

# UBC LIBRARY NEWS

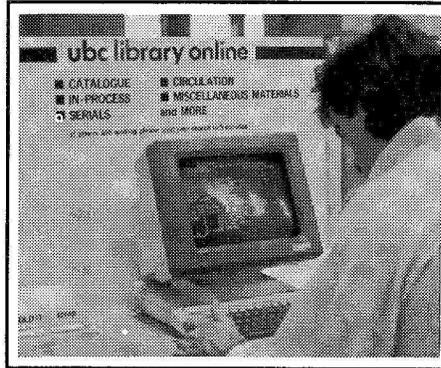
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## UBC Library online - what's new, what's ahead

### What's new

Two new files are available on the menu: the Course file and the Old Card Catalogue Conversion file. The Course file lists the materials on reserve in Main Library Reserve Book Collection, Sedgewick Library and Woodward Library Reserve Collection. It can be searched by author, title, call number and course. The Old Card Catalogue Conversion file is a working file of pre-1978 records. Although many records have incomplete bibliographic or location information, or other errors, the file provides computerized records of more than half of the old card catalogue's records. Some branches - Biomedical Branch Library (VGH), MacMillan Library and Social Work Library - have partial records of all their pre-1978 holdings in the Old Card Catalogue Conversion file. Woodward Library has entered partial records of 90% of their holdings. All the Library's holdings in Canadian literature have also been entered. The Old Card Catalogue Conversion file is an important initiative in ongoing RETrospective CONversion (RECON). A complete conversion, however, is projected to cost 2.5 million dollars and take up to four years to complete.

If you want to search more files and use more search techniques than menu mode offers, try command mode on UBCLIB. Choose command from the Welcome screen - online help on command mode is available. You can also phone Information and Orientation Division (228-2076) for two information sheets on command mode or buy the *UBCLIB reference manual for command mode* at the UBC Bookstore.



Two additional new files are available in command mode: the Canadian Patent Index file and the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions (CIHM) file. The Canadian Patent Index file, created by the Library's Systems Division, is a unique database. It lists citations for the last thirteen years of Canadian patents and can be searched by patent or application number, classification, patentee or inventor, and keyword in title. A guide to searching the file is available from Ron Simmer, the Patscan librarian (5404). The Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions is microfilming Canadian monographs, serials and pamphlets printed before 1900. Currently, there are more than 100,000 fiche in this set in Government Publications and Microforms Division. The CIHM file online is a catalogue of these fiche and can be searched by author, title, series and subject.

The holdings of LERC, the Language Education Resource Center, and the holdings of the UBC Botanical Garden Reading Room have been added to the Other file. This file also lists the holdings of the David Lam Management Research Library and the Applied Science Reading Rooms and partial holdings of the Computer Science Reading Room.

### What's ahead

The Library plans to introduce many improvements in its online services to users. There will be new databases available through the Library's online system, including index and abstract files such as ERIC, PSYCINFO, *Microlog* and the *Canadian News Index*. The Library will mount an encyclopedia and dictionary as soon as appropriate ones are chosen. There will be more public workstations in the libraries. Systems is currently working on a new more user friendly interface. Plans are also underway to reorganize user access to the files. In addition to these developments, the Library must replace the current unreliable and expensive to maintain circulation system. Placing holds online, finding out which of your books are overdue, and renewing books online are a few of the benefits users will have with the new circulation system.

A series of articles on these developments will appear in future issues of this newsletter.

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## Share a subscription

Earlier this year I described the Library's share a subscription plan whereby the Library will issue tax receipts for donations of periodical subscriptions. I would like to follow this up with a request for certain journals which are part of our "exchange" program.

Our exchange program with other institutions here and abroad primarily involves periodical subscriptions. Some publications we send out on exchange, such as the *UBC Calendar* or the *H.R. MacMillan lectureship in forestry* series, are available to us free but the majority must be paid for. We call these subscriptions "paid exchanges" and are careful to ensure we get at least our money's worth in return for them. They would be more valuable, however, if the Library did not have to pay for them at all and here's where you

may fit into the picture. The "paid exchanges" we are currently running through Gifts and Exchanges are listed below. If you subscribe to any of these titles, and are willing to

pass your issues along to us, we will issue you an official receipt for the cost of the subscription at the end of each year. We have multiple subscriptions to many of these titles, so all offers will most likely be welcome. The only condition is the gift be reliable. Cancellation procedures are lengthy and complicated, so we want to be sure our alternate source will not let us down after a few months. A good response to this appeal could enable us to expand our exchange program, bringing more new subscriptions into the Library and thereby creating a demand for yet more donations to feed the monster.

If you are interested in contributing to this program, please send a memo or phone Graham Elliston, Gifts and Exchanges, Main Library (228-2607).

Graham Elliston

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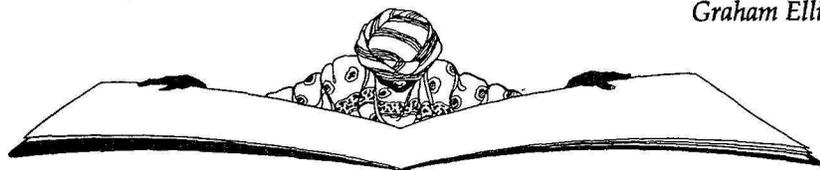
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Journal of Biological Chemistry  
Journal of Canadian Petroleum Technology  
Journal of Carbohydrate Chemistry  
Nucleosides and Nucleotides  
Pacific Affairs  
Prism International  
Queens Quarterly  
Seminar: a journal of Germanic Studies  
UBC Law Review  
University of Toronto Quarterly*

## Library joins Reciprocal Faculty Borrowing Program

UBC faculty members can now apply for a card which allows on-site access and/or borrowing privileges to the collections of some of the most important research libraries in North America. If you are planning to visit one or more research libraries participating in this OCLC cooperative project, you may request a Reciprocal Faculty Borrowing Program card from the Circulation Division, Main Library. The more than 75 research libraries in the program include the University of California, the University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins, MIT, the University of Washington, the University of Toronto and the Smithsonian. For a copy of the information brochure and a list of participating institutions, phone the Information and Orientation Division (228-2076) or Mary Banham (228-3869) or Leonora Crema (228-3993) in Circulation Division.

## Senate Library Committee meets October 11

Members of the Senate Library Committee advise and assist the 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. The members of the Committee for 1989/90 are Dr. P.T. Burns, Dr. S.E. Grace, Dr. R.J. Gray, Dr. S.C. Lindstrom, Dr. J.A. McLean, Dr. J.H. McNeill, Dr. G.G.E. Scudder, Dr. Peter Suedfeld, Ms. N.E. Woo; students Ms. W.L. Fox, Ms. Joanna Harrington, and Mr. T.P. Kaweski; and ex-officio members Dr. L.R. Peterson, Q.C., Dr. K.D. Srivastava and Professor Anne Piternick. Dr. Suedfeld is Chairman of the Committee.

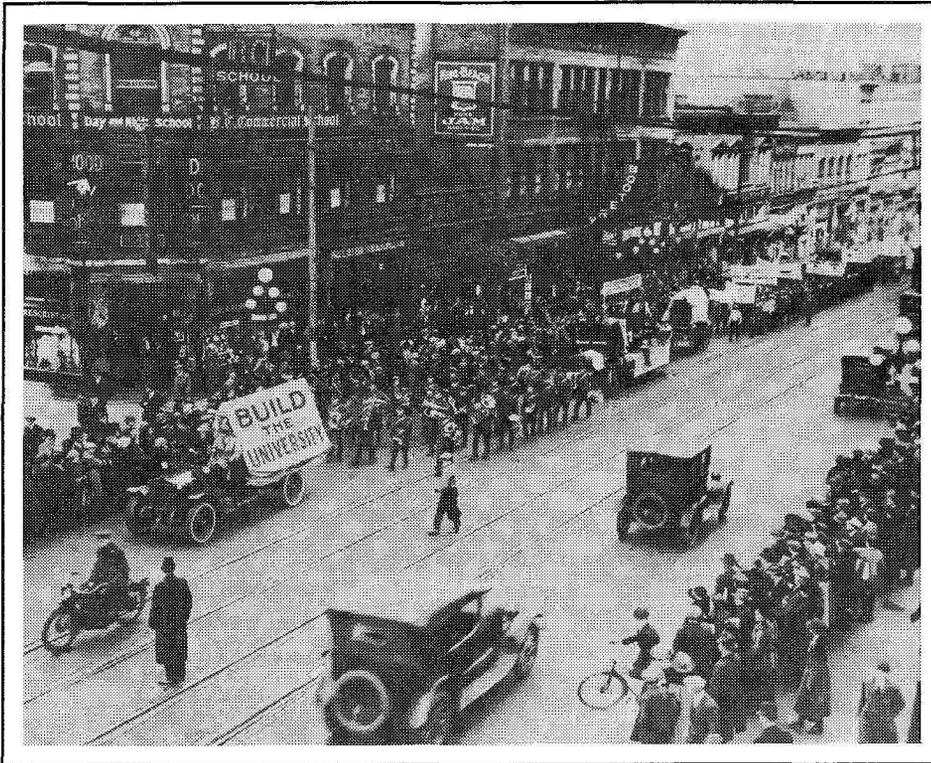


## 1990 calendar, heritage postcards for sale

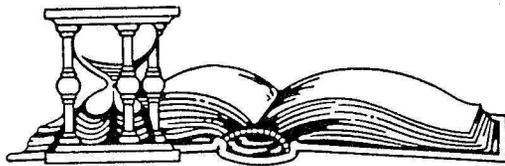
To commemorate the University's 75th anniversary in 1990, the University Archives has just completed a series of printing projects to help capture the history of the institution. They include a series of six postcards using campus scenes from the 1920's, Christmas cards featuring campus

snow scenes from the 1950's, and a 1990 calendar with thirteen images drawn from the University's rich collection of historical photographs. The calendar (\$9.95), postcards (\$.75) and Christmas cards (\$.80) are available from the Archives in Main Library (228-5877).

*Chris Hives*



*Great Trek in downtown Vancouver October 28, 1922  
(Georgia and Burrard)*



## 14,500 Special Collections pamphlets online - 5,500 to go

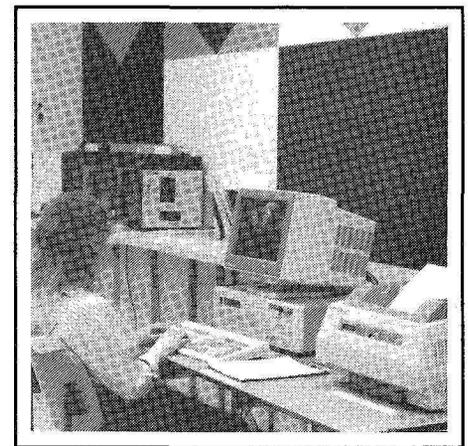
Vastly improved access for researchers and preservation of a valuable and unique collection are two results of a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant to Special Collections. With the grant, the Library was able to hire an experienced cataloguer and some students to list the pamphlets online and, at the same time, encase each pamphlet in acid-free paper. The pamphlets are

being entered into the Miscellaneous Materials file and can be searched online by author, title, or subject.

Most less than 50 pages, the pamphlets cover subjects such as Canadian history, politics and literature, with emphasis on British America and the Arctic, the fur trade, the War of 1812, Canadian railway history, the Riel Rebellion, and the

## Woodward plans search sessions on *Medline*

Woodward Library will offer weekly demonstrations soon of search techniques on Medline on CD-ROM. *Medline* is a popular and fast method of searching *Index Medicus* available free in Woodward and the hospital libraries. Introductory sessions will outline basic search steps; advanced sessions will offer advice on more comprehensive methods. Phone Woodward Library (228-4440 or 228-5461) for more information.



*Medline* on CD-ROM in Woodward Library will soon be available not just to one but to three users at a time, using a Local Area Network (LAN) developed by the Library's Systems Division.

*Pat Lysyk*

1837 Rebellion. There are also many broadsides and poems of the Sixties in Vancouver and tourist brochures of the Pacific Northwest. Watch for the upcoming display in Special Collections.

*Derek N. Kerr*

# What's in the Data Library?

The Data Library acquires and maintains computer readable data files in many subjects. At present our holdings consist of approximately 1,100 different data files comprising about 6,000 physical files. These files contain primarily numeric or quantitative data, although we also have text files.

## 1986 Canadian Census files start to arrive

In response to a dramatic price increase for the 1986 computer readable census data files, members of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries formed a Consortium to acquire one complete set of the files from Statistics Canada. The cost and the files are to be shared by the Consortium members.

The negotiations to set up the necessary agreements were time-consuming. Success has been achieved at last, however, and the Data Library received recently the first sixteen of the 1986 Census data files. These files are part of Statistic Canada's Basic Summary Tables series and represent data in demography, mother tongue, dwellings, families, ethno-cultural characteristics, mobility, schooling, labour force characteristics and income.

As is the case with most of our files, the Data Library had to sign a contract with the supplier (in this case, Statistics Canada) which determines how the data may be accessed

and used. Unlike previous census data, the 1986 files may only be used by educators, students and staff members of UBC for the exclusive purpose of teaching, academic research and academic publishing.

## Data files include

- census data from all the Canadian censuses since 1961
- Canadian and international public opinion polls
- many kinds of special purpose surveys such as Canadian national election surveys, Labour Force Surveys, the B.C. alcohol and drug programs adolescent survey (1987), and the Survey of Vancouver English (1984)
- stock market price data from the New York, American and Toronto stock exchanges
- company balance sheet information for major American and Canadian companies
- economic data, Canadian as well as international, from institutions such as Statistics Canada, CITIBANK, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the OECD
- pictures from the polar-orbiting environmental satellites launched by NASA
- digital maps
- texts such as Shakespeare's plays, the Bible in Greek and Hebrew, old English texts, Canadian poetry, a collection of B.C. Indian myths (in English)

## How to use Data Library files

Using computer readable data files is a fairly complex procedure. We suggest you first come to the Data Library for assistance. Copies of the Data Library's User's Guide are also available from the Data Library or University Computing Services.

For more information, please phone the Data Library (228-5587) or contact us via electronic mail (USERDLDB@MTSG.UBC.CA). The Data Library is in Room 206 of the Computer Sciences Building and is open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

The data files and online documentation files are available at all times the mainframe MTS-G computer system is operational.

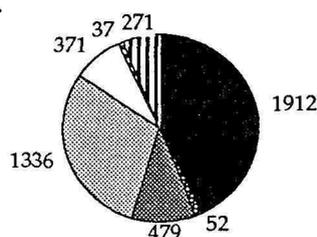
Hilde Colenbrander

## How to find data files

The Data Library is administered jointly by the Library and the Computing Centre. Until recently, most files in Data Library were listed only in the SPIRES Datalib catalogue on MTS-G. This summer, however, the Data Library and the Catalogue Records Division, with a Challenge 1989 grant, added records for 200 data files to the Library's online catalogue. These records are accessible to all users of the catalogue by the same indices (author, title, subject) as books. You can easily recognize a data file record by the suffix "Compf" after the call number, by the location "Data Library" and by the phrase "computer file" following the title. These new records supplement older records (with AV14 call numbers) for earlier data files in the card and online catalogues. The Library now has two thirds of the Data Library's files listed in its catalogues and plans to complete the listing by next year.

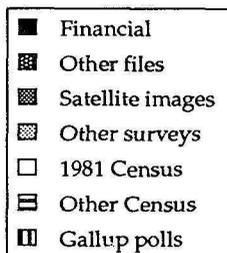
Matt Hartman

Mounting a Data Library tape corresponds (roughly) to signing a book out of another library. This chart shows the number of tapes our users mounted in the 1987-1988 academic year, broken down by general subject categories.



## tape mounts

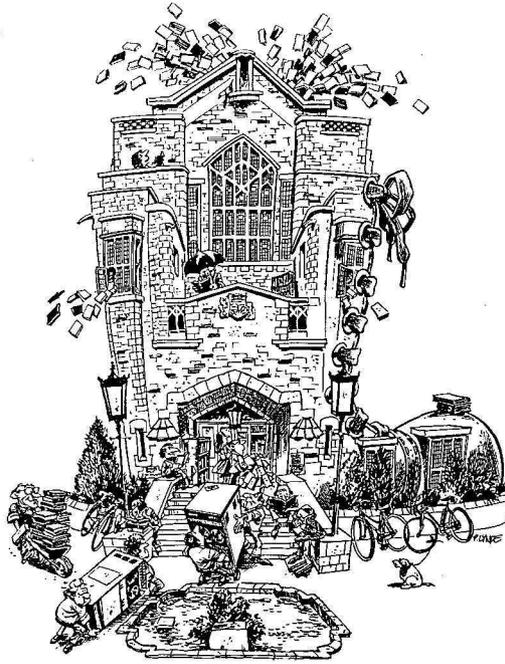
The large number of mounts of satellite images is due to the Oceanography Department and their ongoing work with satellite images.



## Building plans change

In 1987, a new Central Branch Library was announced for the Old Bookstore site. The building was to have housed a Science Library, Special Collections Division, Map Library, Fine Arts Library, Music Library, Mathematics Library and Wilson Recordings Collection as well as the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration's new Management Research Centre, including the David Lam Management Research Library. The Management Research Centre will go ahead but the other components of a Central Branch Library will not be included.

There were two reasons for this change. The first was the university planners' decision that the proposed building was too large for the site.



The second was that David Lam's major donation for the Management Research Centre is tied to a December 1991 deadline for a new building and a major donation for a new Central Branch Library had not been secured.

### What happens now?

This postponement delays a solution to the Main Library's space problems and the upgrading of the 1925 building. But the Office of Campus Planning and Development and the Library will shortly be working on plans for a \$24 million Main Library addition and renovation project. This facility is one of the projects the University hopes to build through its major fund-raising campaign "A World of Opportunity".

## Search for a new University Librarian continues

Doug McInnes resigned as University Librarian June 30 and has been appointed Head of Woodward Biomedical Library. A President's Advisory Committee for the Selection of the University Librarian has been established. The members of the Committee are Nadine Baldwin, Dr. Sherrill E. Grace, Dr. Philip G. Hill, Dr. Barry McBride, Joan Sandilands, Mr. R. Alex Speers, Dr. K.D. Srivastava, Dr. Peter Suedfeld, and Dr. Patricia Vertinsky. Bill Watson, Assistant Librarian for Public Services - Central Libraries, was named Acting University Librarian July 1, 1989. He will continue in this position until a new University Librarian is appointed.

## NTIS and CASSIS on CD-ROM in Patscan

The Patscan service in Science Division, Main Library, has just acquired two technical databases, NTIS and CASSIS, on CD-ROM. The CD-ROM version of NTIS indexes the last ten years of NTIS documents; CASSIS indexes the last twenty years of American patents. Phone Ron Simmer (228-5404) for a free demonstration.

NTIS on CD-ROM is produced by the U.S. National Technical Information Service, the publisher for 240 U.S. government agencies, including HUD, DOT, DDC, DOE and NASA. Virtually all federally funded research done by U.S. agencies or their contractors and grantees is published by NTIS. NTIS documents include engineering studies, economic analyses, industry bibliographies, translations of research reports from foreign governments, software

documentation, and even military patents available for licensing. Many of the documents are on microfiche in the Microforms Division, Main Library.

CASSIS is a unique database from the U.S. Patent Office. Patents are a neglected source of technical information. Over 80% of the innovations in many technical fields are revealed only in the patent literature. Through the use of CASSIS and UBC Library's online Canadian Patent Index, the cost and mystery of patent searching at UBC is now greatly reduced. The abstracts of most American and Canadian patents are available on microfiche in Patscan. You can also order a copy of a complete patent through Interlibrary Loan Division.

*Ron Simmer*

## Database news databases librarians can search for you

### B.C. courses

The Open Learning Agency's *Discovery Training Network* is now available in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division. It provides access to information about academic credit courses at B.C. colleges and universities, as well as listing courses on technical and vocational training, continuing education, distance education,

professional development programs, and adult special education. American seminars, workshops and open learning courses are also listed.

### Asia Pacific today

*Asia Pacific*, a new file on DIALOG, covers Asian business and economics, including the Middle East. The database selectively indexes many U.S. and international publications,

including newspapers, business journals, government documents, conference proceedings and monographs.

### Search services

Search costs vary. For more information, phone the branch or reference division for your field.

*Pia Christensen*

## AROUND THE LIBRARIES

### People

**Tim Ross**, who has worked at the Geological Survey of Canada, the Provincial Archives of Manitoba, the University of Windsor Library and McGill University Library, has been appointed the new Map Librarian, replacing **Maureen Wilson** who retired in June. **Beverley Scott**, Acting Head of Social Work Library for the past year, has been appointed Head. **Lee Ann Bryant**, formerly in Information and Orientation and Government Publications Divisions, has been appointed as a reference librarian in Curriculum Laboratory. While **Joanne Naslund** is on leave, **Cynthia Swoveland** has been appointed until June 30, 1990 as a reference librarian in Curriculum Laboratory. **Nurlela Brady** has been appointed as a half-time Bibliographic Associate (Indonesian language) in the Asian Studies Library. **Rein Brongers**, Head of Science Division, Main Library since 1968, retired September 30, 1989. **Len McIver**, after five months in Curriculum Laboratory, resigned for a position in B.C. Tel's Library. **Marjorie Nelles**, a part-time librarian in MacMillan Library since 1985, resigned to become Interlibrary Loan librarian at Simon Fraser University.

### Places

**Trudy Korth**, a senior library assistant from the Music Library, is the new supervisor of the **Wilson Recordings Collection**, reporting to **Joan Sandilands**, Head of Sedgewick Library. The Collection now has more than 4,500 compact discs in addition to 30,000 records. As well as its extensive holdings of classical music, it also has jazz, spoken word, and folk song records. Wilson also has a new fee schedule outlined in the handout available at the Wilson Recordings Circulation Desk.

### Hot off the press

*Start Here 129. Stress management and coping (revised)*

*Start Here 153. Guides to writing and research*

*UBC Library Online: Remote Access (revised)*

*UBC Library Online: Questions and Answers (revised)*

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

### On display

Temperance or intolerance  
Western cities - historical views  
Exploring B.C.'s mountain parks  
**Special Collections**  
**Main Library**

Sir Francis Bacon  
Paracelsus  
Rare Book Collection  
**Memorial Room**  
**Woodward Library**

Fusion or confusion?  
UBC Heritage Postcards  
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*First in a series of fourth year B.F.A. student displays on themes of the Library, literature or the information explosion*  
**Main Library**

Selected works of Canadian Art  
from the collections of the  
University of British Columbia  
October 10 - November 18  
**Fine Arts Gallery**  
**Main Library**