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Visitors tell the story of Open House success

Some of the nine hundred who lined up for 'newspaper headlines'

'I love the black and white photographs & the music really adds to create the atmosphere of being back in time...Wonderful photographs & memorabilia in front hall as well... Fabulous display of pictures...Part of our family history - father in charge of stonework on this Library building 1925?...The Library was 12 times bigger than my library...Wow! what a campus...I love UBC...I will be back in 1994.'

The 'Parade through the Past' with its archival photographs, World War I music, historical video on UBC, and displays of 1915 posters, advertisements, and memorabilia, attracted an estimated 4,000 visitors to the Main Library. Nine hundred of them proceeded upstairs to get a newspaper headline from the day they were born, a day in 1900 being the earliest, and in 1987, the latest requested. Three hundred and ninety visitors entered to win a UBC library card for a year; about 3,000 checked out the book sale; and 650, the Map Library's sale. As well as responding to the appeal of the past, visitors also took the opportunity to learn about new information retrieval technology in the Library. Librarians provided online computer searches on three remote database systems (Dialog, CAN/OLE, and InfoGlobe), which donated free search time during Open House, and on-site computer searches of *NTIS* and *CASSIS* on CD-ROM.

Although the center of activity was the Main Library, other branches also attracted visitors. Two hundred people entered to win a Wilson membership card for a year and more than 100 toured Woodward Library's Memorial Room. The Asian Library participated in the activities of the Asian Centre, which had more than 3,000 visitors during Open House. Every library on campus gave away preservation bookmarks and most had displays or tours for visitors.

Julie Stevens

Correction

The publication of *Funstuff too!*, the new 125 page bibliography of leisure and background materials on talking books from Crane Library, was assisted by grants from Marsh & McLennan Companies, New York and Mr. John A. McDonald (B.A. 65). Marsh & McLennan's Vancouver subsidiary, William A. Mercer Ltd., has had a long-standing history of financial support for other Crane projects. The editor apologizes to Marsh and McLennan Companies, its Vancouver subsidiary William A Mercer Ltd. and Paul Thiele, Head, Crane Library for the errors.

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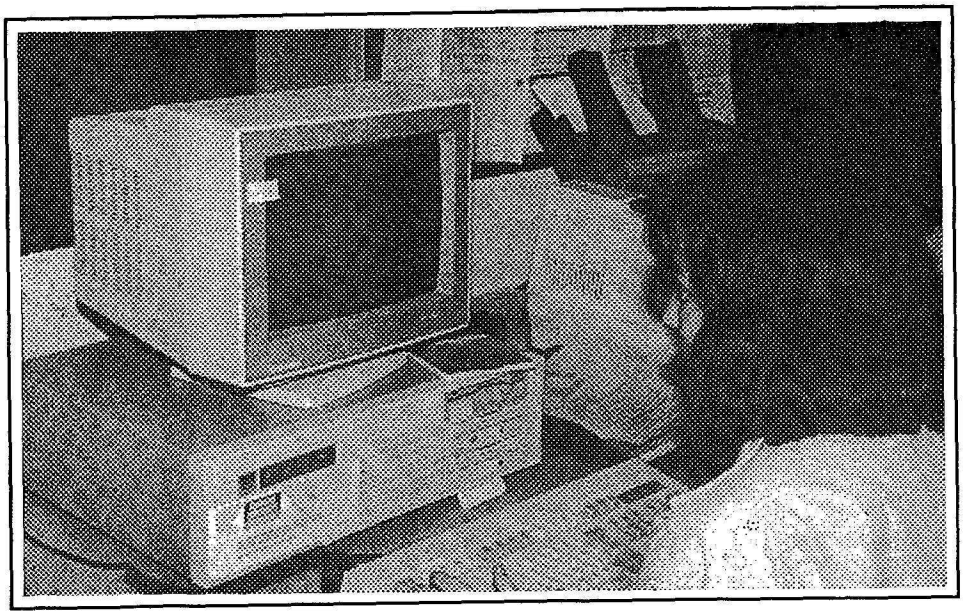
'What is CD-ROM anyway?'

CD-ROM stands for compact disc - read only memory. One disc (4.72 inches in diameter) can store up to 260,000 pages of text. Many databases, once available only via long-distance telephone lines, as well as many print reference sources, including indexes, abstracts, dictionaries and encyclopedias, are now available on CD-ROM. Typically, a CD-ROM workstation is composed of a microcomputer, a CD-ROM drive, a database on a disc or discs, search software to access the database and a printer. If the database is regularly updated, the Library receives replacement discs with the new information.

CD-ROM is becoming very popular with library users. Compared to searching a print index for information, the CD-ROM version is faster and more flexible. You can usually combine several concepts or terms for a very specific search or search by keyword(s) in abstracts or titles. It is often possible to print your search results or download them to a computer disc. Unlike searching remote databases online, there are no connect time charges. Until now, the Library has been unable to give free access to remote databases because the costs were open-ended. With CD-ROM, the Library prepays the royalty charges on a database when it signs a licensing agreement with a CD-ROM vendor. Therefore, the costs are fixed and independent of the number of users; and the Library can budget to provide free computer searching to users.

Julie Stevens



Interested in do-it-yourself free computer searches for articles on education, business, psychology, agriculture, mathematics, engineering, and nursing?

More CD-ROM's on the way!

By this fall, or earlier in some locations, eleven new index/abstract databases on CD-ROM will be available in the Library. They are *Canadian Business and Current Affairs* (Sedgewick Library), *ERIC* (Curriculum Laboratory), *PsychLIT*, *Sportdiscus* and *Corporate and Industry Research Reports* (Humanities/Social Sciences Division, Main Library), *Compendex Plus* (Science Division, Main Library), *Agricola/CAIN* (MacMillan Library), *Mathsci* (Mathematics Library), *Biosis*, *CCOHS-CD - Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety* and *CINAHL - Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature* (Woodward Library).

Currently, the Library has *Medline* on CD-ROM in Woodward and the hospital libraries and *NTIS* and *CASSIS* (American patents) in Patscan. Downloading and printing will be supported. For more information, please phone the appropriate reference division or branch library.

Julie Stevens

New computer at Crane helps blind and visually impaired

Crane Library, with grants from the Vancouver Foundation and the President's University Cup Croquet Fund, has acquired a new computer workstation with special adaptations for the blind and visually impaired. The powerful personal computer features a synthesized voice which speaks all screen information and on-demand image enlargement which permits visually impaired users to increase the size of the on-screen information. A very high resolution monitor and a laser printer capable of producing large type complete the workstation. This computer equipment provides blind and visually impaired students and staff access to all computer features and functions.

Paul E. Thiele

Corporate and Industry Research Reports - new easy access to primary business material

Corporate and Industry Research Reports (*CIRR*) is an important new resource for faculty and students in Commerce, Economics, Political Science, and other social sciences; or business researchers. It contains extensive economic data; reports on general social issues and government policies; and information on business trends, business use of new technologies and marketing strategies.

CIRR consists of a microfiche collection with CD-ROM and print indexes. The collection and the indexes are updated quarterly. The microfiche collection contains the research of security analysts and economists from 68 world wide investment firms. Each year, the service reproduces more than 25,000 company, industry and economic research reports as well as many special studies. The collection also contains the full text of more than 500 industry specific periodicals and newsletters and of presentations made to the New York Society of Security Analysts. *CIRR* provides a significant amount of Canadian coverage in American reports which refer to Canadian issues as well as reports from major Canadian investment firms such as Merrill Lynch Canada, Richardson Greenshields of Canada Ltd., Scotia McLeod, and Wood Gundy. Most information in *CIRR* is unique.

The CD-ROM index provides excellent access to *CIRR*. You can search by subject, keyword, company name, product, headquarters, etc. The CD-ROM index will be available for public use soon in the Humanities/ Social Sciences Division. The 1989 microfiche are in Government Publications/Microforms Division. For a demonstration of the CD-ROM index or more information , please phone Elizabeth Caskey, Humanities/Social Sciences Division, Main Library (228-5932).

Elizabeth Caskey

PC Globe and *PC USA* new in Data Library

PC Globe and ***PC USA*** are microcomputer packages which provide versatile computerized atlases and put "a wealth of maps and data at your fingertips" according to PC Globe, Inc. ***PC Globe*** contains statistical information on 177 countries; ***PC USA*** covers the fifty states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

Data are available on population, age distribution, languages, ethnic groups, religions, health statistics, city information, gross national product, resources, agriculture and industry, imports and exports, government, culture and tourism, and more. You can select certain data to display on maps or barcharts. The data have been gathered from many sources, including the United Nations, the U.S. government, and the World Bank. Both packages are available for use in the Data Library.

If the data in ***PC Globe*** or ***PC USA*** are not sufficiently detailed or extensive, we will try to find the data you need in our other holdings or elsewhere. For computer-readable figures of any kind, the Data Library is the place to start looking. For more information, please call 228-5587 or come to the Data Library, Computer Sciences Building, Room 206. We are open weekdays from 9am to 4pm. (Due to contract agreements with data file suppliers, most files are accessible only to UBC faculty, students and staff).

Hilde Colenbrander

Library produces CD-ROM of recent Canadian patents

In early May the Library will release a CD-ROM demonstration disc which contains a database of the last 13 years of Canadian patents, up to February 1990. Production of this disc is part of a program, funded through the Canada-British Columbia Subagreement on Technology Development, to improve access to Canadian patent information.

UBC Library obtained Canadian patent records, as printed in the Patent Office Record, and the Canadian patent classification schedules, from the Canadian Patent Office for use by PATSCAN. The Canadian Patent Index was made available first in command mode on UBCLIB. Availability on CD-ROM is the next step to extend access.

Why a demo disc?
UBC Library plans to evaluate the benefits of distributed access to patent information and to examine the benefits of CD-ROM for other databases. Therefore, in addition to the Canadian Patent Index, eight other files, created by UBC and other local participants, are on the demonstration disc:

- *Consumer Health Bibliography*
- *Union List of B.C. Newspapers*
- *Canadian Politics Bibliography*
- *Vancouver Centennial Bibliography*
- *Drug Information Reference (full text)*
- *Index to Vancouver City Council Minutes*
- *UBC Archives & Manuscripts Database*
- *UBC Data Library Catalogue*

KAWare retrieval software is needed to search the disc. PATSCAN and the contributors of the other databases will select demonstration sites for the CD-ROM. Costs have not yet been decided. Each site will be asked to administer a questionnaire surveying use of the disc.
For more information, phone Ron Simmer, Patscan, Science Division, Main Library (228-5404).

Ron Simmer

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NEW GENERAL
English Dictionary;
Peculiarly calculated for the
USE and IMPROVEMENT
Of ſuch as are unacquainted with the
LEARNED LANGUAGES.

Gift of dictionaries enhances history of English collection

Dr. H. Rocke Robertson, U.B.C.'s first Professor of Surgery (1950-1959), and a recipient of an Honorary D.Sc. from U.B.C. in 1964, recently donated his collection of English dictionaries to Special Collections. Gathered over thirty-five years, the collection, although primarily of English dictionaries, also includes ancient Greek, Latin, Italian, French, Spanish, bilingual and polyglot dictionaries influential in the compilations of English lexicographers. There are also some early encyclopedias, including a first edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* published in Edinburgh in 1771.

Most titles in the collection of over five hundred dictionaries were published in the 18th and 19th century, but about seventy-five are from the 16th and 17th century, and two are incunabula (pre-1500). Some rare items are the first four editions of Samuel Johnson's dictionary (1755-1773); the first edition of Webster's *An American Dictionary of the English Language* (1828); and a fragment of the *Catholicon* (1460), an encyclopedic dictionary and the first secular book to be printed in the western world. Many titles in the Robertson collection are the only copies available in Western Canada. A descriptive catalogue, *A Collection of Dictionaries and Related Works*, by H. Rocke Robertson and J. Wesley Robertson, has been published by UBC Press.

Anne Yandle

Term Paper Clinic popular and useful, survey shows

'The research guide was very clear, helpful...Helpful because I became familiar with all the services available at the Library. Thank you...The Term Paper Clinic is a great way to start research and helps the student to realize potential sources of info.'

These comments on recent Term Paper Clinic evaluation questionnaires illustrate students' positive responses to this annual service. School of Library, Archival and Information Studies students, under the supervision of the Sedgewick librarians, provided 162 first and second year students with research guides to sources of information on their essay topics. They also showed the students how to use each source listed and encouraged them to look for similar sources for other papers.

Thanks to those faculty members who announced the Clinic in class and encouraged their students to participate.

Joan Sandilands

Microfiche catalogue of Fine Arts exhibition catalogues for sale

Fine Arts Library has issued a new microfiche catalogue of the 6100 exhibition and permanent collection catalogues received since November 1985. The Fine Arts Library acquires catalogues in all languages and formats from around the world. The microfiche catalogue lists them by author, title, subtitle, gallery or musuem, subjects, artist(s) and place (city name). Most of the catalogues have classification numbers assigned.

Using the microfiche, you can find an exhibition catalogue produced for a show; information about galleries and artistic activity in a certain city or by a certain artist; critical essays by scholars and biographies of new artists. The microfiche catalogue costs $22.00 plus provincial sales tax, if applicable. To purchase, please contact Tracy Douglas, Systems, Library Processing Centre, U.B.C., 2206 Main Mall, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Z8. The exhibition catalogues are also listed online in the Miscellaneous Materials file on UBCLIB.

Diana Cooper

Canadian health statistics source available soon

Diana Kent, a librarian in Woodward Library and Tom Flemming, a health sciences librarian at McMaster University, have co-authored *The Sourcebook of Canadian Health Statistics*. The book originated from a one day continuing education course they co-presented at the Canadian Health Association's Annual Meeting in May, 1989. The book focuses on federal rather than provincial sources of health statistics and will be published by the Canadian Health Association this June. For more information, please phone Diana Kent, Woodward Library (228-6676).

Diana Kent

$305,000 operating budget cut impedes progress

In the previous issue of the *Library News*, it was announced that, due to the difference between the University's final salary offer to the librarians and the salary increase awarded by an arbitration board, the University had directed the Library to cut $305,000 from its continuing operating budget effective April 1, 1990. The Library has reviewed its options and attempted to accommodate the cut in ways which will have the least negative effect on service to users. The cut will not affect the collections budget which is funded separately.

The Library has absorbed the loss by eliminating nine frozen staff vacancies; eliminating one librarian's position as a result of retirement and replacing a senior librarian with a junior librarian in another retirement situation; saving 20% of a librarian's salary through a reduced workload appointment; converting four positions to fully or partially revenue funded positions; and eliminating two staff positions in the Film Library and decentralizing its services. See Film Library article below.

Fortunately, it was possible to manage the cut without laying anyone off or curtailing library hours but, according to Bill Watson, Acting University Librarian, the removal of these positions from the Library budget will reduce our opportunity to respond to the changing demands for library services; they will seriously impede our progress on certain projects which should be promoted; and they will eliminate any staffing flexibility for the yet-to-be-appointed University Librarian.

Two new files on UBCLIB - Microlog and CNI

You can now search *Microlog* and the *Canadian Newspaper Index* via command mode on UBCLIB. *Microlog* on UBCLIB is an author, title and subject index to *Microlog*, a microfiche collection of often hard-to-find Canadian publications from federal, provincial and municipal agencies, and from institutions receiving research grants. The collection includes research and government reports in the physical, natural and social sciences, statistical materials, and annual reports from 1982 to the present. The microfiche are available in Government Publications/Microforms Division, Main Library. The *Canadian Newspaper Index* on UBCLIB indexes selectively the contents of seven major Canadian daily newspapers, from 1977 to the present. The newspapers are available on microfilm in Government Publications/Microforms Division, Main Library.

Information sheets on command mode searching are available in most UBC libraries or by calling Information and Orientation Division, Main Library, for copies (228-2076).

Films and videos soon available in branch libraries

Over the next few months, films and videos in the Film Library will be dispersed by subject to other branches of the UBC Library. Films and videos on subjects covered by the Main, Sedgewick and Fine Arts libraries will be sent to Sedgewick Library. Titles which belong to faculties or departments will be returned to them or housed in the appropriate library branch as requested. Preview facilities will be available in all branches housing media collections.

Faculty who wish to borrow films during the transitional period should continue to contact Darrell Short at the Film Library (4400). If you will need films or videos for Summer Session, please contact the Film Library as soon as possible. Until further notice, faculty wishing to borrow films from other post-secondary institutions should also contact Darrell.

The films and videos formerly in the Film Library will continue to be listed on the Miscellaneous Materials file on UBCLIB - only the location will change. Some new purchases and media currently in the Curriculum Laboratory will be listed on the Catalogue file. To find films and videos at UBC Library, please check both files.

If you have any questions or concerns, please phone Howard Hurt or Cindy Swoveland, Curriculum Lab (3767).

Cynthia Swoveland

Database news databases that librarians can search for you

Canadian Education Index
Canadian Education Index is now available on the *InfoGlobe* system. The file, starting with 1986, covers 200 Canadian education journals; report literature from Canadian government departments, faculties of education, teachers' associations, education associations and large school boards; theses and dissertations from Canadian faculties of education; and all reports on education in *Microlog*. (Government Publications/Microforms Division has all *Microlog* reports on microfiche.) The database is updated 3 times a year. For more information, please phone Pia Christensen, Humanities/Social Sciences Division, Main Library (228-5923).

Health Instrument File
Information on tests, questionnaires, rating scales, interview schedules and other measurement techniques is often difficult to find. The *Health Instrument File* (*HIF*), available on *BRS* since 1988, helps researchers identify relevant material on health and psychosocial assessment tools. Although the database focuses on instruments developed since 1985, selected earlier instruments are also covered. You can search by descriptors from *Medical Subject Headings* (*MeSH*) or the *Thesaurus of Pyschological Index Terms* as well as by free text terms in the title or abstract. Test validity and reliability is directly searchable. You may display or print references to pertinent articles or analyst information (including addresses).
BRS has recently improved online access by adding brief records for new instruments immediately, then replacing them with full records after analysis of the instrument.
So before you reinvent the Rorschach, try *HIF*!
For more information on life science or health science databases, please phone the Woodward reference librarians (228-4440).

Pia Christensen, Pat Lysyk

AROUND THE LIBRARIES

People

Gerry Dobbin, Systems and Information Science librarian, retires at the end of May after almost 37 years with UBC Library. **Diana Kent**, a reference librarian in Woodward Biomedical Library, presented a half-day continuing education course March 17 on selected sources of Canadian and British Columbia health statistics. The course was offered under the auspices of the Health Libraries Association of British Columbia.

Hot off the press

- *Library People: a guide to reference staff at UBC Library (revised)*
- *UBC Library facts and figures 1988/1989*
- *A Guide for Visitors to UBC Main Library*
- *Database Searching: Getting Started*
- *Welcome to Woodward*

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

On display

UBC 1915-1925
Photographs
May-June
Alice in Wonderland
July-August
History of Women at UBC
Main Library

Old Vancouver in maps, block by block
Special Collections
Main Library

History of medicine student displays
History of Riverview Hospital
Heart Transplants
Leonardo da Vinci
Discovery of DNA
Triage

Elizabeth Blackwell's
A Curious Herbal
William Hooker, botanical artist
Gilbert White, naturalist
Memorial Room
Woodward Library

End of term call-in Please return or renew all books

Call-in notices are being issued in April for all material due April 6 and earlier. Please respond by returning or renewing books you have borrowed. If we don't hear from you, we will have to assume the books are lost and bill you for their replacement. If the books are returned after billing, we will cancel the replacement costs but a processing fee will be charged.

If you plan to be away from campus this summer, please return all your books or have someone in your department check your mail regularly for call-in notices for books requested by others.

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