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Update on Serial Cancellations

The Library, the Senate Library Committee and the University Administration are looking for ways to postpone some of the serial cancellations which were predicted in the last *Library News*. Delaying some of the cancellations will give the Library more time to look for other alternatives. It is likely, however, that some cancellations will be necessary each year given the escalating cost of serials.

There is some good news on the exchange rate front. The British pound is at a much lower level than it was early in the fall; some of the other European exchange rates have improved; and the Canadian dollar has stabilized against the U.S. dollar at 78 to 79 cents. Our dollar is still, however, very vulnerable to poor economic news and to speculators.

The Library will continue with the process of identifying 25% of our serial subscriptions as a population which can be reviewed and from which the necessary cancellations can be drawn each year. This will avoid the necessity of librarians and faculty reviewing our entire body of serials each time cancellations are required. The process

of consultation prior to each round of cancellations will continue, but it will be easier if we need to consider and prioritize only a previously agreed list of potential candidates. Naturally, the Library will not cancel any more subscriptions than is absolutely necessary.

In reviewing which serials might be cancelled this year, the Library has suggested the following guidelines:

- ◆ Give priority to cancelling titles with excessive price increases.
- ◆ Retain titles with low cost if librarians and users feels that borrowing on ILL would be as or more costly than subscribing.
- ◆ Reduce remaining duplication to as low a level as possible.
- ◆ Consider availability in other local libraries and through electronic means (the science and law areas are somewhat more advanced in this respect).

Once the serial price increases for each subject area have been determined, the

Library and the Senate Library Committee will consider the possibility of relating the percentage of cancellation in each area to the percentage of cost increase for that area.

Over the next few months the Library and the Senate Library Committee will review the ratio of book to serial spending in each of the major areas of the Library and will seek advice on whether these ratios are appropriate or should change. Changes in the ratios may affect the need for serial cancellations in each area.

The University Librarian is undertaking a survey of research libraries in Canada to determine the extent and frequency of cancellation programs, and to assess the use of indices and formulae for determining Collections budget increases. We hope to have this information by March or April.

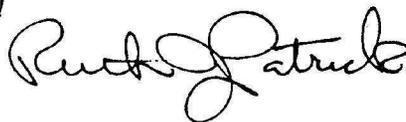
Since this is the last *Library News* of the Academic Year, further updates on serial cancellations will be sent out in the form of letters to Deans, Directors and Department Heads.

Dr. Anthony Jeffreys
Assistant University Librarian for Collections

Message from the University Librarian

One theme that has been consistent throughout the history of the Library has been the continual improvement in our services and increased productivity of our staff. Over the last 20 years, even though students have increased by 43%, and faculty have increased by 17%, the number of Library staff has decreased by 12%. Ongoing evaluation of our services, as well as improvements made possible by technology, have enabled us to maintain high standards in helping users find the information they need.

Technology continues to enable us to improve access to our holdings. Now that eight database files have been merged in our online catalogue, one search leads the user to more of our holdings. More users are aware of our extensive microform holdings, and usage of these materials is increasing. Our success in obtaining external grants brings us more materials (such as the Opie Collection of Children's Literature) and improved services for people with visual disabilities. My thanks to the many Library staff who keep us ever moving forward!



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Five Positions Lost in 1992/93

Budget increases for all units on campus were scarce this year because of the University's increasingly difficult financial position. The Library was fortunate to receive \$142,000 in continuing funds for the Collections budget and \$150,000 (one-time only) for the second phase of the Library Automation Project.

There was no increase for inflation for any of the University's departments supported from the Operating Budget. Inflation still exists, of course, and is taking its toll of our meagre budget for supplies and equipment as well as wreaking havoc on the Collections part of the budget.

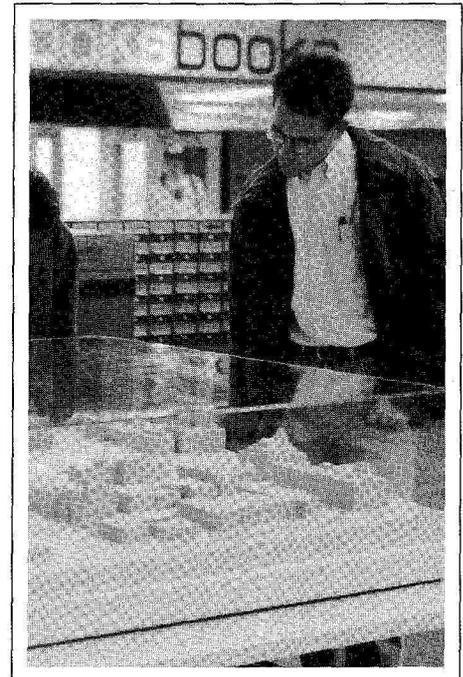
Salary increases negotiated in 1991/92 resulted in increases in excess of the University's budget for that purpose. To cover the extra costs, reallocations were made within the existing budget. The Library's portion was \$310,000. This amount came from five vacant positions and their associated benefits (15%): Head, Biomedical Branch Library; Coordinator, Health Sciences Network; Head, Information & Orientation Division; Head, Catalogue Records Division and Library Assistant 2, Social Work Library.

Because the salary increases are continuing costs, these positions are gone permanently. In the last three years, the Library has lost 16.54 full-time equivalent positions (7.88 Librarians and 8.66 Library Assistants).

Board of Governors Approves Phase I Predesign Report

On November 19th, the Board of Governors approved the predesign report for Phase I of the new Central Library. The firm of Arthur Erickson Aitken Wreglesworth Associates has started work on the detailed design and floor plans of Phase I, which is expected to be completed in late 1995. Campus Planning is studying how Sedgewick will operate during construction.

Arthur Erickson, Peter Wreglesworth and Noel Best presented information from the predesign report to Library staff and the campus community at meetings on November 20th and December 3rd. A model of Phase I was on display in Sedgewick Library during December.



Faster and More Powerful Online Catalogue

A new version of UBCLIB, the Library's online catalogue, is up at all terminals in the Library and via remote access. Running on the UNIX operating system, the new UBCLIB has more searching options, much faster response time and a more integrated file structure than the old version. Now you search just one file instead of eight.

Try some of these new commands and features:

- ◆ RELATED command (lists items related by author, subjects & series)
- ◆ LIMIT command (limits by language, date, and publication type)
- ◆ keyword searching (titles, names and subjects)
- ◆ availability of truncation or "wild card" searching in most files
- ◆ cross-references for names, subjects and series
- ◆ number of items retrieved (postings) in browse lists
- ◆ records display in reverse chronological order

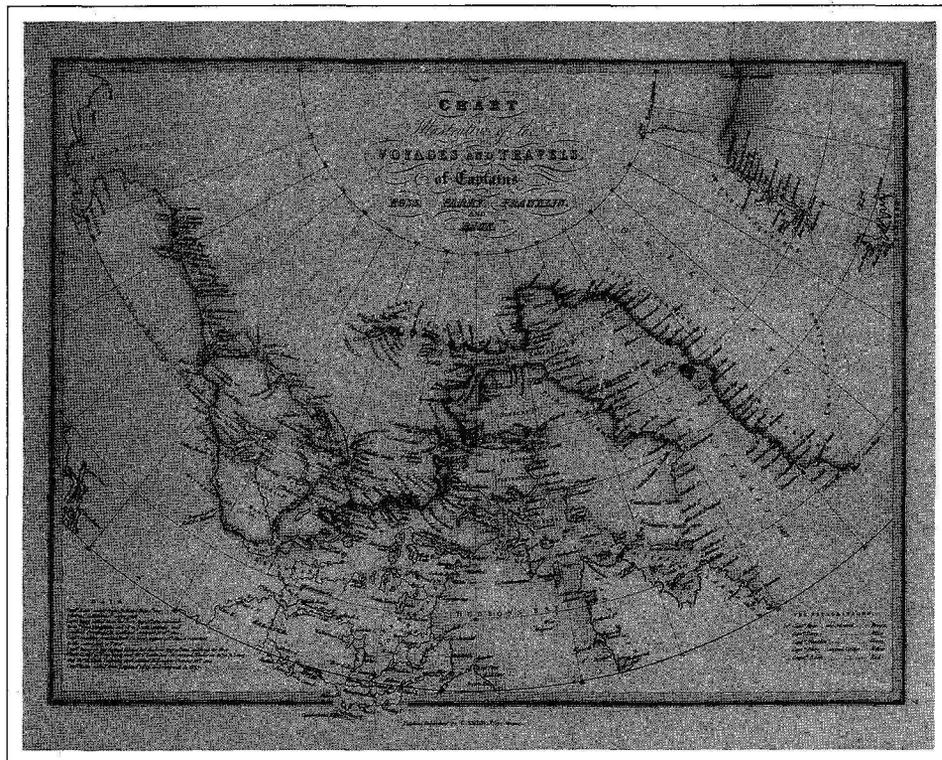
Other new UBCLIB developments expected later this year include a gateway to other university library catalogues, up-to-the-minute circulation information, self-service holds and more.

New Publications Feature UBC Special Collections

The Library has launched a new series of Occasional Publications which will cover special areas of the UBC Library collections. The series is part of the Library's continuing effort to make details of its resources more widely known. The first two works in the series are now available through UBC Press.

Amor, Norman L. *Beyond the Arctic Circle: materials on Arctic explorations and travels since 1750 in the Special Collections and University Archives Division of the University of British Columbia* / Norman Amor. - Vancouver: University of British Columbia Library, 1992. — Occasional publications ; No. 1.

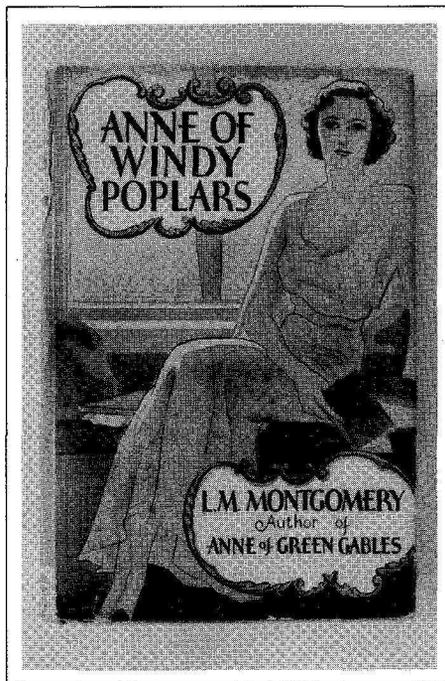
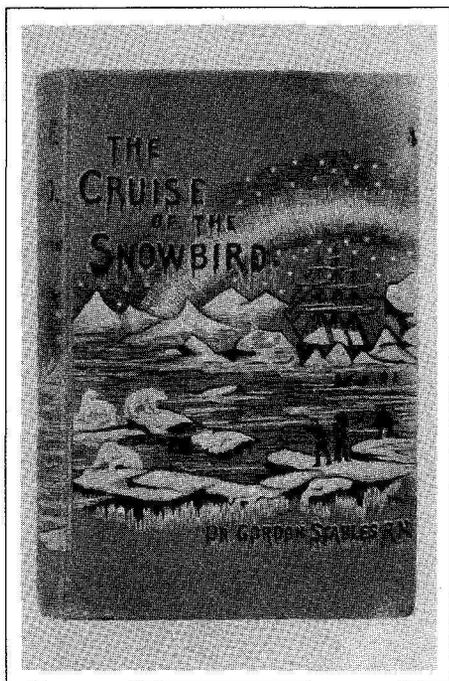
The first in the series is a short bibliographic essay on our Taylor Arctic Collection by Norman Amor. It provides an overview of the literature of Arctic exploration since the eighteenth century, commenting on the fine editions collected by A.J.T. Taylor. Taylor's collection was donated to the UBC Library at his death in 1945. The essay also discusses related maps and manuscripts housed in the Special Collections Division. Illustrated by photographs of original plates and maps, it has been handsomely produced by Triumph Printing in Vancouver.

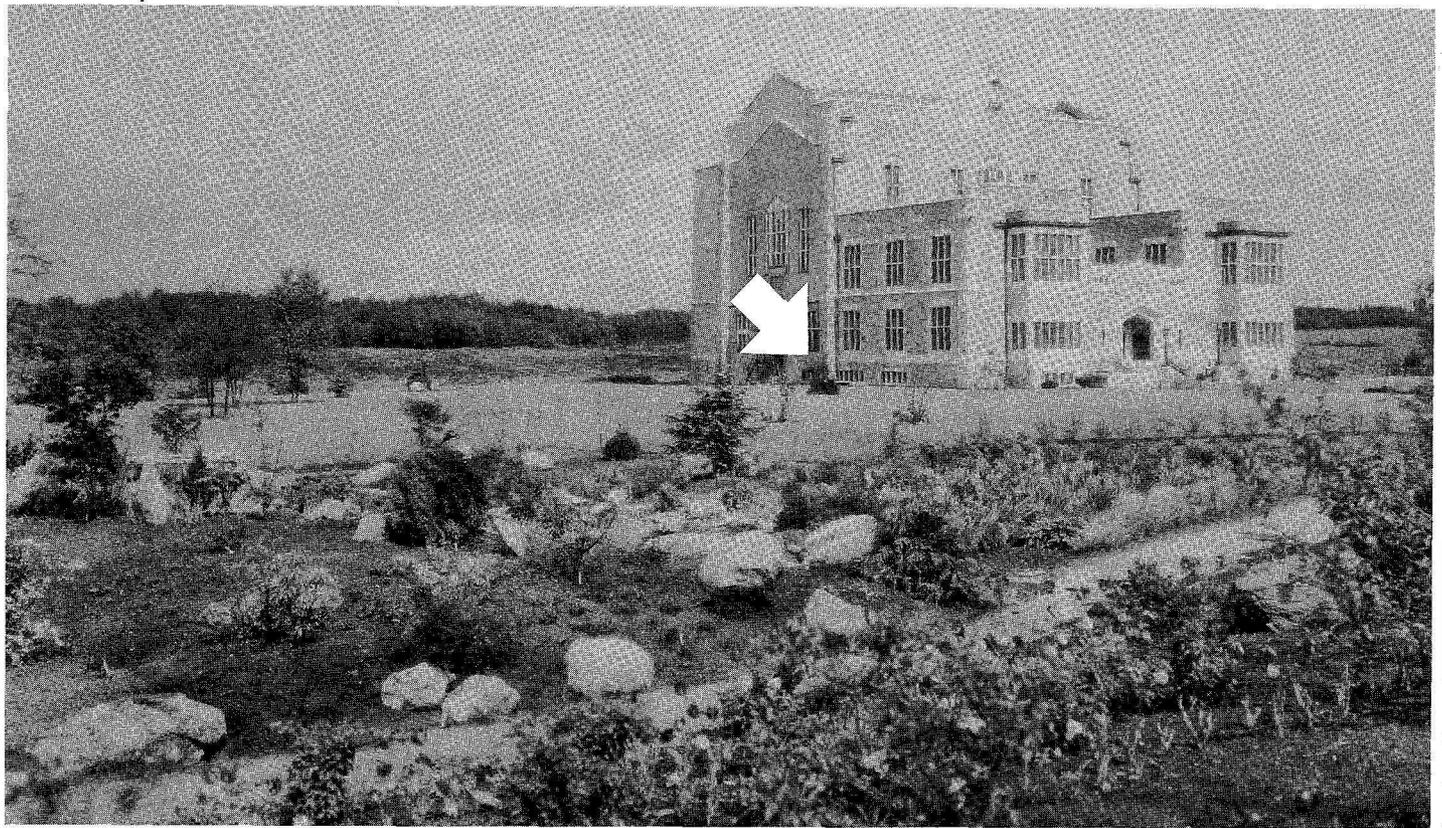


Egoff, Sheila A. *Canadian children's books, 1799-1939, in the Special Collections and University Archives Division, the University of British Columbia Library: a bibliographical catalogue* / compiled by Sheila A. Egoff. - Vancouver: University of British Columbia Library, 1992. — Occasional publications ; No. 2.

The UBC Library's remarkable holdings of material written for children are valuable to scholars in the fields of cultural history, education, psychology, and sociology. Important bequests and donations over the past thirty years have enlarged the Library's collection of early children's books published in Canada, written by Canadians, or closely related to Canada. This catalogue describes some 850 books in bibliographic detail with extensive annotations, plot summaries, and critical commentary.

Sheila Egoff, Professor Emerita in UBC's School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, is Canada's foremost authority on Canadian children's literature. With the help of the extensive reference collections at UBC and of library resources in this country and elsewhere, she brings to light significant new information on the authors, illustrators, publishers, and printers of these books. Some thirty illustrations are reproduced (the two on the front cover in their original colour) showing principal styles of illustration from these books.





Leonard Frank photo, courtesy UBC Archives

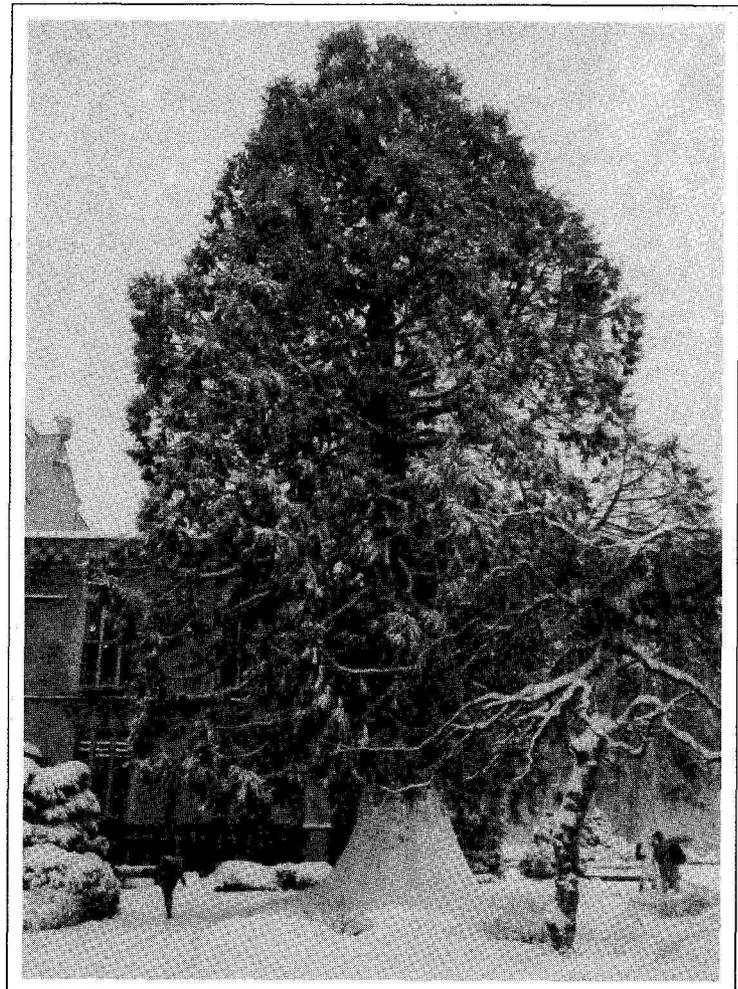
Campus Landmark Remembered

The Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) tree in front of the Main Library is gone. The tree died during the summer and was removed just before Remembrance Day in November.

The Giant Sequoia tree was grown from a cutting by Professor Frank Buck, Assistant Professor and Landscape Architect at UBC from 1920-1932. Records indicate that the cutting came from a stand of Sequoias in the Fraser Valley which were brought to B.C. by California miners (the '49ers) when they came up for the Cariboo gold rush in the 1860's.

The Giant Sequoia was planted in front of the Main Library as part of the original campus landscaping by Professor Buck. His design was based on a system of triangulation and the Sequoia was planned as the pivot in the triangulation of the Library landscaping.

The University Archives has an excellent selection of photographs of the Sequoia. One of the earliest photographs shows a small pyramidal tree (the pyramid shape is one of the characteristics of the Sequoia when it is young), approximately four feet tall.



Data Library News

Population data and lots more available online

You can now retrieve Canadian socio-economic time series online from Statistics Canada's CANSIM University Base. CANSIM is available to UBC faculty, students, and staff on the campus network through UNIXG, the central UNIX timesharing service. (To use it you need a UNIXG computer account and some knowledge of the UNIX operating system.)

CANSIM is updated quarterly and contains about 185,000 different time series including items such as:

- ◆ population estimates, births, deaths and marriages, for Canada and the provinces
- ◆ migration and immigration statistics
- ◆ consumer price index data for Canada, the provinces, and major cities
- ◆ labour force characteristics such as employment figures and unemployment rates
- ◆ interest rates, and Canadian bond yield averages
- ◆ apple production and prices in B.C., and much more.

You can search an online directory to determine whether the items you want are available in CANSIM, and then retrieve the numbers either in table or 'raw data' format. Write the results to a disk file on your UNIXG account and then download it to your PC or workstation.

If you'd like to print the document which describes how to retrieve CANSIM data, sign on to your UNIXG account and type:

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lpr -Pps3 cansim_pgrm.ps
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Printed output can be collected from Room 100 in the Computer Sciences Building.

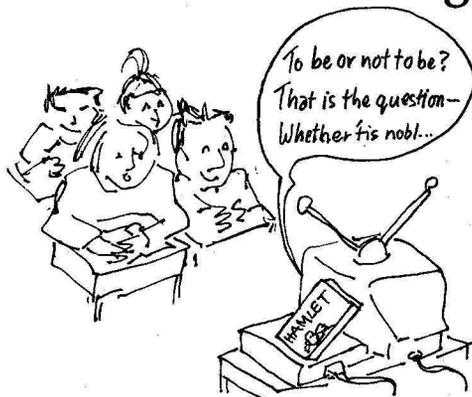
The online, networked CANSIM database is a joint project of the SFU and UBC Data libraries. For more information about CANSIM (or the online *Toronto Stock Exchange Database*), please contact the Data Library at 2-5587 or send an E-mail message to hilde@unixg.ubc.ca. The Data Library is located in the South Wing of the Main Library and is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Library Enriched by Two Grants

The Library has been awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant of \$5,800 to purchase the first two microfiche units of the Opie Collection of Children's Literature. This collection, housed in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, comprises 20,000 children's books of the past 400 years. UMI Press has undertaken to film the collection and reproduce the illustrations in colour. The entire collection is to be produced in thirty units and the Library will reapply for grants as the microfiche is published. The Opie Microfiche Collection will complement and greatly enrich our historical and contemporary collections of children's literature, and will be of interest to a wide variety of researchers both internal and external.

Sedgewick Library has received a grant of almost \$6,000 from the *Adaptive Technology Programme* administered by the National Library of Canada. According to the terms of the grant, the Library will provide matching funds (from the Friends of the Library). The Library will purchase a closed-circuit television magnifier and a state-of-the-art reading machine, the Open Book, both to be housed at Sedgewick Library and subsequently in the Phase 1 building.

Are You Performing an Illegal Act?



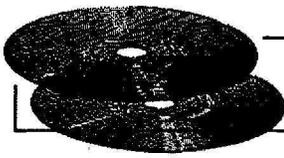
Have you used in your classroom a video rented from a video store or borrowed from the public library? Have you taped a program at home and shown it to your class? If you have, you have violated the Canadian Copyright Act.

Under the Act, only videos with public performance rights may be used in the classroom. Videos rented from a video store normally have home use rights only. Videos taped off-air cannot be used in the classroom.

The Library owns a variety of videos, all of which can be used in classrooms. The Library can also borrow films and videos for class use from the collections of the 24 post-secondary institutions in the province, the National Film Board, government agencies and a variety of other sources.

For more information or help in locating media, please call David Winter, Sedgewick Library (2-4908).

The Open Book is a product of Arkenstone, a company which develops aids for people with visual disabilities. Comprised of a scanner, computer and speech synthesis software, the Open Book reads text aloud. It is fully compatible with the reader at Crane Library, so text could be read and scanned at either location. Its presence at Sedgewick will double the number of hours a reading machine is available to print-disabled users. The closed-circuit television magnifier will enable people with some usable vision (the largest group of visually-disabled people) to use Sedgewick's collection on the spot.



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

Woodward Adds Interdisciplinary CD-ROM to Collection

Health and Psychosocial Instruments CD-ROM (HaPI-CD), now available at Woodward Library, is a computerized database which provides records for finding both quantitative and qualitative health and psychosocial instruments. Included are questionnaires, checklists, coding schemes/manuals, interview forms, scenarios/vignettes, index measures, projective techniques, rating scales and tests.

Records provide information on participants' age, gender, racial and ethnic backgrounds, educational levels, geographic and cultural setting and

specific characteristics or conditions targeted for study. The information is abstracted from leading journals covering health, psychosocial sciences, organizational behaviour and library and information science. By maintaining information from diverse disciplines, *HaPI-CD* gives users access to instruments about which they might otherwise be completely unaware.

Metadex on CD-ROM now available

Metadex on CD-ROM, published by the ASM International, is recognized as the premier database in all fields of metallurgy. It includes references to journal articles and conference

proceedings from 1985 to the present, and is updated quarterly. A full abstract is provided for each article.

Metadex is useful for anyone interested in polymers, ceramics and composite materials, as well as commercial aspects of metals. This database includes materials indexed in three printed sources:

- ◆ *Metals Abstracts*
- ◆ *Engineered Materials Abstracts*
- ◆ *Materials Business File*

For more information, contact the Science and Engineering Division, Main Library at 2-3295.

AROUND THE LIBRARIES

People

Lee Perry has been appointed Life Sciences Bibliographer in Woodward Library. Lee has a B.Sc. (Honours) in Biochemistry and M.L.S. from UBC, and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Toronto. She started working at UBC as the Medical History Librarian in Woodward Library in 1981 ... Judith Thiele, Reference Librarian in Crane Library, has been awarded the Canada 125 medal for her outstanding service to the community ... Chris Hives, University Archivist, has been elected Chair of the Canadian Council of Archives ... Ann Doyle, Systems Librarian, Lynne Redenbach, Circulation and Extension Librarian, David Reimer, Fine Arts and Music Cataloguer, and Bonita Stableford, Head, Science and Engineering Division, have received confirmed appointments from the Board of Governors ... Frances Woodward, Reference Librarian, Special

Collections, presented a paper on Edo period Japanese travel maps at the Western Association of Map Libraries conference in November ...

Mandakranta Bose, Asian Library, has received a faculty fellowship for research and teaching from the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute. She will be a visiting faculty member in Visva-bharati University in Shantiniketan, West Bengal in summer, 1993. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Centre for South Asian Research she organized a colloquium attended by 100 South Asianists in February 1993, and in the same month presented a paper and chaired a panel in Toronto at the International Conference on the Dances of India ... Tim Ross, Map Librarian, is the compiler of *The Directory of Canadian Map Collections*, recently published by the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives.

In Memoriam

Barbara Gibson, former Medical History Librarian in Woodward Library, passed away on August 30, 1992. Barbara earned her B.A., B.S.N. and B.L.S. from UBC and was a graduate of the Montreal General Hospital School for Nurses. She served in the RCAMC as nursing sister and matron in England, Italy and Canada from 1941 to 1946. She started working in the Catalogue Division in 1963. In 1967 Barbara transferred to a teaching position in the School of Librarianship. She returned to the Library and then moved to the position of Medical History Librarian in 1972, where she worked until her retirement in 1981. We extend our condolences to her family, friends and former colleagues.

