

UBC LIBRARY NEWS

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Library highlights 1915 displays, 1990 computers at Open House March 9-11

The Library has something for everyone at this year's Open House. Visit our "Parade through the Past" in the Main Library. Listen to popular tunes from 1915 to 1918; stroll past the huge archival photographs of UBC and Vancouver; take a ten minute break to watch *Tuum Est*, a video with archival film footage of milestone events at UBC, including the first Convocation, the Great Trek and the arrival of the Army huts. Get a copy of the headline the day you were born from our microfilm newspaper collection. Trace the lineage of your Vancouver house with Special Collections' old city directories. Buy posters, paperbacks, maps, records and old Totem yearbooks at the Library's sale in the Map Library foyer. Visitors can also enter a daily draw to win a UBC extramural library card for a year.

1990 is not forgotten

Visit the Main Library's displays and demonstrations of computer solutions to information access, including the Library's databases and CD-ROM and remote databases. *Dialog*, *Infoglobe* and *CAN/OLE* have donated free search time on their bibliographic and full-text files. Librarians will do brief online searches on request every afternoon from 1pm-4pm.

Visit the branches

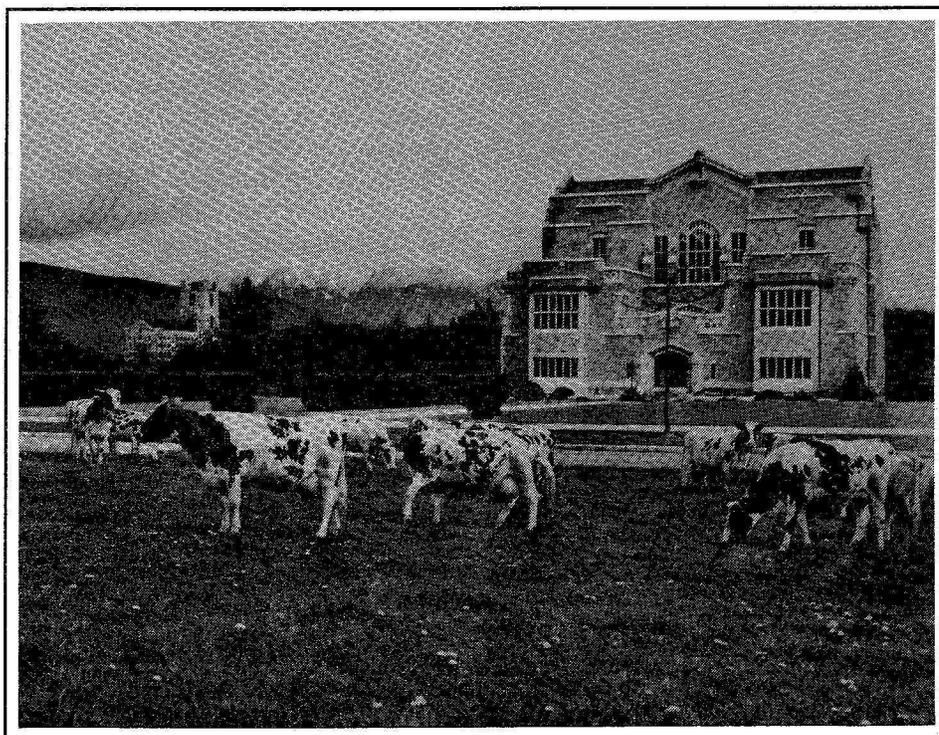
You will find displays featuring 1915 education, art, fashion, music, law and agriculture. Woodward Library offers tours of the history of medicine collection in the elegant Memorial Room and demonstrations of computer searching of *MEDLINE* on CD-ROM. Sedgewick Library's display "Undergraduates through the ages" evokes past styles and fads.

\$305,000 cut from Library's budget

The University has directed the Library to cut \$305,000 from its continuing operating budget beginning April 1, 1990. This amount is the difference between the University's final salary offer to the librarians and the salary increase awarded by a three-member arbitration board. The Library is reviewing options. Every effort will be made to maintain services to users. More information will be published in the April issue of this newsletter.

Wilson Recordings Collection offers a daily draw to win a Wilson card for a year. And book preservation is a system-wide theme. Catch the video and display *Murder in the stacks* in the Main Library and pick up a special souvenir "Save a Book" bookmark from any campus library.

Julie Stevens



Photomontage by Leonard Frank, c. 1937. Poster (\$2.00) at the Library's Open House sale

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Spring-cleaning?

We welcome donations of paperbacks for our Open House sale. Just put them in the specially signed boxes near the entrances to Main, Woodward and Sedgewick libraries.

Swan papers enhance Northwest Coast collection

With the help of a grant from the Movable Cultural Property Office of the Federal Department of Communications and a grant from the Vancouver Foundation's Rogers Fund, Special Collections recently purchased, from their American owner, the papers of James G. Swan, 1818-1900. Swan, an Easterner, settled on the Northwest Coast in 1852, spending most of his time in Port Townsend, Washington. In his capacities as magistrate, customs officer, piloting agent, ethnographer, Hawaiian consul, fisheries officer, railway representative, and immigration officer, he corresponded with nearly everyone of importance on the Coast during the latter part of the nineteenth century.

The papers contain his correspondence with James Douglas, A.C. Anderson, G. Gibbs, William Fraser

Tolmie, J.W. Powell, M. Eells, H.R. Schoolcraft, I.I. Stevens and others. Topics include the international boundary between Washington and British Columbia, and between British Columbia and Alaska; fishing; sealing; whaling; shipwrecks; consular affairs; Chinese immigration; the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific railways; revenue cutters; piloting in the Juan de Fuca Strait; the collection of Indian artifacts in British Columbia, especially in the Queen Charlotte Islands; seizures of Canadian vessels during various disputes; and fur trading companies.

The librarians in Special Collections anticipate the papers will be used heavily for research in fishing and railroad history, native Indian history and pioneer life on the Northwest Coast.

Anne Yandle

B.C. Local Histories Project needs your help

A project to produce an annotated bibliography of the local histories of communities in British Columbia is underway. Funded by the B.C. Heritage Trust through the B.C. Library Association, the project is being supervised by Jean Barman, Assistant Professor, and Linda Hale, Canadian Childhood History Project Bibliographer, at UBC's Dept. of Social and Educational Studies.

The bibliography, which will be available in published form and online through the UBC Library, will assist research and scholarship on B.C. At present, no systematic way exists to locate local histories. Some have been privately printed; many are long out of print. Local histories, while uneven in coverage and quality, contain a wealth of information on hundreds of small B.C. settlements. The bibliography will make it possible to examine a variety of subjects, including the distribution of non-Native settlement across B.C.,

the emergence of social institutions, and the everyday lives of women and children.

For the bibliography to be as complete as possible, assistance is sought from anyone aware of the existence of a local history. The project organizers are particularly eager to learn about smaller, older or more obscure publications that may be tucked away on a back book shelf.

If you know of any local histories, please send the following information - author, title, publisher, place and date of publication, and actual location of a copy, to:

Jean Barman or Linda Hale
Dept. of Social & Educational Studies
Faculty of Education, UBC
Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Z5

All assistance will be acknowledged in the bibliography to be published this fall.

CD-ROM takes off

Just a year ago, free do-it-yourself literature searching on CD-ROM was a new development in the library system. In January 1989, a CD-ROM version of *MEDLINE* was installed on single workstations in Woodward Library and the three off-campus hospital libraries. Funding for the workstations was provided through a cooperative venture on the part of the Library, the Faculty of Medicine, the UBC teaching hospitals, the Campus Committee on Distributed Computing, and the Woodward and Vancouver Foundations.

The popularity of this new service, particularly in Woodward, led to thirty minute search sessions being booked days in advance. As a result, two more jointly funded microcomputers have been installed in Woodward, with the Library contributing staff and hardware to enable the three microcomputers to be networked. The network allows up to three Woodward patrons to search a single copy of the *MEDLINE* database simultaneously and to direct search results to a single shared printer. By the end of January, the three microcomputers were being used to near capacity.

Information retrieval via databases on CD-ROM has clearly gained acceptance as an integral part of health science library users' information search routines. A fourth CD-ROM workstation is being acquired to access additional health and life sciences databases.

Elsie de Bruijn

The year 2000 - w

The B.C. Ministry of Education has proposed sweeping changes to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 curriculum, which are outlined in *The Year 2000: A Curriculum and Assessment Framework Paper*. How will these changes affect your children? How well will the program prepare students for post-secondary education? Come to the

Canadian census data retrieval made easy

Anyone who, for the first time, has tried retrieving computer readable census data from the Data Library's magnetic tapes will know it is a complex and time consuming business. The alternative is, of course, to use the printed Census tables. However, if you want the data in computer readable form for use with a statistical package, or for generating plots or maps, the printed tables are not satisfactory.

PCensus is good news for users

The Data Library has acquired the microcomputer based package *PCensus* developed by the Vancouver company Tetrad Computer Applications Limited. According to Tetrad, *PCensus* "allows you to retrieve demographic information for any location, be it a province, city, neighbourhood or street intersection, anywhere in Canada." It contains a retrieval program and data from both the short and long form questionnaires at the macro or aggregated level, i.e., population totals. Each record in the database consists of the data for one enumeration area, the geographic area canvassed by one census enumerator, and the smallest geostatistical area for census data. There were about 44,000 enumeration areas in Canada in 1986.

PCensus is based on a menu system. A user begins by defining the exact

geographical area for which data is required. This could be one or more enumeration areas, a neighbourhood (census tract), city, province or any circular or polygonal area defined by geographic coordinates. Other areas may be defined for comparative purposes. All available data for the defined area or areas is then retrieved, and the user chooses, from a menu, the report categories to be displayed. Options include: population, age, age by sex; citizenship, ethnicity, mobility; industry, occupation; families, children; household income; and others. *PCensus* makes retrieval of data easy but the database contains macro data only. If you need to use the micro data based on individual questionnaires, you have to use the magnetic tape files.

All at UBC welcome to use *PCensus*

The Data Library has the *PCensus* 1981 and 1986 databases. The package is on a microcomputer in the Data Library, Computer Sciences Building, Room 206. If you wish to take data away with you, please bring a 360KB or 1.2MB 5 1/4" formatted disc. (We currently do not have a printer available). The Data Library is open weekdays from 9am to 4pm. We suggest you phone before coming to use *PCensus* to make sure it is available (228-5587).

Hilde Colenbrander

SDI service for faculty improved

The Library's SDI service, available since 1973, provides to UBC faculty, on request, a regularly updated printout of the Library's new books in their field. Early SDI's were done from the acquisition file and the elements to define a search were limited to call number ranges, author, keyword in title, and location. Profiles in the social sciences and medicine retrieved the best results; in the humanities, results varied because titles were often not descriptive of contents.

In January, a new search element was added - subject keyword. Reference librarians can now refine SDI's even more. Preliminary tests indicate this additional search element will be very valuable for profiles in area studies. Today, the Library runs 450 profiles every eight weeks from newly completed records in the online catalogue file.

If you would like to establish a profile for your area of interest, please make an appointment with the appropriate reference librarian. For more information, phone the branch or reference division for your area or the Information and Orientation Division (228-2076).

Gerry Dobbins

Crane publishes *Funstuff too*

Funstuff too is a 125 page new edition of a bibliography of Crane Library's leisure and background material talking books. Prepared by Judith Thiele, it provides librarians, educators, and others extending services to the blind, visually impaired and print disabled with a list of titles which can be borrowed through Interlibrary Loan or purchased from Crane. According to Judith, "part of the popularity of the Crane leisure titles is they appeal to people looking for

more erudite reading. Many talking book producers have underestimated the reading tastes of the non-print reading public, and are creating mostly the talking book version of 'bathtub reading'." Publication of *Funstuff too* was assisted by grants from William M. Mercer Ltd., the Vancouver Branch of March and McLennan Companies, New York and John A. Macdonald (B.A. '65).

Paul E. Thiele

What do you think?

Curriculum Laboratory and read the report or borrow it on one day loan. We also have a reference copy of a *Working Plan #1, 1989-1999* which contains the timelines for implementation of the program. Our display *The Year 2000 - What do you think?* features reactions of parents, teachers and students.

Cynthia Swoveland

Database news databases librarians can search for you

Avery Architecture Index

The *Avery Architecture Index*, produced at the Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library, Columbia University, is now on *Dialog*. Covering 1979 to the present, the online version of this index covers articles, interviews, obituaries, book reviews and exhibition reviews in more than 1,000 periodicals from over 45 countries. Topics indexed include abbeys, architecture and energy conservation, computer-aided design, gentrification, housing and masonry. It is updated semiannually. Phone the Fine Arts Library reference librarians for more information (228-3943).

QL Systems for law

QL Systems was the first, and is still the largest, Canadian computer-assisted legal research service. Developed in the early 1970's at Queen's University in Kingston, the system today provides access to a broad range of law-related databases covering various Canadian law report series, statutes and regulations. Some of the databases provide full text retrieval of court cases and statutes; others are restricted to 'headnotes' or editorial summaries of the factual situations, legal principles and the judges' findings.

Choosing the right keywords is

critical when searching a computerized legal retrieval system such as *QL*. To retrieve relevant case law, the researcher must plan a search strategy which links terms from the factual situation with the legal issue or issues associated with the problem.

As well as law related databases, *QL Systems* provides access to scientific and business-oriented databases such as the *Alberta Oil Sands Index*, *Boreal Northern Titles*, the *Arctic Science and Technology Information System* and *Business Information Wire*. For more information, phone the Law Library reference librarians (228-4203).

Dorothy Martin, Mary Mitchell

AROUND THE LIBRARIES

People

Bonnie Stableford has been appointed Head of the Science Division, Main Library effective May 1. She is currently Chief of the Library Services Division, Health Protection Branch, Health and Welfare Canada, in Ottawa. She has also held positions as Head, Health Sciences Resource Centre at the Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI), Canadian Medlars Coordinator at CISTI and Director of the Nursing Library at the University of Ottawa. Dan Heino has been appointed as a reference librarian in Woodward Library. Patrick Willoughby, formerly in Fine Arts Library, is now a reference librarian in Government Publications/Microforms Division. Isabel Pitfield has been appointed Library Community Affairs and Development Coordinator. She will be assisting the Library Administration with the Friends of the Library, community relations and development work. Her part-time appointment is from January to December 1990.

On Display

1915 memorabilia
Displays by senior sculpture students on libraries, literature or the information explosion
Main Library

Old Vancouver in maps
block by block
Special Collections
Main Library

History of medicine student displays
Woodward Library's 25th
Anniversary
Memorial Room
Woodward Library

Idea of the university
Ian Wallace
February 7-March 17

Video-narrative
Anne Ramsden
March 22-April 21
Fine Arts Gallery
Main Library

Hot off the Press

How to use Microlog
How to find A/V materials at Curriculum Laboratory
UBC Library Online: Questions and Answers (revised)
Library People: a guide to reference staff at UBC Library (revised)

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

Anne M. Smith 1899-1990

It is with regret we report the death January 22 of Anne Smith. Ms. Smith joined UBC Library as a reference librarian in 1930 and later became Assistant Librarian in charge of reference and information services. Her high standards and innovative reference services contributed to UBC Library's commitment to public service. In 1949 and 1951, she served as acting University Librarian. She retired in 1965.