

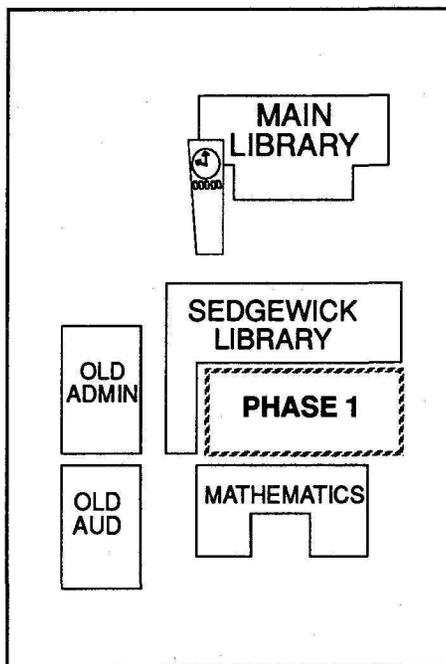
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Architects plan new Humanities and Social Sciences Library

On September 26th, the Board of Governors approved the selection of Arthur Erickson and Aitken Wreglesworth Associates as architects for the Phase I Building of the new Library Centre. The \$24 million building will be added to the west side of Sedgewick Library.

The expanded building will become a new Humanities and Social Sciences Library, merging the services and collections of Sedgewick Undergraduate Library, Humanities and Social Sciences Division, Government Publications and Microforms Division, and the Data Library. The science collection from Sedgewick and possibly Wilson Recordings Collection will be relocated.



The new Humanities and Social Sciences Library will be the first step in consolidating library services and resources in a new Library Centre, to replace the Main Library. At least two more phases will be added to the Centre. Fundamental principles underlying the reorganization include bringing collections and services together for undergraduates, graduates and researchers; integrating all types of library materials (CD-ROM, microforms, periodicals, books, etc.); and expanding instruction programs for Library users.

Plans for the new Humanities and Social Sciences Library were influenced by the results of an evaluation of the Main Library building commissioned by the University (*over*)

Message from the University Librarian

Our major accomplishment this past year has been the development of the strategic plan. The summary of the draft strategic plan was published in *UBC Reports* on January 9. Over the next few months, members of the Library staff and I will meet with the Deans of faculties and Library Advisory Committees to discuss the draft plan. Copies of the full version of the plan are available from the Librarian's Office, Main Library.

Other accomplishments described in this issue of the *UBC Library News* include the Library Automation Project and Phase I Building plans. Examples of our efforts to maintain our high level of service to users include the addition of the Expanded Academic Index and the new instructional program, the increased number of Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) terminals, and the many new CD-ROM databases in the Library.

The most distressing piece of news is that we are beginning what we foresee as being an annual reduction of our serial subscriptions. This year we will begin by cancelling \$100,000 worth of serial subscriptions. Scenarios contain cancellations ranging from \$300,000 to \$400,000 per year for the next several years. The situation was first brought to your attention with the First Annual Symposium on Library Issues, and the topic was fully presented in the February 1991 issue of the *UBC Library News*.

Always ever it seems to be—some dire news, some exciting news. I hope you will take the time to review the strategic plan and send us your comments and suggestions on how we can chart the course of the Library through the white rapids of change.

Ruth Patrick

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Happy New Year!

Administration in 1989/90. The functional and structural analysis, done by consulting engineer John Graham, was part of the planning process for renovation of the Main Library. Graham's Report, submitted in June 1990, concluded the Main Library is overcrowded and dysfunctional, and that the cost of bringing the building up to the current building code would be prohibitive. The University decided not to invest capital in the Main Library building and added the \$4 million originally set aside for renovations to the \$20 million allocated for a new library building.

Construction of Phase I of the new Library Centre will begin in early 1993 and be completed in approximately two years. Phase II, which will include the Special Collections Division, University Archives and the Fine Arts Library, is slated for construction in the year 2000. After the new Library Centre is completed, current discussions suggest that the three wings of Main Library be torn down and the heritage core be restored.

The architects have just begun to plan the process of designing Phase I, and are collecting basic data about the Sedgewick building and the space needed for the collections and staff moving from Main Library. We'll report more as we know it.

Life without Sedgewick?

Sedgewick Library was planned and built in the early 1970's when academic libraries throughout North America began to design (and could afford) separate libraries which provided special environments and services for undergraduates.

Sedgewick is an award-winning example of its kind, offering undergraduates an open, welcoming atmosphere, plentiful study space, a collection tailored to their needs, and an instruction program designed to introduce them to research methods.

The undergraduate library, however, places some barriers in the way of serious students, simply because it is separated from the more comprehensive collections and services in the research libraries. At UBC, undergraduates must travel to Main and other branches to find specialized materials. Many never undertake that journey, preferring to "make do" with what they can find in Sedgewick and thus missing useful information.

An integrated Humanities and Social Sciences Library will remove these barriers while at the same time retaining many of Sedgewick's special features and services for undergraduates. It will allow for expanded reference services and instruction programs, and a comprehensive reserve collection. Although it will be large, its design will be much less complex than Main Library so all users, including undergraduates, will benefit.

Students benefit from award to Library

The Library succeeded in obtaining \$57,600 from the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund, established by the Board of Governors last February.

Part of the award was used to purchase the equipment for and subscribe to the *Expanded Academic Index*, a comprehensive CD-ROM database for research in the humanities, social and general

sciences. The Index is available in Sedgewick Library and the Humanities and Social Sciences Division. The grant also provided funding to develop an instructional program in electronic information skills for undergraduates. The instructional sessions will run from January through March—more information about the sessions is available at all Library reference desks.

The Library received an additional \$25,000 from the Fund, secured on our behalf by the Graduate Student Society and Faculty of Graduate Studies. This money will be used to purchase and install new Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) terminals in various locations and a CD-ROM workstation in the Science Division.

Library survey yields information for planning

In March 1991 the Library surveyed the campus community to help plan for new facilities and services. Over 12,000 surveys were mailed to UBC faculty, staff and graduate students and approximately 3,500 were distributed to undergraduate students during class time.

The total number of surveys returned was 6038. Both Library users (86% of the sample) and non-users responded; users not associated with UBC (such as SFU students) were not surveyed.

The results give us information on why and how people use the Library, levels of satisfaction with current facilities and services, the use of technology and online files, the currency of the information typically needed, and preferences for ways of learning about the Library.

Undergraduate students use the Library heavily to study and photocopy. Sixty percent of undergraduates study in the Library at least once a week; thirty percent study there daily. Fifty percent use photocopy facilities at the Library at least once a week.

Over 50% of graduate students use the Library at least once a week to borrow or renew materials. Thirty-three percent of graduate students photocopy at the Library at least once a week.

Approximately 32% of faculty use Library materials in the Library at least once a week. Over 75% of faculty are at least occasional users of interlibrary loan services compared to 59% of graduate students and 21% of undergraduates.

Over 85% of respondents to the survey use computers for work or studies. Of this group, 89% use computers for word processing; 41% use the computer to search the Library's online catalogue from their

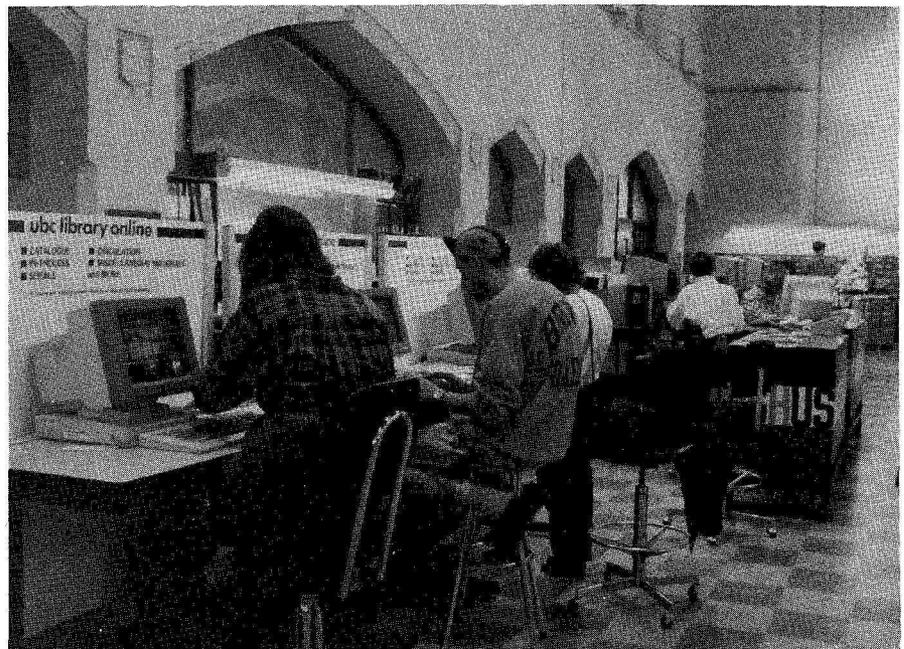
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home or office. Respondents are very interested in new technology; it saves time and "foot work."

Almost 50% of those surveyed report that they typically need only materials published during the last five years for their research and study. Users prefer a personal touch for learning about new services; over 60% chose help from Library staff as the preferred method to learn about the Library. Across the Library system the area of greatest satisfaction is with help from Library staff (over 90%).

The response rate for mailed surveys (45% of faculty, 26% of graduate students, and 23% of staff) was particularly gratifying as a sign of interest and concern for the Library. If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact Lee Ann Bryant (822-3767), Chair of the User Survey Advisory Committee. Copies of the Data Analysis Report and appendices prepared by Humanité Services Planning Ltd. are available in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division, Main Library.

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Library begins annual reduction of serial subscriptions

The cost of periodical subscriptions has been increasing rapidly in the last two years, and the Library has to budget for cost increases in the 10 to 15% range. Many major research libraries in Canada and the U.S. have already cancelled hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of subscriptions in the last two years.¹ This winter the Library is identifying \$100,000 worth of serials to be cut. Faculty will be consulted in March/April before the cancellation list is finalized. Subscription agents will be notified in the summer and the cancellations will be effective, for the most part, in December.

Some examples of the more extreme price increases over the last two years are:

	1990	1992	% increase
<i>International Journal of Solids and Structures</i>	\$728	\$2,059	183%
<i>Solid-State Electronics</i>	\$591	\$1,394	136%
<i>Cardiology</i>	\$277	\$ 613	121%
<i>General Pharmacology</i>	\$536	\$1,121	109%
<i>Applied Economics</i>	\$521	\$ 921	77%

In addition, the net impact of the GST costs the Library 2.3% on all serial titles. The present trends in prices and budgets suggest that cancellations will be an annual event for research libraries in the future. Much of the cost increase can be attributed to increased journal prices by a few major publishers. The output of these publishers will have to be examined carefully by librarians and faculty over the next year to determine if the current price is justifiable in terms of content.

Currently, the Library is coding its serials subscriptions by academic unit so that, once any problems have been ironed out, librarians can discuss the relevant serial subscriptions with each department.

¹For more information see "Libraries drop thousands of journals as budgets shrink and prices rise," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 11 December 1991, pp. A29-30.

Dr. Anthony Jeffreys
Assistant University Librarian for Collections

Social Work Library closing

Last spring, the Library adopted a new model for the delivery of library services to the School of Social Work. Because the new Green College (a graduate residential college) will occupy the site of the current School of Social Work, the School will be moving next year. It is expected to relocate to a more central site on campus, closer to Main, Sedgewick

and Woodward libraries. The Social Work Library will not move with the School.

In the spring of 1992, the Social Work Library's collection will be dispersed and integrated with corresponding material in other libraries on campus. Most of the collection will be transferred to Main; health materials will

go to Woodward; and the few legal materials to the Law Library.

Beverley Scott will provide reference and collection development services on a part-time basis as an outreach librarian. She will have an office equipped with a computer and fax machine in the new home of the School.

Farewell punch cards— hello laser wands

Over the past year, the Library Automation Planning Project, involving many Library and University staff, evaluated outside commercial systems to replace the Library's in-house automated system. With the help of an external consultant, a formal Request For Proposal (RFP) process was used to lead the Library through this comprehensive search.

The final recommendation of the Project was reviewed and accepted by a special Advisory Committee to the President and University Administration in October. UBC Library will continue to use the local system to redevelop the circulation system, upgrade the online public access catalogue (OPAC) and continue to operate and support the other Library system modules.

The decision was based on a comparison of commercial and local system modules and a comprehensive budget analysis. Although some of the specific commercial modules were rated higher, the overall strength of the combined modules of the local system exceeded that of the commercial packages. In addition, careful analysis indicated that local development was the Library's most cost-effective option at this time.

The estimated cost of the new project (redeveloping the circulation system, barcoding the collection, enhancing the OPAC and replacing the communication network) is \$1.5 million over the next three years. Work on a new circulation system and barcoding the collection has started. The project has two one-year phases. Phase one will be completed in September 1992.



Keeping collection development responsive to curriculum changes

Adequate Library collections are essential to the success of most teaching and research programs on campus. However, in the past, when the University Senate Curriculum Committee considered proposals for new courses and programs and other changes in the curriculum, Library needs frequently were overlooked. A revised procedure, introduced last summer, will ensure the Library is kept informed about all curriculum changes.

The *UBC Curriculum Change Form* now includes a separate section on Library needs. There is also a new form, *Statement of Library*

Requirements, to be used for proposals for new courses and programs. The forms were sent to all Deans, Directors of Schools and Department Heads last July as part of the annual guidelines for submitting curriculum changes to the Senate Curriculum Committee.

The new procedures have improved communication between the Library and faculty. Dr. Anthony Jeffreys, Assistant University Librarian for Collections, is starting to receive information directly from departments about proposed curriculum changes.



New database supports French language research

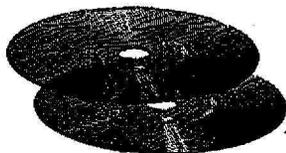
The Humanities and Social Sciences Division has recently subscribed to ARTFL. ARTFL (American and French Research on the Treasury of the French Language) is a textual database consisting of approximately 2000 texts ranging from classic works of French literature to various kinds of non-fiction prose and technical writing.

The works are equally representative of the 18th to the 20th centuries with a smaller selection representing the 17th century and earlier periods. Many genres such as novels, essays, and correspondence and subjects including literary criticism, biology, history, economics and philosophy are included in the database.

The database permits intensive research of a single work or author as well as inter-textual research. ARTFL is accessed through Internet, but requires a password and user agreement with the database.

It is possible to download information locally, but it is often more advantageous to register one's e-mail address with ARTFL so that large amounts of text can be transmitted electronically. It is also possible, for a fee, to have information printed and mailed to individuals. For further information on the database and access, please call Hélène Redding (822-4494).

Hélène Redding
Humanities and Social Sciences Division



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

The Library now subscribes to over 40 CD-ROM databases, covering most subject areas. New subscriptions include:

Canada 1986 Census Profiles
Provides standard demographic, cultural, economic and housing characteristics for all sub-provincial geographical areas. Available in Government Publications/Microforms Division, Main Library.

Current Contents on Diskette - Engineering, Technology and Applied Sciences (Nov. 1990-) Lists tables of contents of over 800 journals in these fields. Updated weekly. Available in Science Division, Main Library.

Current Contents on Diskette - Physical, Chemical and Earth Sciences (Nov. 1990-) Lists tables of contents of over 800 journals in these fields. Updated weekly. Available in Science Division, Main Library.

Expanded Academic Index (1988-) Indexes a wide range of periodicals in the humanities social and general sciences. Updated monthly. Available in Sedgewick Library and Humanities and Social Sciences Division, Main Library.

Health (1975-) Indexes articles, books and book chapters on health care services including budgeting, finances, personnel and facilities planning. Updated monthly. Available in Woodward Library.

Index to Legal Periodicals (1981-) Indexes American legal periodicals. Also covers some Commonwealth jurisdictions. Updated quarterly. Available in Law Library.

INSPEC Indexes articles on computer science, electrical engineering

and physics. Covers last 3 years of *Physics Abstracts*, *Computer and Control Abstracts*, and *Electrical and Electronics Abstracts*. Updated quarterly. Available in Science Division, Main Library.

MLA International Bibliography (1981-) Indexes journal articles in modern languages, literature, linguistics and folklore. Updated quarterly. Available in Humanities and Social Sciences Division, Main Library.

Social Work Abstracts Plus (1977-) Includes abstracts of over 2,300 journal articles. Equivalent print index is *Social Work Research and Abstracts*. Annual updates are planned. Available in Humanities and Social Sciences Division, Main Library.

AROUND THE LIBRARIES

People

1991 was a momentous year. Through early retirements and resignations, the Library lost 213 years of experience: **Ture Erickson**, Reference Librarian, Humanities and Social Sciences Division; **Chuck Forbes**, Colbeck Librarian, Special Collections Division; **Jim Henderson**, Reference Librarian, Woodward Library; **Doug McInnes**, Head, Woodward Library and former University Librarian; **Bob MacDonald**, Assistant University Librarian for Technical Services; **Jane Price**, Head, Health Sciences Network; **Joan Sandilands**, Head,

Sedgewick Library; **Bill Watson**, Assistant University Librarian for Public Services (Central Libraries); and **Anne Yandle**, Head, Special Collections Division.

New appointments include **Helen Chow**, Reference Librarian, Woodward Library; **Suzanne Dodson**, Facilities Planning Librarian; **Brian Owen**, Systems Manager; **Julie Stevens**, Undergraduate Library Services Coordinator; **Ann Turner**, Financial and Budget Manager; and **Johann van Reenen**, Head, Woodward Library.

Calling all Authors! .

Are you the author of a book published between April 1991 and December 1991?

If so, we would like to hear from you!

On March 10, 1992

President David Strangway and University Librarian

Ruth Patrick are hosting the

2nd Annual Reception for UBC Authors.

If you're a UBC author, please contact Isabel Pitfield, Main Library (822-8208).

