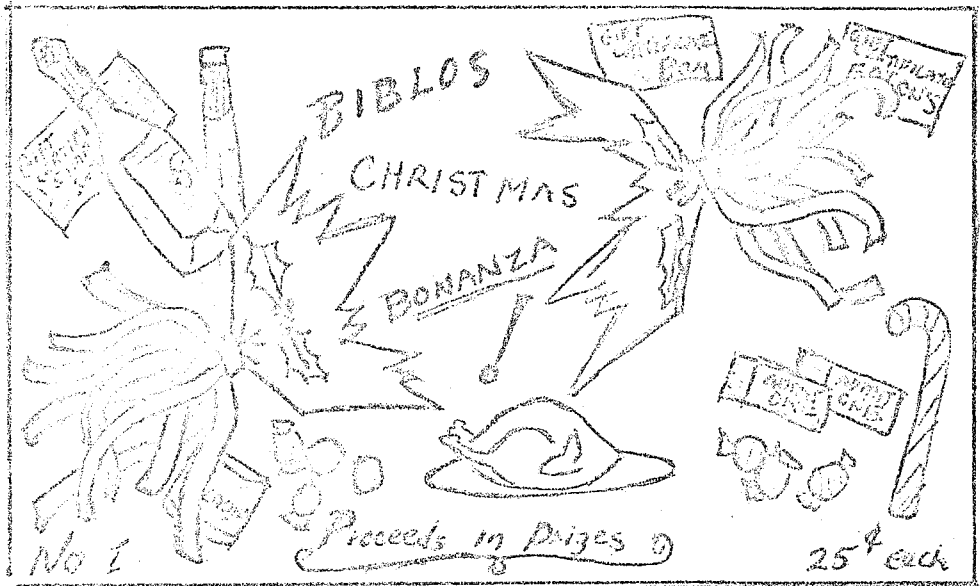
At the same meeting, some of LC's worst bloopers came up; a book on game theory was once classified under PHYSICAL EDUCATION,

and a work on lattice theory found its way into the CRYSTALLOGRAPHY classification.

There were many meetings and papers of interest to science librarians, especially "The Environment: Information and Policy Making," "Transportation Library Roles in National Transformation Information Systems Planning," and "Nuclear Science Data Bases." At the latter, Georg Mauerhoff's description of the National Science Library's CAN/SDI current awareness service was received with great interest and considerable envy, as this service is ahead of anything in the U.S. in its coverage of science data bases and the extent of nation wide coordination. Mauerhoff's account seemed better to reflect the "people centered service" theme than most computer projects I heard discussed, and was in particular contrast to the hardware-oriented displays in the exhibit area.

Perhaps the most valuable benefit from attending this conference was the opportunity of getting at least slightly acquainted with others working in similar subject areas and to discuss common interests. Memorable tours and library visits in one of the oldest and most interesting North American cities were most worthwhile. The worst thing that I remember from the conference is a subject heading which I pass on to Cataloguing with apologies; it concerns a special form of pollution prevalent in busy coastal cities like Vancouver, i.e. PORT NOISE COMPLAINT.

Jack McIntosh



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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

The U.B.C. Library Assistants Association Bowling League is off and running for another year! Our first league play was September 18. Library staff response was definitely not overwhelming but nonetheless this year we have 8 (EIGHT) staff members as compared to 6 (SIX) last year! Fortunately, the library staffers on our league have many enthusiastic friends, relatives and acquaintances. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that our bowling league WILL continue for another complete season. Mind you, IF anyone out there should still wish to join - please don't hesitate, we can always find room for one more !!!

There is every hope that the LAA social committee will be able to set up a noontime FILM PROGRAM for your enjoyment on those cold winter lunch hours. We have a projectionist and the material. As soon as a convenient location can be arranged the time, place and program will be announced.

A TUPPERWARE PARTY is to be held on Tuesday Nov. 14, 8 pm. at 3519 West 14th. Any one wishing to attend please phone Claudia at 2304. If you can't attend but need a Tupperware item, Claudia has a supply of catalogues for your convenience. This party is just in time for Christmas - delivery date Dec. 2nd.

Are you having trouble PARKING? As we understand it, the problem has been greatly aggravated by an influx of bodies to the Buchanan Tower, many of whom used to park in the Fraser River lot. It has been suggested that the parking lots between Brock and the new residence buildings should be for staff and faculty only. All visitors and paying students should be directed to the near vacant Fraser River lot. If you so agree sign the petitions that are being circulated or send your own memo -don't phone- to

R.C. Liddell  
Superintendent Traffic and Parking -  
3030 Westbrook Crescent

More TOURS are in the offing. Arrangements are now being made by Carol-Ann and dates will be announced shortly.

On the agenda are:

Scott Paper Ltd., B.C. Sugar Refinery, Chinatown, including amongst other things, a visit to a Chinese Theatre, a newspaper office and a ten course dinner, also by popular request, a return visit to C.P. Air.

When arrangements have been completed, Gwen Gregor of the Map department will be the one to phone for details. Loc. 2231

The ALL CANDIDATES MEETING of Sept. 22, was not exactly crowded but approximately 70 interested people attended. Many of course were the candidates and we must thank the nominees who co-operated one hundred percent. Owing to work schedule, sickness and other unanticipated events a few of the nominees found it impossible at the last minute to attend. Never the less, everyone of the people running for office had accepted most generously the invitation to come and meet the staff. The opportunity was there. The fact that so many members of the staff failed to take advantage of the opportunity was their loss. It was also very noticeable that the nominees and the people who came to meet the nominees were the same basic core of staff members who always seem ready to become involved - again thanks to all those who participated - there's that word again.

Again we draw your attention to the fact that anyone who wishes may consult the JOB DESCRIPTION MANUAL in the Front Office. Don't forget the SICK BAY is there for your use. New members of staff in the Main Library should acquaint themselves of its location and where the key for use of same is available.

PENNY POWER The UNESCO project to celebrate International Book Year.

Keep those pennies jingling in the boxes. Don't let your purse or pocket get weighed down. Drop those pennies in the cans.

TAG DAY FOR PENNY POWER - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th.

Next RAP SESSION for the Library Assistants Association is Thursday, Oct. 26, 8 pm. at 3519 West 14th Ave.

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IFLA 1972

The 1972 annual meeting of the International Federation of Library Associations met in Budapest in late August to early September. At the forefront of attention at both the plenary sessions and the University Library sessions was the educational role of the book in keeping with 1972 being International Book Year.

I hope that it is not prejudice which makes me think that the Committee on Cataloguing - the part of the conference which drew me to the meeting and the group with which I am concerned as a member of a committee of CLA - accomplished as much if not more than other sections. Certainly it is in the nitty gritty of describing books for catalogues that the greatest amount of duplicated effort can be avoided through cooperation and coordination.

The Committee continues to concern itself with the problems of developing nations. The International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD) has been accepted by a variety of national bibliographic centres, greatly reducing the repetitive redescription of items in according to differing national practices.

One of the major concerns this year was the development of an ISBD for serials. A proposed ISBDS was presented which formed the basis of critiques made by several including me. Jean Lunn plans to hold a Canadian meeting on the ISBDS in order to present a coordinated commentary. The most frequently voiced criticism was its lack of conformity to the already accepted practices of the ISBD.

Another concern was the arrangement under voluminous authors, a working paper being presented. John Gray and I will comment on this proposal based on the UBC experience with this problem.

A future concern will be filing in general, particularly under the impact of mechanization. I am forwarding Ann Turner and my work on this subject and suggesting that Ann would have much to contribute as the project continues.

The continuity of my attendance at IFLA for three years now

has been of cumulative value to me, particularly since so many at the conference are there only one year primarily as tourists.

A continuing valuable side result is the opportunity to examine other libraries of differing traditions. Although Canada's library practices are firmly in the American tradition, some practices of her national library and some Quebec libraries are closer to the European tradition. She has the opportunity of drawing on two traditions to produce a more useful library organizational pattern, as well as convey the values of each to the other.

Increasingly in both Eastern and Western Germany, books are being arranged by accession number within size categories. Since classed order no longer exists on the shelf, added importance is attached to the classed catalogue. Dr. Joachim Dietze of East Germany's Universitäts und Landesbibliothek, Sachsen-Anhalt, reported that its newly created classed catalogue was used by forty per cent of its patrons. The older alphabetic author or title (not author and title as in North America) was used by sixty per cent, and its alphabetic subject catalogue has been long established, frequently as the only subject catalogue.

Some libraries have established helpful and friendly catalogue information services. This is true of the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek in Munich, a library of three million volumes giving same day delivery of requested books. Its public service staff is friendly and helpful and its alphabetic author or title, classed and classed geographic catalogues are easily accessible.

The Technical University of Budapest is one of the better organized eastern European collections. Its 13,000 students are served by detailed published literature guides, and alphabetic author or title catalogue, and a UDC classed catalogue. Added entries for both catalogues are created by underlining in red, a practice which seems to present no problems to users. Its 300,000 volumes include western technical material but little in the social sciences which does not correspond to the eastern position. (The social sciences are taught at this largest of Hungary's universities despite its name.)

A one hundred year old sheaf catalogue is still being used and added to at Budapest's other university, an institution of fewer

students than its sister and concerned with the humanities and professions. This was the oldest functioning catalogue seen. (Entry for all offices is under place; thus the U.S. Dept. of State is under Washington, Not U.S.)

Some libraries have almost inaccessible catalogues because of the limited number of hours the "catalogue rooms" are open, such as the university at Heidelberg and Munich, they being open only four hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon plus one evening per week.

Some libraries have a multiplicity of alphabetic catalogues, a new file representing a change in cataloguing practice. The young German National Library in Frankfurt which collects books published in Germany and in German elsewhere since 1945 already has three alphabetic catalogues representing as many changes in rules. Like the university libraries, books are arranged in accession order within size categories. The subject approach to its two million volumes is through computer subject index print-outs.

Unlike many North American universities, European ones frequently make tasteful and serviceable adaptation of older buildings. Heidelberg is an outstanding example of this.

The collections of public libraries in eastern Europe even more than those of the universities tend to reflect the educational objectives of the state. One small public library, for example, had one-half shelf in 200 (religion) to one and one-half shelves in 100 (philosophy) with the latter being largely Marxist. The collection included the complete works of Marx, Engels and Lenin but no Bible or Biblical commentary.

I am very appreciative of the assistance which made it possible for me to be challenged by achievements which outstrip our own, and to realize our good fortune through seeing librarians labouring under limitations we could hardly imagine.

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J. McRee Elrod

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unbiased panel made up of your editorial  
staff.

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"Front Office"  
Main Library



EXAMPLE: "What do you mean everybody's gone to Parksville!"