UBC LIBRARY NEWS

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New Books Ready for Check Out

The next time you visit your branch library, watch for a new area called Uncatalogued Books. Here you will find selected recent arrivals which are being sent directly to the branches for circulation.

New materials for the Library are now sorted into two streams. Items with cataloguing information are sent directly to the Catalogue Division. Rapid turn-around time is expected. Items without cataloguing information are prepared for circulation and sent to the branches for shelving in the Uncatalogued Books Area.

The uncatalogued materials are shelved in the Uncatalogued Books Areas by receipt date, with the oldest first and the newest last. Each item is assigned a pseudo-call number beginning with an "I" followed by a number, for example I2234567. These materials are listed on UBCLIB, the online catalogue, and may be checked out. They will be recalled to the Catalogue Division when cataloguing information becomes available.

This new service is one of the results of an extensive review of Library services in late 1992. The main objectives of the new service are:

- availability of our newest material in a timely manner
- adjustment of priorities within the Catalogue Division without increasing workloads on staff
- more efficient production from Catalogue Division staff due to anticipated reduction in "rush" traces for uncatalogued material
- continuation of the practice of waiting for cataloguing information from other libraries

The first books were sent out to the Asian, Education, Fine Arts, Law, MacMillan, Sedgewick, and Woodward libraries at the beginning of January. Uncatalogued books for the Main library will be available after minor building renovations are made. Work is under way and should be completed in April.

IEEE/IEE Publications Go Electronic

The UBC Library is the first Canadian university library to provide full-text electronic publications of the U.S.-based Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the United Kingdom's Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE). The database, known as *IPO* (IEEE/IEE Publications Ondisc), is available in the Science & Engineering Division in the Main Library.

IPO features digitized images of articles from more than 100 journals, conference proceedings, and standards from January 1988 to the present. In fact, the electronic version is more comprehensive than the Library's print collection and includes items which the Library had not previously purchased. Each document includes the text as well as all photographs, graphs, and diagrams contained in the article.

In one easy step, researchers can do a subject search for references on a specific topic and obtain a printed copy of the article. Subject searching on *IPO* is similar to searching the *INSPEC* CD-ROM database.

Can you search *IPO* by dialing in through your office or home computer? Unfortunately, not yet. *IPO*'s publishers do not license network access to this database. The Library is following closely the publisher's discussions on trial network access. If this becomes available, we hope to obtain a network license for UBC students and faculty.

Call the Science & Engineering Division at 822-3295 to reserve your time slot on *IPO*.

Bonita Stableford
Head, Science & Engineering Division

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Faculty and Librarians Consult on Serials

The Library and faculty are again in the midst of consultations to identify serial titles which will be considered for cancellation. This process is part of an on-going attempt to rationalize expenditures on serials. Costs of serials increase at a greater rate than increases in the Library's collections budget (which was increased by 5.7 percent in 1993/94) and at a greater rate than book costs. In order to maintain a reasonable ratio in the collections budget of serials to monographs, the serials collection needs to be reviewed and culled on a regular basis. Last year and this year, with the approval of the Senate Library Committee, those units with higher cost increases will be expected to reduce their serial acquisitions by a greater percentage than those with lower serial cost increases. This year the Library will need to cut between 9 to 11 percent of the $5 million serials budget.

How much will the cost of serials rise this year? One of the large subscription agents in the U.S. has announced that increases on 1994 subscriptions are the lowest of the decade. Unfortunately, the Canadian dollar has been weak during the year the Library was paying for its 1994 subscriptions. Therefore, at the time of this writing, a reasonable estimate of cost increases would seem to be in the range of 10 to 13 percent, still significantly less than the 20 percent experienced last year.

How are titles chosen for cancellation? The Library circulates lists of cancellation candidates to each department for faculty input. Finalization of the lists takes place in late March and early April. The actual dollar amount to be cancelled is determined in April when collection expenses for the present fiscal year become known. Serials to be cancelled are identified using the following criteria: titles deemed less essential to teaching and research at UBC, titles with large cost increases, expensive titles relative to their use, titles duplicated in another format such as CD-ROM (especially true for printed abstracts/indexes), and duplicate titles. Few duplicates remain in 1994 since 61 percent of the titles cancelled in 1992 and 28 percent in 1993 were duplicates.

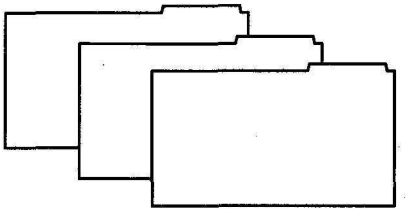
What about new serials? Due to increasing costs the Library has been cautious about ordering new titles in the past three years. However, there is an increasing realization that it is vital for the serial collection to be dynamic in order to reflect current research and curriculum needs. To this end, library units can and do choose to cancel a certain number of extra titles in order to free funds for new titles in their areas.

The acquisition and cancellation of serials is a complex process, made even more so in times of restraint. The complexity has broadened with the emergence of many new technologies. The matter of serials and technology is now under discussion by a subcommittee of the Senate Library Committee.

Janice Kreider
Coordinator of Collections

Faculty Input Welcomed

Is there a book you think the Library should have? Let us know and we will do our best to acquire it unless it is out of print, too expensive, or not appropriate for our research collections. Inquire at any reference desk for a book request form to complete, which will be sent to the appropriate subject bibliographer. Book requests are handled on a priority basis. Years ago, the Library collected more comprehensively than it can now, so we welcome suggestions from faculty to help us identify gaps in the collection.



UBC Adopts Records Management Policy

In January, the UBC Board of Governors approved the *Policy on Records Management*. Developed by the University Archives and Records Management Committee, the main objective of the new policy is to ensure the identification and preservation of the University's permanently valuable records.

The policy stipulates that all records created by or collected in the administrative activity of the institution are the property of the University and subject to its overall control. The University Archives, on behalf of the University, will develop guidelines for the efficient management and disposal of university records as well as records classification systems and schedules. University Archives personnel will coordinate the record management program.

Christopher Hives
University Archivist

Virtual Library Becoming Reality?

The 'electronic library', the 'virtual library', the 'library without walls', these are some of the terms used to describe the 'library of the future'. It is the kind of library we began building at UBC when we established the Data Library in the 1970's and the online catalogue in the 1980's. At present, the Library owns over seventy-five CD-ROM and other electronic databases in many different subject areas, and over 1,200 numeric datasets.

Recently the electronic library received a substantial boost when the University granted the Library an electronic collections budget of $1 million phased in over two years. The new money enables us to expand electronic collection-development initiatives while continuing to build our traditional collections.

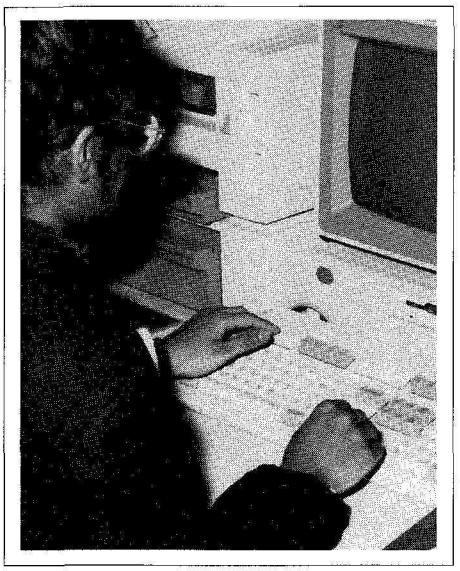
Part of the budget increase has been earmarked for *Netinfo*, a new Library service which gives UBC students free access for 20 minutes daily to electronic mail and other Internet resources such as *Usenet News* and the *ClariNet* electronic newspaper.

The Library received the first portion of the increased budget in December 1993, and over sixty new electronic titles have already been ordered.

Why do we need the Virtual Library?

Scholarly communication is going electronic. Faculty, students, and librarians from approximately 140 countries can communicate electronically, and an estimated 1.8 million computer hosts are connected to the Internet. These figures are growing daily. In almost all subject areas the emphasis is shifting to networked, electronic resources.

The online catalogues of most major research libraries in North America, Western Europe, and elsewhere in the world are accessible to UBC



Library users through UBCLIB, the Library's online catalogue system, or through *View UBC* (UBC's campus-wide information system). Increasing numbers of databases and computer files of all kinds, full-text electronic journals, full-text delivery services, and diverse academic discussion forums are available on the Internet to scholars from their network-linked computers at work or at home.

Libraries as service organizations must be closely attuned to the needs of their varied users. Given static or declining budgets, rising prices, and the information explosion, the allocation of limited resources presents difficult choices. Fortunately, however, information technology also provides many new and exciting opportunities for us.

The virtual library is a revolutionary new tool to assist research libraries in carrying out their mission. For the first time ever it is technically possible to store and share *all* forms of scholarship and communication in one format: digital. Whether the material is full text, numeric, still or moving images, sound, or a combination of any or all of these, it can be stored in digital form in a computer, transmitted across computer networks, and accessed by scholars at their workstations anywhere.

Resource-sharing agreements are a vital part of the virtual library and will enable UBC users to access databases around the world, and remote users to access ours. We need to work towards a model in which many libraries will share the work and the expense, as well as the benefits, of creating the virtual library.

Access to Technology

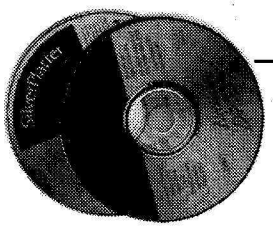
At present, most CD-ROM databases have to be used in the Library. In future, we hope to extend electronic library services by making more of them available on local area networks and the campus network. The transmission of large files, integral to the virtual library, requires broad-bandwidth, high-speed, fibre-optic networks linked to national and international research networks.

The virtual library user needs access to appropriate computer hardware, software, and network connections. Perhaps, before long, a networked computer will become a standard household item in many Canadian homes. But for people without home or office computers, the Library will continue to provide the necessary access. The Library is working with the University to extend and maintain the infrastructure required for the virtual library.

The great challenges for Library staff will be to design and create interfaces which will guide the user intelligently through the myriad local and international knowledge and information resources, and to teach library users 'information literacy'. These will be crucial to the effective use of electronic collections.

The virtual library is becoming an indispensable tool which we will build and refine in close consultation with our users on the UBC campus.

Hilde Colenbrander
Coordinator, Electronic Information Services



SPINNING YOUR WAY: NEW CD-ROM DATABASES IN THE LIBRARY

MAIN LIBRARY

Humanities & Social Sciences Division

America: History and Life **(1982-)**
Citations, with abstracts, to social sciences and humanities literature on all aspects of U.S. and Canadian history, culture and current affairs from prehistoric times to the present. The file covers books, dissertations and articles from some 2100 journals published worldwide.

Eighteenth Century Short Title Catalogue
Full bibliographic descriptions of English printing in the 18th century, including books and ephemeral materials printed in the English language anywhere in the world, or printed in any language in the British Isles or the territories governed by Britain at that time.

Historical Abstracts **(1982-)**
Citations and abstracts of the worldwide literature from about 2100 journals and, since 1980, books and dissertations on all aspects of world history since 1450 (excluding the United States and Canada).

Le Robert Electronique
Complete text of the 1985 second edition of *Le Grand Robert de la Langue Francaise*, including definitions, usage notes, etymology, synonyms, antonyms, derived forms, inflections and quotations. A bibliography listing 2000 authors and their works is also included.

Social Sciences Citation Index **(1991-1993)**
Complete bibliographic data, citations and English-language author abstracts of significant articles from 1400 social sciences journals, and social sciences articles from 3200 journals in the natural, physical and biomedical sciences. We hope to acquire the discs for 1986-1990 (no abstracts) and 1994- in the near future.

Science & Engineering Division

MGA
The equivalent of the printed indexes *Meteorological & Geoastrophysical Abstracts*. It includes references to over 250 periodicals in all languages from 1974 to present. Use *MGA* to find information on environmental science, hydrology, glaciology, physical oceanography, meteorology and astrophysics.

Applied Science & Technology Index
References to over 400 English language periodicals in all areas of science and engineering. It covers the years 1983 to present and is updated quarterly. It is the best source for a quick search in general topics in science and engineering and includes such major journals as *Science* and *Scientific American*.

TRC Thermodynamic Tables
Use this database to find actual values from the standard thermodynamic tables.

EDUCATION LIBRARY

International ERIC
Three educational research databases on a single disc: *Australian Education Index*, *British Education Index* and *Canadian Education Index*. These databases provide information on educational research in, and relating to, their countries in a wide variety of sources, including journal articles, reports, theses, and monographs.

Mental Measurements Yearbook (11th edition, 1992)
Continues the work of the Buros Institute. It provides descriptive information, references and critical reviews of commercially published English-language tests that are new or significantly revised since the 10th *Mental Measurements Yearbook* in 1989. For scholars working in the area of psychology, sociology, education, or social work.

Children's Reference Plus
Bibliographic references to children's books, videos, spoken-word audiocassettes, and periodicals; book reviews from five sources; and full-text annotated material and book plots from 18 of Bowker's reference works.

CANSIM Main Base a Treasure Trove

The Data Library has acquired a licence for the *CANSIM* Main Base (Canadian Socio-economic Information Management), produced by Statistics Canada. The *CANSIM* Main Base contains about 500,000 Canadian time series on topics as diverse as population, prices and price indexes, labour and income, agriculture, and national accounts. There are data on industrial organization and finance, investment and capital stock, energy and domestic trade, manufacturing, international travel, and crime. This is truly a treasure trove of Canadian socio-economic indicators!

A test version of the *CANSIM* Main Base is now available on the campus network, with retrieval software, through UNIXG.

The *CANSIM* University Base, a subset of the Main Base containing about 200,000 time series, has been available for online retrieval through UNIXG since August 1992. The University Base will continue to be available until the Main Base is fully operational.

For more information about searching *CANSIM* on UNIXG, please contact the Data Library at 822-5587 or e-mail **dlhelp@datalib.ubc.ca**.

Netinfo Extends Electronic Services

In December, the Library introduced *Netinfo*, a new service for UBC students which was developed by Computing and Communications. *Netinfo* provides all UBC students with 20 minutes per day free access to electronic mail and other Internet resources such as *Usenet News* (an electronic bulletin board and discussion service) and *ClariNet News* (an online news service).

Netinfo is for UBC students only. If faculty and staff are interested in these services, they can apply to their departments for UNIXG accounts.

Netinfo includes remote access to UBCLIB and *View UBC* (UBC's campus-wide information service). Free remote access to these services is still available through the Library. The Library introduced dial-in service to UBCLIB in 1988 and to *View UBC* in September 1993.

A *Campus Netinfo Steering Committee* has been established to advise the University Librarian on *Netinfo* services. The members are Ms. Janice Boyle (*AMS*), Dr. John Gilbert (*Chair, Senate Library Committee*), Dr. Robert Kubicek (*Campus Advisory Board on Computing and Communications*), Mr. Jack Leigh (*Computing and Communications*), Dr. Michael Pitt (*Campus Advisory Board on Student Development*), Ms. Julie Stevens (*Library*), and Mr. Stephen Wilson (*Graduate Student Society*). Dr. Yair Wand (*Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration*) chairs the Committee. Dr. Ruth Patrick (*University Librarian*), Dr. Bernie Sheehan (*Associate Vice-President for Information and Computing Systems*), Ms. Heather Keate (*Assistant University Librarian for Public Services*), and Mr. Ron Hall (*Computing and Communications*) are ex-officio members.

For more information about *Netinfo*, please pick up a copy of the Fastfact *Using NetInfo* at the Computer Sciences Building (Room 100) or at any Library reference desk.

Introducing *OVID*

Users of the UBC Life Sciences libraries started searching medical and health sciences databases using a new computer system called *OVID* at the beginning of February. *OVID* is a UNIX-based interface for the PlusNet2 system that supports *Medline* and other health sciences databases.

OVID is faster to search and allows for access by both direct dial-up and telnet. It also provides numerous scope notes to help users with subject searching as well as other enhancements to assist regular users to improve their searching skills.

Librarians at Woodward Biomedical Library are now teaching classes on *OVID*. For more information about the classes and to purchase dial-up privileges, please call Dan Heino at 822-5810 or send an e-mail message to **dheino@unixg.ubc.ca**.

UBCLIB Links Educators to Internet Resources

UBCLIB, the Library's online catalogue/information system, provides free access to the vast array of subject specific resources now available on the Internet. An excellent information service for faculty and students in education is *AskERIC* which provides full-text lesson plans (K-12), ERIC digests, ERIC InfoGuides, and a question and answer service.

Prepared by teachers in the United States, the *ERIC* lesson plans cover language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and miscellaneous topics. ERIC digests are summaries of research on a topic. A wide range of topics are covered. Some current topics include alternative schools, school choice, role of business in education, and year-round education. The ERIC InfoGuides provide an overview of current topics such as Internet resources for K-12 educators, authentic assessment, and endangered environments.

For users with access to electronic mail, *AskERIC* also provides a question and answer service. You can send your questions to **askeric@ericir.syr.edu**. Within 48 hours, a search of the ERIC database will be done and twelve to fifteen citations will be sent to you via e-mail.

Librarians in the Education Library now include training on *AskERIC* and other internet resources as part of their Library instruction for students.

For more information about *AskERIC*, call Jo-Anne Naslund at the Education Library 822-3767or e-mail **jnaslund @unixg.ubc.ca**.

Jo-Anne Naslund
Education Library

Senate Library Committee 1993/94

Members of the Senate Library Committee advise and assist the University Librarian in developing policies on resources and services and in allocating the collections budget. They also advise the Library on user needs and report to Senate on matters under discussion.

Members of the Committee for 1993/94 are Dr. John Gilbert (Chair), *Audiology and Speech Sciences*; Mr. John Banfield, *Convocation Senator*; Dr. John Gosline, *Dept. of Zoology*; Dean John Grace, *Faculty of Graduate Studies*; Dr. Sherrill Grace, *Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts*; Mr. Byron Horner, *Student Senator*; Dr. Donald Lyster, *Pharmaceutical Sciences*; Mr. Paul Marsden, *Student Senator*; Ms. Margaret Price, *Library*; Mr. Marc Schaper, *Student Senator*; Dean Nancy Sheehan, *Faculty of Education*; Dr. Sally Thorne, *School of Nursing*; and Dr. Elvi Whittaker, *Dept. of Anthropology*. Ex-officio members are Chancellor Robert Lee, President Strangway, Dr. Ruth J. Patrick, *University Librarian*; Dr. Ken Haycock, *Director, School of Library, Archival and Information Studies*; Dr. Richard Spencer, *Registrar*; and Dr. K.D. Srivastava, *Vice-President, Student & Academic Services*.

Dr. Gilbert has recently established a Subcommittee on Serials and Technology to assist the Senate Library Committee in formulating policy for the development and distribution of resources in matters relating to serials and emerging technologies for serial production and distribution. Members of the Subcommittee are Dr. John Gilbert (Chair), Ms. Hilde Colenbrander, *Library*; Dr. Sian Echard, *Dept. of English*; Dr. John Gosline, *Dept. of Zoology*; Mr. Brian Owen, *Library*; Dr. Richard Rosenberg, *Dept. of Computer Science*; Ms. Kelly Russell, *School of Library, Archival and Information Studies*; Dr. Maureen Ryan, *Dept. of Fine Arts*; and Mr. Johann van Reenen, *Library*.

Gifts and Exchanges Division Decentralized

The tasks of the Gifts and Exchanges Division in the Main Library are being decentralized this year.

Donors of books and other materials should now contact the library branch relevant to the subject of the books being donated. The librarians request that you communicate with them before sending or bringing gift books to the libraries.

One reason for this decentralization is the upcoming early retirement of Graham Elliston who has been Head of the Gifts and Exchanges Division since 1972. During this year of transition, he is serving as a consultant to the other librarians as they take on the additional responsibilities of selecting and processing gifts. He is also reviewing the exchange arrangements whereby the Library receives periodicals from other institutions in exchange for sending materials to that institution, and assisting in the transfer of the technical processing work previously done in the Gifts and Exchanges Division to the Order Division in the Library Processing Centre.

Janice Kreider
Coordinator of Collections

AROUND THE LIBRARIES

People

A fond farewell was extended to three librarians who took early retirement at the end of December: **Elsa Guarnaschelli,** *Catalogue Division*, joined the Library in 1980. After several years in charge of cataloguing added copies and volumes, she assumed responsibility for catalogue maintenance in 1987 ... **Anthony Jeffreys**, *Assistant University Librarian for Collections*, was hired in 1971 as the *Life Sciences Bibliographer*. He was appointed *Assistant University Librarian for Collections* in 1980 and added Technical Services to his responsibilities from December 1991 to April 1993 ... **Jim Sharpe**, *Catalogue Division*, came to the Library in 1967. He was responsible for the cataloguing of scientific and medical materials, and, from 1976, coordinated the Cataloguing-In-Publication operation.

Mary-Beth Clark has been appointed to a two-year position in Humanities and Social Sciences Division, starting January 4, 1994. Mary-Beth will be responsible for Economics and Asian Studies in western languages ... **Hilde Colenbrander**, *Head of the Data Library* since 1988, was appointed the UBC Library's first *Coordinator of Electronic Information Services* (half-time), effective January 1, 1994. Her mandate is to plan and organize the acquisition of, and access to, electronic resources, and to coordinate their integration into library services.

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to take this opportunity to announce the appointment of Lesley Ashford as the new Development Officer for fundraising and donor relations. Lesley brings with her several years of experience in the field of fundraising including public relations, advertising, and special event organization.

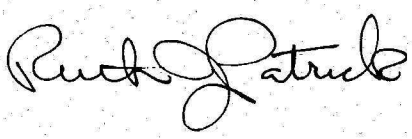
One of the many activities Lesley will be undertaking is to work with the Friends of the Library organization, to keep our Friends informed, and to encourage their participation in the development of the Library.

The UBC Library is the province's foremost research library. Its main responsibility is to the University's students and faculty, but it also serves as a major resource centre for researchers, professionals, scholars, and business people throughout British Columbia, Canada, and the world. The Library continues to appreciate the assistance and commitment from our friends and other public and private supporters who recognize this vital contribution to British Columbia.

The Friends of the UBC Library welcomes new members and encourages members to renew their membership. A membership form is on the reverse for your convenience.

Your participation in the future of the University of British Columbia Library will make a difference.

Sincerely,



Ruth J. Patrick
University Librarian

Friends of the UBC Library

The Friends of the UBC Library brings together people committed to strengthening the Library's resources and encourages their participation in the Library's development.

We look forward to your support

Friends help through their interest in the Library, in its goals and in its importance as the focal point of the University. They help by promoting public interest in the Library's role in education. Friends also help through their gifts of books, manuscripts and other materials and through their financial contributions. Such contributions may be used to purchase materials beyond the limits of our regular budget and to buy equipment or provide services which improve access to Library collections.

To join, please complete the form below

Donations of any amount to the Friends of the UBC Library are welcome.

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