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LIBRARY NEWS

ULC update

As fundraising continues for the proposed University Learning Centre, the ULC building committee is preparing its presentation to the Board of Governors for Board 2 approval later this year. Information boards outlining two possible designs will be on display this fall in the Chapman Learning Commons, Main Library. Please stop by and take a look!

Front page news

Library Staff members Aleteia Greenwood, Deborah Taylor and Mira Blazicevic view the Stravinsky Collection on display at the reception.

The UBC Library recently made the front page of the *Vancouver Sun's* weekend edition in a story about Dr. Colin Slim's donation of Stravinskiana, known as the H. Colin Slim Stravinsky Collection. The article highlighted the weekend of events held to celebrate the donation, including an opening reception and display of the collection, a symposium and the re-enactment 50 years later to the day, of a concert performed at UBC. For more information on the Slim Collection see **www.library.ubc.ca/slim**.

W. Kaye Lamb Memorial Library Fund established

Elizabeth Hawkins recently established a memorial fund in memory of her father, Dr. W. Kaye Lamb. Dr. Lamb was UBC Librarian from 1940-1948 and became Canada's first National Librarian in 1953. He was also Dominion Archivist from 1948 until he retired in 1968. The current National Librarian, author Roch Carrier, presented the inaugural W. Kaye Lamb Memorial Lecture June 4 in the Dodson Room entitled *A Library for the Nation.*

The Library's Strategic Communications Plan

Marleen Morris and Associates has been working closely with Catherine Quinlan and Allison Markin, the Library's Communications Co-ordinator, on the development of a strategic communications plan for the Library. This work will continue through the summer and will result in a comprehensive plan targeting our key audiences. Their thanks to everyone who has participated in a focus group, given an interview or offered assistance with this project. Marleen continues to conduct research both within the Library and externally with other groups and individuals on campus in order to assess our communications needs and develop the best possible program.

Beginning later this summer and in the fall, you will see parts of this plan 'roll out', including: a visual identity program, the formation of a Library-wide communications committee, a comprehensive faculty orientation program and the development of events for our on-campus and off-campus user communities. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Catherine or Allison.

Asian Heritage Month event draws crowd

On May 18, Asian Library staff successfully hosted a full-day event in celebration of Asian Heritage Month and welcomed representatives from 12 Chinese pioneer families. Participants attended talks on Chinese rare books, Sikh family names and CJK e-resources. Asin Library recorded traffic of over 750 persons that Saturday, more than 10 times the gate count on regular weekends.

Other news from the Asian Library includes the move of all the Asian titles in the Swann Collection back to the Asian Library in April. Patrons can check the list of items in a manually compiled catalogue at the Circulation Desk. Since March, library computers have been able to display Chinese, Japanese and Korean vernaculars and patrons have access to MagazinePlus, an online index to 8,500 Japanese journals and periodicals.

Library receives funding

Good news! The UBC Library recently received $50,000 to help fund library instruction programs. This one time funding is the equivalent to the TLEF grant the Library received in past years for the Information Connections program. This money was allocated to the Library from funds for the indirect cost of research and tuition fee increase.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Staff Training and Development Program announces the Library Overview Series for Fall 2002, with four new workshops. This training series will be mandatory for all new staff members and available to incumbents as space permits. The core topics in the series are:

- Computer literacy orientation
- Library health & safety orientation
- Communication with customers and colleagues (new)
- Library web site/University of B.C. web site (new)
- Technical services/Online library system overview (new)
- Circulation, with Finale: Strategic plan, mission, values (new)

Generally, staff members are recruited for a specific function or service and will learn these functions/services in-depth within the unit or department. This structured training program at the overview level proposes to broaden everyone's general knowledge about the Library's services and functions. Its other goals are to contribute to a common understanding of the Library's mission and goals, to foster cross-unit understanding and fertilization and to improve communication skills with customers and colleagues.

For more information, please see the annual report on the staff training and development program for 2001/2 at **http://www.library.ubc.ca/staff/stdc/welcome.html**

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Amber Lannon and Yani Mitchell welcome patrons and visitors to the Library's newest branch.

Robson Square

This January, the Robson Square Library welcomed Amber Lannon, Librarian and Yani Mitchell, Library Assistant (formerly of the MacMillan Library). Over the past few months the Robson Square duo has been working hard to establish services in UBC's newest Library and to promote these services to the Robson Square community. Services at Robson Square include but are not limited to library card production for students, staff and faculty, CISTI and ILL pick-up, a campus Intranet, and an advertising current awareness service.

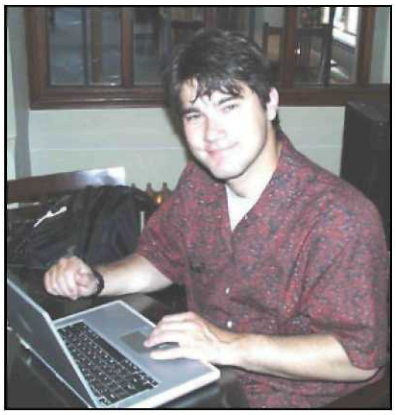
Robson Square is located right next to the Vancouver Art Gallery – just off the former skating rink. It is open Monday to Friday – please drop in and introduce yourself to Yani and Amber.

LSL News

Hamber librarian Cathy Rayment will be the new President of the Canadian Health Libraries Association for the June 02 - May 03 term. Tracy Havlin of Woodward Library becomes the Vice-President / President-Elect of the Health Libraries Association of BC at the AGM on June 14th. She'll be serving a two year term – one as VP, the second as President. Dan Heino, also of Woodward Library, is the Secretary of HLABC (this year and next year).

New Residents of Main Library

Main Library will soon be home to the new Director of Learning Technologies for UBC, Michelle Lamberson. Michelle, who is currently Manager of User Community Relations at WebCT, will begin her new position in mid- August. The office will also be home to Brian Lamb, Learning Objects Co-ordinator for UBC since April. Michelle and Brian will be located on the 5th floor of Main, between the offices of Information Services and Martha Whitehead.



Thank you to all

Catherine received this card from Leonora Crema, Head of Borrower Services, addressed to all staff:

> *Thanks so much for the exquisite bouquet – it really brightened my day and has inspired me to try some exotic plantings in my own garden! I'll send out an email shortly, as I know people are asking how I am. My hope is that with patience, persistence, and and a lotta luck, I'll find ways to overcome this condition and be back among you before too long. Meanwhile, my warmest good wishes to all.*
>
> *Leonora*

the Roving Photographer

Library Time Capsule

Diane Lee of Information Services hands over the Library Time Capsule to Doug Booth of Plant Operations.

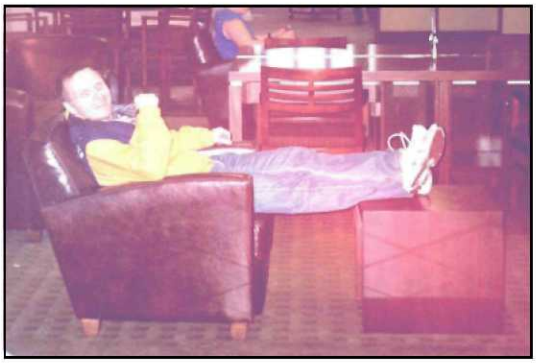
Back in January, electricians doing the final rewiring of the lights in the Chapman Learning Commons had the inspired idea of placing a time capsule high in the rafters while the 50 foot scaffold was in place. Mainites contributed photos, cartoons, fridge magnets, a Staff List, Library user guides, and other memorabilia – all placed in a tin box, which fit snugly into a hollow area in one of the beams.

Next time you're in the Commons, look up (second beam, south side), and imagine someone from a future generation stumbling upon our "Millennial Box", and discovering a very personal link with the UBC Library staff of 2002.

25 Year Club

Catherine Quinlan introduced the new members of the UBC 25 Year Club from the Library during an induction dinner held on May 14, 2002 at the Totem Park Residence Ballroom.

Left to right: Wing Wong (Asian Library), Jung won Whang (Asian Library), Alamelu Sundaram (Cataloguing), Helen Lo (Asian Library), Bilkiss Kassamali (Cataloguing), Linda Chiu (Order Division), Catherine Quinlan (University Librarian)



Facilities Manager Darrell Bailie was caught taking a well deserved rest and trying out one of the new chairs in the Chapman Learning Commons as renovations neared completion.

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