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LIBRARY HOURS - WINTER SESSION 1975/76

As you may have read in the last issue of this newsletter, some reductions in Library services will be necessary in 1975/76. Every effort has been made to keep these reductions to a minimum. The schedule below represents an overall reduction of 95.5 hours per week. It's the very best we could do. We hope that the majority of Library users will not be inconvenienced.

MAIN LIBRARY (Effective September 8)

Building open:	Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
	Friday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	12 noon - 11:00 p.m.
Asian Studies Division:	Monday - Thursday	8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	Closed
Fine Arts Division:	Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
	Friday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	12 noon - 11:00 p.m.
Government Publications and Microforms:	Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
	Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	12 noon - 6:00 p.m.
Map Division:	Monday - Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	Closed
Reserve Book Collection:	Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
	Friday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	12 noon - 11:00 p.m.
Special Collections:	Monday - Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	Closed

BRANCH LIBRARIES (Effective September 8, unless posted otherwise)

Animal Resource Ecology:	Monday - Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday, Sunday	Closed
Crane Library:	Monday - Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	Closed
Curriculum Laboratory:	Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
	Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	12 noon - 5:00 p.m.
Data Library:	Monday - Friday	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
	Saturday, Sunday	Closed
Law Library:	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	12 noon - 11:00 p.m.

MacMillan Library:	Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
	Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Marjorie Smith Library:	Monday - Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
	Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*
	Sunday	Closed
	*After October 4.	
Mathematics Library:	Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
	Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	Closed
Medical Branch (Vancouver General Hospital):	Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
	Friday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	12 noon - 10:00 p.m.
Music Library:	Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
	Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	12 noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sedgewick Library:	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.*
	Sunday	12 noon - 11:00 p.m.
	*5:00 p.m. closing until October 18.	
Wilson Recordings Collection:	Monday - Thursday	8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	Closed
Woodward Library:	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	12 noon - 11:00 p.m.
Brock Hall Study Areas	Monday - Sunday	8:00 a.m. - Midnight

MICROFICHE READERS

You will notice, at most public service points around the Library system, new microfiche readers. These are for consulting the various regularly issued Library files - books on loan, books on order, current serial holdings, etc. - which used to appear in print-out form.

The conversion to microfiche is basically an economic move: ink and paper costs have risen dramatically and they show no sign of deflating. But the switch yields definite benefits for Library users as well: the microfiche is strikingly clear and easy to read; smudged fingers - a common nuisance with print-outs - are avoided; and the changeover has prompted some modifying of codes and abbreviations in the computer entries so they're more generally comprehensible. Coverage and currency will continue as before.

A certain amount of confusion is expected as Library users adjust to the new procedures. Operating instructions are displayed alongside the machines, and Library staff are always available to help.

SEDGEWICK SECURITY

A new security system has been installed in the Sedgewick Library. The system is designed to improve service by preventing theft and oversights. Exit queues will be reduced considerably as Library users will no longer normally be required to open bags and briefcases for inspection.

The 3M Detection System 'sensitizes' library materials so they stimulate an electronic detector at the turnstiles if a patron starts to leave with a book or periodical which has not been checked out. A soft chime sounds and the exit turnstile locks. When that happens, the person will be asked to return to the circulation counter to charge out the materials.

The system functions through a counter-top Book Check Unit which deactivates a signal when a book is being signed out. There should be no slowdowns in checkout procedures; library staff simply place materials on the Book Check Unit and pick them up again. The materials have then been deactivated so they will clear the detection sensor, and the patron can pass through the turnstile. Once deactivated, materials can be carried in and out of the library without further checking and handling by staff. At the book return, another Book Check Unit reactivates materials as they arrive.

The system will even detect treated Library materials in book bags, purses, and briefcases ... and the sensor is unlikely to be activated by extraneous objects like umbrellas or keys. There should be few errors.

Sedgewick had been considering the installation of a security system for some years. Whether through intentional theft or absent-mindedness, too much material has gone missing. Too little has found its way back to the library and the library budget has been severely strained by replacement costs. Honest, responsible library users have, with good reason, felt deprived and annoyed.

The new system, proven effective at other libraries around North America, should significantly reduce the number of missing books. And it does the job quietly and without fuss. Similar systems are already in operation in the Woodward Library and in the Fine Arts Division; we anticipate the Sedgewick installation will meet with the same ready acceptance by all library users.

NEW LOAN POLICY POSTPONED

After receipt, by the Library and other responsible parties, of a number of letters protesting provisions in the new loan policy, it has been decided to suspend implementation of the policy pending further study and consultation with interested groups and individuals. The new regulations were to have gone into effect this month. For the time being, at least, the old rules will remain in force.

The new policy had been designed to answer complaints from library users who were having trouble getting hold of needed materials. The idea was to encourage each borrower to honour due dates, and to impose strict overdues penalties when other borrowers were inconvenienced.

Now, the Library and the Senate Library Committee will re-examine the new policy in the light of the objections that have been raised. More information should be available for the next issue of this newsletter.

MAIN LIBRARY CATALOGUE CABINETS

On the heels of a shift that put some Location File drawers into the first aisle of the Subject Catalogue, comes another, more elaborate rearrangement in the Main Library's union catalogue. Sometime this month, the turnstile at the concourse Stack Entry is to be moved inside the doorway, and fifteen new cabinets will be installed.

The public catalogue must grow by several cabinets every year to accommodate the new cards - about five per title - for over 50,000 items added to the collection. Usually, the Catalogue Divisions try to take care of catalogue expansion during the summer months, so catalogue use won't be disrupted in the fall. This year, however, the capital budget was not made available until too late to have the new cabinets here before September.

Soon then, for a week or so, cabinets, drawers, and cards will be shuffling around, and the signs on the cabinets won't correspond to their contents. We apologize for the inconvenience.

PERIODICALS EXPENDITURES

Over the past five years, with subscription fees spiralling, the Library has had to commit greater and greater portions of the book budget to sustaining the periodicals collection. The shortfall between commitments and allotted funds has grown to the point where a sizeable part of next year's budget may have to be 'mortgaged', so to speak, to pay for this year's serials renewals.

The table below gives some idea of how periodicals expenditures have eaten into the budget recently.

BOOK BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR PERIODICALS, 1969/70 to 1974/75

Allocations & Expenditures	1969/70	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75	1975/76 est.
Total Library Book & Periodicals Budget	$1,050,400	$1,111,735	$1,196,030	$1,222,933	$1,258,933	$1,383,933	$1,440,353
Total Library Book & Periodicals Expenditures	1,055,904	1,120,727	1,114,203	1,245,925	1,291,795	1,416,171	—
Total Periodicals Expenditures*	421,322	464,836	544,132	590,511	697,876	773,410	875,920
Percentage of Budget Spent on Periodicals	40.11%	41.81%	45.49%	48.28%	55.43%	55.88%	60.81%

* This includes the following funds: Continuations, Government Publications Continuations, Periodical Renewals, Retrospective Periodicals Acquisitions & Replacements, New Subscriptions, Research Periodicals.

The situation is really quite serious. Soon, periodicals will take two-thirds of the book budget and monographic acquisitions will be irremediably reduced. Efforts to cut costs on periodicals are yielding only slight results. The quid pro quo programme - whereby new subscriptions must be accompanied by cancellations - by itself, seems unlikely to save enough to permit the Library to stay manageably near the budgeted figures. There has been some discussion of a moratorium on *all* new subscriptions and continuations orders, but even that may not hold down expenditures sufficiently. Given the current budget, borrowing from the future may be the only solution short of truly disastrous cuts in acquisitions.

It's not much consolation, but libraries everywhere are encountering the same difficulties. Some have been forced to cut their subscription lists ruthlessly. No one has found a happy solution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DATA LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

The Data Library has acquired the following computer-readable sets:

Canadian Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup) Polls #363-371. All of 1974.
Dutch Continuous Survey, Wave 1. January, 1972.
National Longitudinal Surveys of Labor Market Behaviour. Women, 1967-1971; girls, 1958-1970.

For further information concerning these files, contact the Data Library, local 5587.

WANTED

The following out-of-print items are needed to complete the Library's holdings:

B.C. Motorist. Vol. 9, no. 2 (1970).
Business in B.C. Vol. 1, nos. 3, 6 (1973).
Campus (Toronto). Vol. 3, no. 9 (1971); vol. 4, nos. 6, 7 (1972); vol. 5, nos. 5, 8, 9 (1972).
Canadian Counsellor. Vol. 7, no. 3 (1973).
Canadian Literature. Any issues, 1972-1973.
Newsweek. Vol. 85, no. 7 (Feb. 17, 1975).
Pacific Affairs. Vol. 43, no. 3 (1970); vol. 44, nos. 1, 2, 4 (1971/72); vol. 45, no. 1 (1972); vol. 46, no. 2 (1973); vol. 47, no. 4 (1974/75).
Prism International. Any issues, 1971-1974.
Psychology Today. Vol. 8, no. 6 (1974).
Science. Vol. 181, nos. 4094, 4098 (1973); vol. 187, no. 4174 (1975).
Social Casework (New York). Vol. 55, no. 1 (1974).
Soleil de Colombie (Vancouver). Vol. 3, no. 10 (1970), no. 28 (1971).
Time (Canadian edition). Vol. 105, no. 2 (Jan. 13, 1975).

Please contact Graham Elliston, local 2304, if you can supply any of these.

PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF CHANGES

Here is a list of recent changes in public service staff:

Les Karpinski - Humanities Reference Librarian - on leave till January.
Michael Kasper - Information Librarian - transferred to Humanities Division, till January.
Lillian McIntyre - Social Sciences Reference Librarian - term appointment, till January.
Mary Magrega - Catalogue Librarian - transferred to Information & Orientation Division till January.
Helen Mayoh - Science Reference Librarian - newly appointed.
Sundaram Venkataraman - Science Reference Librarian - newly appointed.

IMPORTANT NEW REFERENCE WORKS

Alternatives in Print 1973-74: The Annual Catalog of Social Change Publications. ZHN 18. A 54. 1973/74. (Location: Ridington Room, Main Library)

Flexible Working Hours and the Compressed Work Week; Technical and Practical Aspects, Implications, by Vasile Tega. An annotated, international bibliography. ZHD 5106. T 439. 1973. (Ridington Room)

Index to Scientific Reviews, 1974- . First volume, issued by the Institute for Scientific Information, Philadelphia. ZQ 1. I 52. S 24. (Science Division, Main Library)

McGraw-Hill Dictionary of Scientific and Technical Terms. Q 123. M 15. 1974. (Science Division)

Modern European Imperialism: A Bibliography of Books & Articles, 1815-1972, by John P. Halstead et al. Two volumes. ZD 358. H 348. 1974. (Ridington Room)

Ontario Since 1867: A Bibliography. Issued in the Ontario Historical Studies Series. ZF 5460. 0 573. 1973. (Ridington Room)

3000 Years of Urban Growth, by Tertius Chandler. A chronology. HB 2161. C 45. 1974. (Ridington Room)

Women in Focus, by Jeanne Betancourt. A guide to film-makers and films. PN 1995.9. W 6. B 4. 1974. (Ridington Room)

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