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Greetings to you all and welcome back to an exciting year at the University. I began my new position as University Librarian August 1. In these first few months, I have been learning about the Library and the University. In addition to reading everything I could find, I have visited the Library's twenty-one branches and divisions and have been meeting with Deans, Directors, Vice-Presidents and others.

My first priority is fundamental – to develop a strategic plan for the Library. An important step in this planning process is the development of a shared understanding among staff, users and administrators of where the Library is going and how it will try to get there.

One of the key issues we will be discussing is the impact of technology on our services. When first introduced into libraries, computers brought efficiencies and cost savings. By stemming the rate of library cost increases, they enabled us to do more for less. Computers are now moving into the next phase - of transforming the way users access information. The new and improved library services are exciting. Computers enable users to search large files of data quickly and in ways not previously possible. But these new services are also demanding on staff to learn and teach and on our financial resources to acquire the computer-readable indexes as well as the accompanying computers, furniture and electrical lines. Other issues we need to consider are the allocation of staff for these new services, facilities, funding strategies and an organizational structure to govern the changes.

One thing I have discovered already is that the Library has many strengths on which to build. The Library matches the University in ranking among the top institutions, not only in Canada, but also in North America. The collections have expanded to capture knowledge in whatever format it is presented: from rare manuscripts, special collections, book and journals to compact discs and computer databases. The staff are known throughout campus for their expertise, dedication and service. The University is committed to developing the Library needed to support its academic program. With this foundation, I look forward to working with you to design and build the library of the future.

Library welcomes Dr. Ruth Patrick

Dr. Ruth Patrick became UBC's eighth University Librarian August 1. Dr. Patrick received her Ph.D. in Library and Information Studies from the University of California, Berkeley in 1972. She has held positions as Consultant to the United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; Senior Project Analyst, Education System Division, Applied Management Sciences; Assistant Director of Library Operations, University Libraries, Wayne State University; and most recently, as Dean of Library Services, University of Montana. Her areas of research and publication include microcomputers and libraries, staff development, library automation, library systems analysis and academic consortia.

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Research easier with new inde

Improving your access to information is one of the Library's primary goals; and using computer technology one of the ways we can achieve it. The Library already has computer-readable files of books, serials, and other Library materials. However, many researchers want to be able to search files of citations to journal or newspaper articles, government reports and other documents. Five index/abstract databases in Additional Files on UBCLIB and sixteen databases on CD-ROM in various UBC libraries now provide this access.

Search Additional Files in the Library or from your home or office

The index/abstract databases available on UBCLIB are:

Bibliographies - lists citations from bibliographies done at UBC, including Canadian Politics, B.C Theses, the Vancouver Centennial Bibliography, Consumer Health, Marriage and the Family, History of Canadian Childhood and others.

Canadian Newspaper Index - indexes selectively seven major Canadian newspapers. Covers from 1982, updated quarterly. The newspapers indexed are on microfilm in Government Publications/Microforms Division, Main Library.

Current Index to Journals in Education - indexes articles from more than 750 education periodicals. Covers from 1969, updated quarterly.

Microlog - indexes selected Canadian federal, provincial and municipal publications, including research reports in the physical, natural, and social sciences, statistical reports and annual reports. Covers from 1979, updated quarterly. The documents indexed are on microfiche in Government Publications/Microforms Division, Main Library.

Resources in Education (ERIC) - indexes research/technical reports, conference papers and proceedings, program descriptions, bibliographies, teaching guides, curriculum materials, etc. Covers from 1966, updated quarterly. The documents indexed are on microfiche in Government Publications/Microforms Division, Main Library.

PsycLIT (two year demo file only, July 1987 - July 1989) - indexes articles from 1,450 psychology and social and behavioural sciences periodicals and related dissertations from *Dissertations Abstracts International*. A more complete file is to be added this fall.

Canadian Statistics Index will be added to Additional Files soon.

For more information on the databases or on access via a UBCnet terminal or personal computer and modem, pick up the *UBC Library Online* handouts, *Additional Files, Campus Access,* and *Remote Access,* at any UBC Library.

20,000 historical Canadian pamphlets and 19th century textbooks now online

With the help of grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Challenge '90 programme, Special Collections' historical pamphlets are now in the Miscellaneous Materials file on UBCLIB. You can search for them by author, title, subject or keyword in title. The pamphlets are important primary documents in the study of Canadian history, literature and politics, especially British Columbia and the Arctic, the fur trade, the War of 1812, Canadian railway history, the 1837 Rebellion, the Riel Rebellion and immigration.

Access to Special Collections' 19th century Canadian readers, spellers, histories, geographies, mathematics and other textbooks is also now available through UBCLIB. Added to the Miscellaneous Materials file this summer, they can be searched by author, title or subject. This collection complements the Curriculum Laboratory's 20th century textbooks already listed in Miscellaneous.

Anne Yandle

$40,000 grant for travel and voyage collection

Special Collections has received $40,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to purchase books relating to eighteenth and nineteenth century voyages and travels to Pacific Rim countries. The Library already has one of the two best collections in Canada on the discovery and early exploration of the Pacific Northwest, including round the world voyages and trading voyages to the Orient.

Reception marks Asian Library's 30th anniversary

On September 13, friends and supporters of the Asian Library and Asian Centre celebrated the Library's 30th anniversary. The Asian Library has the largest collection of Asian materials in Canada, with more than 350,000 volumes in Chinese, Japanese, Hindi, Punjabi, Sanskrit and other languages. During the evening, President Strangway and Chancellor Peterson unveiled a plaque honouring the Fundraising Executive of the Asian Centre. Dr. Graeme McDonald, President of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, was the guest speaker. In his speech on the de-mystification of Asia, he saluted the contribution the Asian Library's collection and services have made to Asian studies at UBC.

xes on UBCLIB and CD-ROM

Search CD-ROM databases in various libraries

The sixteen index/abstract databases available on CD-ROM are:

In Main Library

Corporate and Industry Research Reports (Humanities/Social Sciences Division) - indexes research reports of international securities and investment firms. Covers from 1979, updated quarterly. The reports are on microfiche in Government Publications/Microforms Division, Main Library.
PsycLIT (HSSD) - indexes psychology and behavioural sciences articles. Covers from 1974, updated quarterly. Equivalent print index is *Psychological Abstracts.*
Sportdiscus (HSSD) - indexes sport, sport medicine, and physical education articles. Covers from 1972, updated semi-annually. Equivalent print index is *Sport Bibliography.*
APS: Micropatent (Patscan, Science Division) - indexes American patents. Covers last 5 years, updated monthly.
CASSIS (Patscan, Science Division) - indexes American patents. Covers from 1970, updated quarterly. Abstracts of most American patents are on microfiche in Patscan, Science Division, Main Library.
Compendex Plus (Science Division) - Indexes articles and conference literature in engineering. Covers from 1986, updated quarterly. Equivalent print index is *Engineering Index.*
FIRST (Patscan, Science Division) - indexes European patents. Covers 1990, updated bimonthly.
NTIS (Patscan, Science Division) - indexes the United States National Technical Information Service's publications, which include engineering studies, economic analyses, industry bibliographies, translations of research reports from foreign governments and software documentation. Covers latest 10 years, updated quarterly. Many of the publications are on microfiche in Government Publications/Microforms Division, Main Library.

In the branches

Agricola/CAIN (MacMillan Library) - indexes articles, government publications, conference papers and some books on agriculture and allied subjects, including forestry. Covers from 1970, updated quarterly.
Canadian Business and Current Affairs (Sedgewick Library) - indexes articles from 500 periodicals and 10 Canadian newspapers. Covers from 1982, updated quarterly.
ERIC (Curriculum Laboratory) - indexes articles in education and ERIC documents. Covers from 1983, updated quarterly.
Math/Sci (Mathematics Library) - indexes articles on pure mathematics and mathematical applications in statistics, computer science, operations research, engineering and other disciplines. Covers the last 5 years of *Mathematical Reviews* and the last 10 years of *Current Mathematical Publications*, updated semi-annually.
Biological Abstracts (Woodward Library) - indexes microbiology, plant and animal science, ecology, biochemistry, bioengineering and biophysics articles. Covers 1990, updated quarterly.
CCOHS-CD - Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (Woodward Library) - indexes occupational health and safety literature; provides descriptive, health and precautionary data on chemicals and pesticides; and toxicological data on 96,000 chemicals. Three files, dates of coverage vary, updated quarterly.
Current Contents: Life 1200 (Woodward Library and Hamber) - lists the tables of contents of 1200 life sciences journals. Updated weekly.
Medline (Woodward and the hospital libraries) - indexes articles in medicine, the allied health fields and the related life sciences. Covers from 1966, updated monthly.
More CD-ROM databases are on order.

Menus and help screens are available for searching the indexes and the reference librarians will be happy to answer any questions. You can print or download from the CD-ROM databases. The Library plans to have printing facilities for UBCLIB files later this fall. For more information or to arrange instruction on searching a specific CD-ROM database, please phone the appropriate branch or division head.

Films and videos - an update

Films and videos formerly in the Film Library have been relocated in other campus libraries. Videos are being sent to the appropriate branch libraries with Woodward (health and life sciences), Curriculum Laboratory (education) and Sedgewick (humanities, social and physical sciences) to have the largest collections. Because of space constraints in the Main Library, Sedgewick houses the videos which would have gone there. All 16mm films are in Sedgewick.

Films continue to be listed in the Miscellaneous Materials file. Videos are being added to the Catalogue file; those not yet catalogued are listed in the In-Process file.

How to borrow, book or view films and videos at UBC
Films and videos may be borrowed directly from a UBC branch library without charge. There is a $5.00 fee to book an item in advance for classroom viewing. Booking forms are available from the appropriate branch. Faculty may place videos on short term loan for courses. Branches with videos also have monitors for on site viewing.

How to book and borrow films and videos not at UBC
If UBC does not have a film or video you need, it may be borrowed from off-campus sources through the Interlibrary Loan Division, Main Library. There is a $5.00 booking fee; booking forms are available in Interlibrary Loan. Interlibrary Loan has access to collections in other B.C. post-secondary libraries, most of whom are Media Exchange Co-operative members; to the National Film Board collections; and to other collections listed in the UTLAS and OCLC databases. Suppliers require a specific show date for booking. Film and video shipments will be arranged to arrive in Interlibrary Loan Division the weekday before a show date. Borrowers must pick up the item from Interlibrary Loan and return it there the weekday after the show date.

Need more information?
Please phone the appropriate branch library or Interlibrary Loan. A handout, *UBC Library: Video and Film Resources*, was sent to faculty this summer. If you would like a copy, phone the Information and Orientation Division (2076). The Library welcomes suggestions for new acquisitions. Consult the librarian who handles your book and journal requests.

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AROUND THE LIBRARIES

Hot off the Press

Asian Library
Engineering Information Resources at UBC
Government Publications: Getting Started
How to find A/V Materials at Curriculum Laboratory (revised)
How to find Recordings on UBCLIB
How to use Microlog (revised)
Library People (revised)
Library Research Review (revised)
Library Services to Off-Campus Users (revised)
Start Here 64. Canadian Literature in English (revised)
Start Here 132. Economic and Financial Data Files (revised)
Start Here 154. Basic Engineering Sources
Start Here 155. Health Services Planning
Start Here 156. Modern Art
Term Paper Research: Getting Started
UBC Library Online: Additional Files
UBC Library Online: Campus Access
UBC Library Online: Brief Introduction to Command Mode (revised)
UBC Library Online: Questions and Answers (revised)
Wilson Recordings Collection (revised)

To request a copy of these handouts, phone the Information and Orientation Division (228-2076).

NEW on display

Norman Rockwell
War Bond Posters
Main Library

John and Patricia Patkau
Architectural Projects
October 23 - November 10
Fine Arts Gallery

Book of Kells splendid example of Celtic art

On July 1, a facsimile of the Book of Kells was presented to the Library at a ceremony at the Frederic Wood Theatre. The original of the Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the Gospels produced by monks in Ireland during the eighth century, has been at Trinity College Library in Dublin since 1661. The $16,000 facsimile, one of 1,480 copies made by Swiss fine art publisher, Faksimile Verlag, was purchased with donations raised by the Vancouver Book of Kells Committee.

Fine Arts Library

People

Mary Banham, Head of Circulation Division, Main Library since 1985, retired in July. **Leonora Crema** has been appointed the new Head of Circulation and **Lynne Redenbach** Circulation/Extension librarian. **Jim Henderson**, Woodward Library, is on a year's leave to work with the Canadian Bacterial Diseases Network, a federally funded Centre of Excellence.

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