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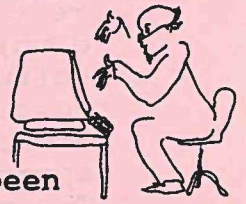

UBCLIB NEWS

Feedback from users of our new online catalogue (UBCLIB) has been very positive. Faculty and Library staff are using the online feedback system to send us their questions, suggestions and comments. In the libraries, it has been fairly quiet, with only a small number of telephone and in-person inquiries about UBCLIB. It's expected that business will increase significantly when there is more campus publicity about the system and after the public terminals are installed.

Due to the Computing Centre's large backlog of network port installations, the ten public terminals may not be installed in the five branches until sometime in late April or May. At the moment, it is not certain how the public terminals will function. Ideally, the terminals will be set so that users will not be able to use them for anything other than searching UBCLIB. The Systems Division is investigating whether it is technically feasible for the public terminals to function differently from our other UBCNET terminals.

There have been several improvements to UBCLIB since the beginning of February. A number of these changes are the direct result of faculty requests, such as the addition of circulation information in detailed displays, a new telephone service for holds and rush cataloguing requests and an improved message system. Other modifications include the addition of the Miscellaneous Materials file and the Other Campus Collections file to the menu mode and a few minor changes in the file names in the command mode. Other requested changes which are being considered by Systems include sorted hit lists, online holds, two-way messaging, keyword searching, restricting searches by location and so on.

Lynn Copeland and Kathy Scardellato, our two Systems Librarians, visited SFU and UVIC libraries in late February to train staff to use UBCLIB. As part of the provincial grant, these libraries have each received two terminals to access UBCLIB. In addition to using the system for interlibrary loans, the two libraries are expected to use our files for cataloguing and reference work. They are particularly interested in some of our specialized files, such as the Bibliography file, the B.C. Newspapers file and the Headings file (name authorities). Staff in both libraries like the system and are very pleased to have direct access to our files.

Documentation for UBCLIB is still in progress. A brief (single sheet) introduction to the command mode is now available in the Information & Orientation Division. A pocket guide and a reference manual for the command mode should be ready by the end of March.

MICROCOMPUTERS SELECTED FOR WORKSTATIONS

The Library has selected the microcomputers which will eventually replace the QUME terminals as the UBCLIB public workstations. The IBM Personal System 2 model 25 microcomputer was chosen mainly for its reliability, durability, design for public use (they can be bolted down)and excellent price/performance. Also, since we do not have our software yet, the IBM equipment provides the best assurance of compatibility. The Systems Division is presently searching for microcomputer software for the user interface. If they do not find an appropriate package, the interface may be developed by the Library. The microcomputers will be installed when the new software is available.

IDES OF MARCH

Staff and recent victims of thievery in the Library will be relieved to hear that the RCMP arrested a man in Main Library on Tuesday, March 15th after catching him in the act of stealing a wallet. The police believe that he may be responsible for the rash of thefts which have been reported in Main Library since the end of February. Because of the sudden increase in thefts, extra signs have been posted in the Library and handouts were distributed to all carrells, warning students to watch their valuables.

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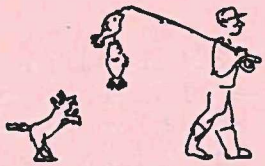

The new Microcatalogue, which was cut-off on January 7th, was distributed at the beginning of March. It now contains over 650,000 records. Due to some programming problems, a call number set was not produced. Branches and Divisions should retain the previous call number set since the next edition of the Microcatalogue is not due until late September.

The bibliography Theses on British Columbia history and related subjects is now available on microfiche. Last published in 1971 as the University of British Columbia Reference Publication No. 35, with a supplement issued in 1974, this publication has been long out of print. In its new expanded version on microfiche, it lists theses and graduating essays about B.C. written at UBC and other universities up to and including 1986. Entries are listed by author, title and subject. Cost of the fiche set is $20.00. For further information about the bibliography, call Frances Woodward in Special Collections.

Anyone interested in purchasing the UBC Microcatalogue or other microfiche products should contact:

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SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Senate Library Committee is appointed by the University Senate and its terms of reference include advising and assisting the University Librarian in formulating policies on resources and services, and in allocating the collections budget. The committee is comprised of University Senators or members added with the approval of Senate. The present committee includes three student Senators, two Convocation Senators, several faculty (among them, four Deans), and the University Librarian. In addition, the University Chancellor, the President and the Registrar are ex-officio members. The present Chairman is the Associate Dean of Arts, Dr. J.L. Wisenthal.

Since January, the Library administration has held three information meetings for the Senate Library Committee. At the first meeting in January, Bob MacDonald reviewed the Library plan for technological development and gave a demonstration of UBCLIB. CD-ROM technology was the main topic for discussion at the second meeting on February 11th. Professor Anne Piternick gave a demonstration of online searching of remote data bases as well as several CD-ROM databases. On February 29th, Tony Jeffreys gave the first of two presentations on major issues in collections development and funding. The second presentation on collections will take place later this Spring.

SYSTEMS UPDATE

FILE NAME CHANGES IN LDMS

The Public Catalogues Task Group (PCTG) has decided to change the names of three files in LDMS so that they will match the names used in the public online catalogue (UBCLIB). The changes are as follows:

.UBC will be changed to .CAT
.RECON will be changed to .OLDCAT (Old Card Catalogue)
.RRS will be changed to .OTH (Other Campus Collections)

This should help to make life a little easier for those of us who switch back and forth between the two systems. The name changes will be made in early April.

SUBJECT WORD INDEX

In LDMS, the subject word index (SW) has been removed from the list of indexes on SHOw INDexes. In fact, the index is still there and available for use. It has been removed from the list so that it will not appear as an option for UBCLIB users in the command mode.

NEW MESSAGE SYSTEM

The Systems Division is presently testing a new message system for LDMS. It will help to streamline general LDMS messages and allow us to send and receive individual messages. Type .START2 to see what the automatic signon messages will look like on the new system. Type .MESS to try sending one. Questions and comments about the message system should be directed to Lynn Copeland in Systems.

CONTEST WINNER FOUND

The winner of our contest to rename the DRS system is Lee Perry from Woodward Library. She submitted the name MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS, which was chosen by the Public Catalogues Task Group to replace DRS. Our belated congratulations to Lee and thanks to everyone who participated in the contest. Don't put away your pencils yet - your chance for fame and fortune could still lie ahead. There might be another contest to name the public online catalogue. Stay tuned for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS FEATURE OF THE MONTH

FAEX FILE (Fine Arts exhibition catalogues)

The FAEX file lists over 3,000 exhibition catalogues which have been received in the Fine Arts Library since November 1985. The exhibition catalogues are acquired in all languages from around the world and cover much more than artists' exhibitions. Other subjects include archaeology, architecture, photography, and permanent museum and gallery collections.

Prior to 1985, most of the exhibition catalogues were fully catalogued as well as indexed in a card file in the Fine Arts Library. The card file, which was started in 1968, provided additional access points which were not available through the catalogue. Smaller exhibition catalogues (under 25 pages) were listed only in the card file.

The Miscellaneous Materials system has made it possible to create a single file for all of the catalogues and provide improved access. All of the catalogues are now fully analyzed and are indexed by author, title, subject, gallery, museum, artist, and city of exhibition. Catalogues over 25 pages (about 90%), receive a Library of Congress call number, followed by the suffix "ex". The Fine Arts Library plans to eventually convert the records in the card file and the microcatalogue.

Try the following searches:

1. Do we have any photography catalogues from galleries in New York?
   TRY: F W=photography
   F * .AND. NW=new york

2. Do we have anything about the new Picasso Museum in Paris?
   TRY: F W=picasso paris

The FAEX file is now available on microfiche for $8.00. The FAEX microfiche set will be produced annually. For more information about the file and the exhibition catalogues, call Diana Cooper in the Fine Arts Library (3943). Remember to clip and save this to add to your other MISC. MATERIALS features of the month.

STAFF NEWS

Kat McGrath has been appointed as Serials Librarian in the Serials Division. Kat has been working in Serials in a temporary appointment since August, 1987. She is replacing Kathy Scardellato, who has moved to the Systems Division. Before coming to UBC Library, Kat worked as a part-time librarian for the Burnaby Public Library.

Laine Ruus, Head of the Data Library, is leaving UBC Library at the end of April. She started working here in 1972 as a Reference Librarian in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division and moved to the Data Library in 1974. She has accepted a position at the University of Toronto, where she will be setting up a new Data Library.

HELLOS

Queenie Chan, LA2, Gov. Pubs.
Lisa Turner, LA1 (sessional), Woodward
Thomas Long, LA1, Circulation
Brenda Wishart, LA2 (half-time), PATSCAN

PROMOTIONS

Jim Gormican, LA2, Law
Joanne Savory, LA2, Science
Simon Cooksley, LA2, St. Paul's

TRANSFERS

Wendy Swift, LA1, Cat. Records to Cat. Products
Ann Chatwin, LA2 (half-time), Woodward
Chris Robertson, LA1, Woodward to Curric.

GOODBYES

Yvonne Gamble, LA1, Circulation
Catherine Hill, LA1, Cat. Products
Kris Hans, LA2, St. Paul's
Wendy Osborne, LA3, St. Paul's
Vibeke Rasmussen, LA2, Science
Robin Shaw, LA2, Cat. Products

***** ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

SPRING RITES

Celebrate Spring! Be sure to attend the Library party at Cecil Green Park on Thursday, April 14th, from 4:30 pm to 11:00 pm. Relax, avoid the rush hour and join the celebration. There will be food, beverages, music and door prizes. For further information, call Mary Mitchell (4696).

RECYCLING

The Library needs plastic bags for the Rainy Day boxes which are now in most branches. If you have some spare bags, please send them to your nearest branch.

The Information Desk in Main Library is always in need of pencil stubs. Please send any extras to the Information & Orientation Division.

RUNAWAY TRUCK

The Humanities and Social Sciences Division has lost one of their booktrucks. If you come across a wood and metal truck (no. 27), please send it home to HSS.

CHINATOWN INTERIORS

An exhibition of 48 photographs by Pok-Chi Lau is on display in the UBC Fine Arts Gallery until March 31st. This collection of black and white photographs, which evokes the bewilderment encountered by Chinese immigrants, documents Chinatowns in New York, San Francisco, Boston, Pittsburgh and Vancouver..

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