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LIBRARY UPDATE

COMPUTERIZATION. The Ministry of Education has approved substantial funding to the B.C. colleges and universities for retrospective conversion of their card catalogues to machine readable form (recon). $1.4 million has been set aside for recon at colleges and institutes. Many of the colleges have already begun the conversion process, and in as little as 18 months, the entire job should be completed. The universities are expected to receive $700,000 for initial recon (one fiscal year) of which UBC would receive 65% or about $450,000. It is anticipated that it will take no less than 5 years to complete recon for the universities.

Over the summer a special Youth Employment Project grant to the British Columbia Union Catalogue Project allowed substantial conversion of UBC's authority file to machine readable form. A research project was also funded to consider the various options for the B.C. universities in planning a major conversion project, principally querying which of the larger data bases (OCLC, UTLAS, BALLOTS) is most profitable to access.

As soon as recon begins at UBC, a full catalogue closure will be implemented and no new card sets will be prepared for the card catalogue. All newly catalogued items will appear as entries in the Microcatalogue, but no new cards will be added to the author/title or subject files regardless of the imprint.

The first edition of the Microcatalogue for public use should arrive from UTLAS (rhymes with cutlass, stands for University of Toronto Library Automation Systems) by September 18. To celebrate this great event, the UBC Library Bulletin will publish a special issue on the filing rules used by the UTLAS computer. To keep your impatience for this document to reasonable levels, it will be divulged at this time that the computer does WORD BY WORD filing. That is, nothing (a space) comes before something (a letter). The entries in the Microcatalogue will include locations for all items, call number, title, author statement, place, publisher, date, and paging. In the lower right corner of the entry, there is a "record sequence number" (six characters beginning with 41; the 41 stands for UBC); it's the handiest way to talk to the computer if changes to the entry are required. Special snag forms will soon be available for the microcatalogue, plus handouts for students and feedback forms.

BUILDING PROJECTS. The new Library Processing Building is supposed to be ready for occupancy in the late fall. The hope is to move everyone concerned at the same time, before Christmas if all is well. It had been anticipated that the emptied space on level 7 could be used to build a new home for Government Publications and Microforms and then create additional stack space on level 6. However this plan is now in limbo, the age of the Main Library Building is causing some concern. Future thinkers are even proposing that we may require a new Main Library Building, a mere $30,000,000 or so. Meanwhile, the Crane Library recording studio will be completed shortly; plans are going ahead for renovation of the Biomedical Branch Library. It is unlikely that the Asian Centre with space for the Asian Studies Collection will receive funding needed for completion this year. Likewise, a plan to build a joint storage facility for all three universities is on hold.

THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES. UBC Library's course of development seems in line with the general predictions for the academic/research library scene. The crystal ball of Warren Haas, president of the Council of Library Resources, sees the development of a comprehensive computerized bibliographic system and establishment of a national collection of materials as two major trends. He feels that we all will have to come to grips with the capacity of libraries for collective action and to resolve the conflict between centralization of services and autonomy of individual libraries. It's happening in B.C!

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Emily Woodward, Assistant Serials Bibliographer, retired in August. She worked briefly for the Library in 1946/47, then started her career in earnest in 1957. She headed the Curriculum Laboratory under the School of Education for 8 years and edited the Bibliography of Faculty Publications for several years. She started and ended her association with the Library in divisions headed by Eleanor Mercer. She is appreciative of the many pleasant associations she has had at the Library and leaves us for a quiet time at home.

Margaret Price is now working half time in the Government Publications and Microforms Division. She previously worked in Cataloguing, 1967-1974 and comes back to the Library after a modest absence.

Lyn Currie is the new Education Reference Librarian in the Social Sciences Division. She has experience as an audio-visual librarian in Australia and as an education reference librarian at the University of Alberta.

Douglas Dewar has now assumed his duties as reference librarian in Woodward Library. He previously worked as a science cataloguer at the University of Manitoba. He holds a Ph.D. in chemistry (research in biochemistry) from the University of Saskatchewan as well as an M.L.S. from the University of Western Ontario.

Seonaid Lamb is the Humanities Division's new reference librarian (specializing in classics). She worked as a reference librarian at the University of Illinois, holds an M.L.S. from that university as well as a masters in Radio and Television. She did Latin and Greek at Bristol University and earned a diploma in Social and Administrative Studies at Oxford.

Mary Bushell joins the reference staff in Law Library. She was previously employed as the Librarian for the law firm of Farris, Vaughan, Wills, and Murphy. Her B.A. is from Carleton, and her M.L.S. from U.B.C.

A distinguished group, welcome everyone.

LIBRARIANS IN PRINT & OTHER ROADS TO FAME

The Religious Life of Man; Guide to Basic Literature, compiled by Leszek M. Karpinski of UBC's Humanities Division has been recently published by Scarecrow Press. The volume is an expansion of Les's popular reference guides "Religious Studies Without Tears, volumes I-V." It's a 1978 imprint, look for it in the new Microcatalogue.

Microform Research Collections: A Guide by Suzanne Dodson, head of Government Publications and Microforms Divsion, has just been published by Microform Review, Westport, Connecticut. It is a massive reference tool of potential interest to people in all subject fields. It too has its roots in a UBC reference publication "Guide to Microforms at the UBC Library". Suzanne continued her research with a grant from the Council on Library Resources. In addition, her work in educating the library world about microforms has earned her a special award for her outstanding contributions to the Canadian Micrographic Society. She plans an information session for reference staff on the use of her microforms guide as it pertains to the UBC Library collection. Watch for a notice.

A cross Canada catalogue of 10,000 library items for blind and handicapped people has been published by Paul Thiele at Crane Library. The catalogue was sponsored by the Ministry of Education to be used by educators serving handicapped students. It has been a best seller. Paul is now working on a paper for IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) on appropriate formats used to produce materials for blind and physically handicapped persons.

Peg Leighton of Woodward Library is on study leave in Great Britain, ferreting out archival materials on Florence Nightingale as a young woman.

Basil Stuart-Stubbs, University Librarian, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Open Learning Institute. This is a new project of the Ministry of Education, inspired by the Open University in Great Britain.

Other aspiring authors might drop into the Literary Storefront at 131 Water Street. Open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm, the Storefront has information on how to get published. Come, use their typewriters, donate books to their library , take out a membership. In the evenings, they have an ambitious program of readings and workshops featuring local writers, including Avron Hoffman of Catalogue Records. Avron had the good sense to publish way back in 1975 when he could still be in the card catalogue.

Don't let your own cap go unfeathered; write out your good news and send to the "Editor, Library Bulletin, Information and Orientation, Main Library".

Congradulations to all these active people.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE COURSES

Basic Library Skills*
September 6 - October 18, Wednesdays
7 - 10 pm
Richmond campus
and
September 7 - October 19, Thursdays
7 - 10 pm
Surrey campus

Basic Reference Skills*
October 25 - December 6, Wednesdays
7 - 10 pm
Richmond campus
and
October 26 - December 7, Thursdays
7 - 10 pm
Surrey campus

Basic Audio-Visual Skills for Distributive Systems*
September 11 - October 23, Mondays
7 - 10 pm
Surrey campus

Small Format Video
October 17 - November 14, Tuesdays
7:30 - 9:30 pm
Room 408, Surrey campus
$22.00

Contemporary Film
September 7 - October 19, Thursdays
7 - 9pm
Room 101, Coquitlam campus
$22.00

Copyright
November 18, Saturday
9am - 5pm
Richmond Inn, Westminster Highway
Salons 1 & 2
No Fee, Limited Registration

Microforms in Libraries
Suzanne Dodson, UBC Library
September 30, Saturday
9:30 am - 1pm
UBC Library, 8th Floor
School of Librarianship
$10.00

Costing Library Services
Dr. Matt Hassen
September 14 & October 5, Thursdays
7 - 10 pm
Greater Vancouver Library Federation
1105 Commercial Drive, Vancouver
$12.00

Personnel Management in Libraries
October 18 - November 22, Wednesdays
7:30 - 9:30 pm
Greater Vancouver Library Federation
1105 Commercial Drive, Vancouver
$30.00

Handling Crisis Situations in a Library
November 4, Saturday
9 am - 4 pm
Greater Vancouver Library Federation
1105 Commercial Drive, Vancouver
$12.00

Canadian Information Sources
Suzanne Dodson, Phyllis Reeve, Helen Rowan
November 7 - December 5, Tuesdays
7 - 9 pm
Richmond campus, Room 432
$20.00

Hermes Satelite Experiment
October 14, Saturday
9am - 4:30 pm
B.C.I.T. Basement
$15.50

The starred (*) courses are awarded credits. Contact any Admissions Office for more information. For all other courses send your name, address, phone number, and a cheque for the appropriate amount payable to Douglas College and mail to Admissions, Douglas College, P.O.Box 2503, New Westminster, B.C. V3L 5B2. Please be sure to indicate which course you want!

RECENTLY READ AND RECOMMENDED

LOOSE CHANGE. By Sara Davidson. Re-live the 60's with three young women who arrive in Berkeley in 1962. HN65 D337 1977

A GOD AGAINST THE GODS. RETURN TO THEBES. By Alan Drury. Historical novels about the kings of Ancient Egypt. Featuring Tutankhaten and Nefertiti.

GLASS ARCHITECTURE. By Paul Scheerbart. "Not about architecture, or only ostensibly so" -- Bruno Pruno. NA4140 S413 1972

FLAME TREES OF THIKA. By Elspeth Huxley. Childhood memories of Kenya in the early 20th century. DT434 E2 H76

ATTENTION ALL INDEXERS

Anyone interested in indexing and abstracting is urged to come to an organizational meeting: September 25th, 8 pm, 1622 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver. Formation of a regional chapter of the Indexing and Abstracting Society of Canada will be discussed. Questions? Call Marilyn Flitton at 731-9365.

READERS NEEDER FOR CRANE

Crane Library desperately needs volunteer readers to record textbooks and pleasure materials for their users. Do a fine deed; the commitment is 2 hours per week for the session. Phone x6111 and ask for Donna. She will set up an audition.

EAST MALL CLOSED

East Mall between 16th Avenue and Physical Education Center will be closed for highway construction from September to the end of November. Wesbrook will be passable although some construction will be going on there as well. However, if you check your new campus map, you will find a fairly new route from 16th Avenue around the Botanical Gardens and on to West Mall. This route will remain open and by taking it you avoid two stop signs. The construction is "to improve the traffic flow to the new Acute Care Hospital and to ensure that campus roadways are compatible with the Ministry of Highways' imminent development of 16th Avenue". Four lane highways will be in place by December.

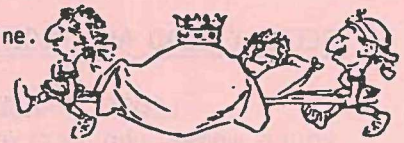
GARDENING MEMORABILIA SOUGHT

The Library at the Van Dusen Gardens is building a collection on the history of gardening in British Columbia. They need: early garden catalogues, books, old photographs, letters, diaries, unpublished manuscripts, memoirs, reminiscences, and suggestions. Phone or write Isabel Hester, Librarian, Van Dusen Gardens Library, 5251 Oak Street, Vancouver V6M 4H1, phone 266-9221. The library already provides specialized material for those doing horticultural research.

UPWARD MOBILITY

The binder on Lee Ann's desk in I&O has a complete file of job vacancy notices received by the Library. A selection, mostly Canadian, is given here. Disgruntled employees and/or unemployed friends should be aware of the B.C. Libraries JOBLINE. Supported by the British Columbia Library Association, this is a recorded telephone message of job openings for library positions (professional and non-professional) in B.C. libraries. Telephone 263-0014 any time, any day.

University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon). Head of Reference Services. October 15th deadline.
Special Collections Librarian. October 15th deadline.
University of Manitoba (Winnipeg). Science Cataloguer.
Cataloguer.
Queen's University (Kingston). Assistant Librarian for Systems and Development. September 1978 deadline.
McGill University (Montreal). Library Personnel Officer.
University of New Brunswick. Assistant University Librarian.
Systems Librarian.
University of California (Santa Barbara). Head of Catalog Department. November 1st deadline.
University of Washington. Social Sciences Cataloguer. October 1978 deadline.
Assistant Natural Sciences Librarian. October 1978 deadline.
Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center. Librarian.
California State University (Fresno). University Librarian. October 15th deadline.



IT COULD HAPPEN HERE

In Paris's archives recently they were trying to find some material on Rosa Luxemburg, the German revolutionary, and finally, after much searching, discovered she had been filed under "public gardens". (From Saturday Review via McPherson Memo)