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ANNUAL REPORT: STORY OF A DECADE

The Librarian's Annual Report for 1978/79 has been prepared and will go before the Academic Senate at its March meeting. At ninety-eight pages, it is the longest report in the history of the Library. It reviews not only the year but the entire decade. Copies will be available for eager readers after March 19th.

SYSTEMS REVIEW: WHAT'S NEXT FOR COMPUTERIZATION

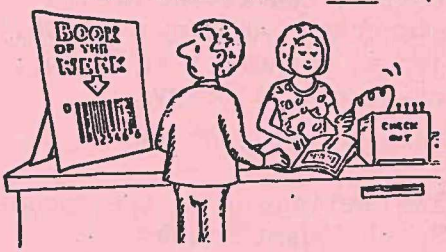
A list of priorities has now been established for the Library's Systems Division. This division plots, plans, and devises changes in routines; many of the changes involve computerization. The priorities are based upon a survey carried out in the summer by Gerry Dobbin and Brian Owen. Priority projects are:

HOLDS & RECALLS. The computer will be used to make the process of recalling and holding books more efficient; the computer can match the person needing a particular book with the person who has it out. A pilot system should be in use this summer and fully operational by September 1980.

BAR CODES. You may be familiar with bar codes from shopping at technologically advanced grocery stores. The illustration on the right shows a bar code from a can of green beans. At the check out stand, the computer "eye" reads the series of lines (bars) to figure out what you have purchased.

Currently, the computers at the Library's turnstiles "read" punched cards. Take a look at your library card; notice all the little holes in it? These tell the computer who you are. Beginning this summer the punches on library cards will be replaced by bar codes. The changeover will be fully implemented by fall.

Bar codes will not replace the punched book circulation cards: to do so would require a large file to translate the bar codes into call numbers and titles. However, bar codes will be used at the Wilson Recordings Library. In addition, they may be used to keep track of materials that circulate but do not have call numbers, such as pamphlets and unbound serials. Pre-printed bar code labels could be ordered for this purpose.



COM INDEXES FOR PAMPHLETS — BRIEF LIST. The library would like to have better control of materials that we now collect but do not catalogue (example: pamphlets in vertical files). It is proposed to start a computer file, input by public service divisions, giving brief bibliographic information about these holdings. An overall author/title list on microfiche would be produced. Bar code labels would identify each item.

ACQUISITIONS RE-DEVELOPMENT. The existing programs for the acquisitions system are now 12 years old. A new system will be designed.

FEWER COM LISTS, MORE COPIES. The number of lists to check in an exhaustive search for an elusive title has grown tremendously in the last year. Merger of lists is now under consideration. As soon as possible (February?), the *In Process List* will include titles now found only in *Recent Cataloguing*. In the spring, the Library expects delivery of a microfiche copier; it should enable us to have the needed number of copies of any given COM list.

BOOK PROCESSING, ACCOUNTING. A system will be devised so that one entry of data can appear in three different places. In the case of a call number, one keying would ideally update the acquisitions file, produce a spine label, and give us a circulation book card. For accounts, the same information is needed in the serial record, the fund ledger, and the university general ledger.

SERIALS. Computerization of the check-in procedures for unbound and bound serials will continue. Serials information is now "on-line" for processing staff and will sooner or later be "on-line" for reference staff, bibliographers, and library patrons.

CONSULTANT'S REPORT ON MAIN LIBRARY BUILDING RECEIVED

The consultant's report on upgrading the Main Library Building to meet National Building Code regulations in regard to human safety was received in the fall. His findings:

Basic upgrading of the building would cost $2.8 million. Open areas in the stacks would be subdivided into smaller units of space to provide fire separation. Emergency exits would be added, and steel building columns throughout the stacks would be fireproofed. The procedure would take a year (at best) and make some collections inaccessible for periods of time. Moreover, shelf space would be lost, displacing some 300,000 volumes.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY SPACE

The President's Committee on Library Space Requirements received a basic education this fall on Library needs. The committee received and discussed a number of documents, including the provocatively titled "Doomsday Report". This report concludes that all divisions, branches and storage areas (except Law, Ecology and Biomedical Branch) will be "full" in a scant eight years. The committee has also met with the consulting architect who prepared the report on the Main Library Building (see above).

Members of the committee, chaired by Dean Larkin of Graduate Studies, are: Wiesman, Community & Regional Planning; Meisen, Applied Science; Tiers, School of Architecture; Fredeman, English; Siemens, Geography; Batts, Germanic Studies; Patterson, Economics; Stokes, School of Librarianship; Aberle, Anthropology; Pollay, Commerce & Business Admin.; Weinberg, Commerce & Business Admin.; Anastasiou, Education; McKie, Education; Richards, Agric. Sci.; Riedel, Health Sciences; Slonecker, Anatomy; Dutton, Chemistry; Bloom, Physics; Kirkpatrick, Computer Science; Sjerve, Mathematics; Taylor, Botany; Gosline, Zoology; Tetlow, Analysis & Planning; Stuart-Stubbs, Library; Watson, Library; Warren, Senate; Kehler, Student Rep.; Thompson, Student Rep.; Argyle, Facilities Planning; Harris, Ministry of Education.

Any staff member who wishes to look at the minutes of the meetings or at the documents given to the committee can obtain them from Bill Watson or Basil Stuart-Stubbs.

LIBRARY SURVEY

A survey of campus and public opinion about the Library and library services is slated for March. A committee headed by Jim Henderson, Science Division, is currently hammering out a 4 page questionnaire and the methods of distribution. It is hoped that the survey will keep us on the right track in assessing users' needs and concerns, that it will be a "report card" to see if users "like us or not".

Jim Henderson plans to circulate copies of the proposed questionnaire to give library staff a chance to suggest modifications, additions, or deletions of "questions you'd rather not know the answer to".

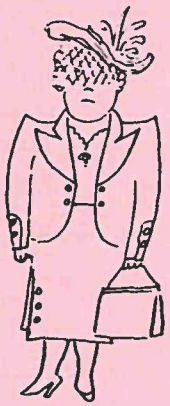
The last library survey was carried out in 1966 and was instrumental in determining the need for an expanded undergraduate library.

NEW FACES

Penny Haggarty is the new head of the European Languages Unit in Catalogue Records. After majoring in French, she attended library school here, graduating in 1978. She has also worked at the National Library in Ottawa.

Lynn Hallonquist is now bibliographer at Woodward Library. She began her library career in 1968 as a reference librarian in the Biomedical Branch Library. She worked most recently as a reference librarian at University of Toronto's Science and Medicine Library. She is a UBC graduate and glad to be back.

Andrew Bennett is working in Sedgewick Library until May. He comes to us from the Australian National University Library under an exchange arrangement; Joan Sandilands is in Australia to fill his position. Jeannette Pyrch is Acting Head of the Information & Orientation Division.



LIBRARY CONFERENCES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

BCUC Spring Conference	March 6-7	Richmond
Automated Acquisitions Systems	May 19-20	Vancouver
Canadian Library Association	June 11-17	Vancouver
Western Canadian Conference on Library Instruction	June 17-19	Victoria
Summer Seminar on Children's Literature	August 17-23	Vancouver

UPWARD MOBILITY

Job announcements for professional positions in Canada are now being photocopied and sent to major Library locations. In both the Library Processing Centre and the Main Library, the announcements are posted on bulletin boards near the staff room.

Job vacancy notices for positions outside of Canada are still kept in a binder located on Lee Ann's desk in the Information & Orientation Division. The BCLA Library Jobline, 263-0014, continues to provide a recorded message of all types of library job opportunities.

LIBRARY SERVICE FOR $

Free-lance librarians, researchers, indexers, and others may add their names to a new edition of the *Directory of Fee/Based Information Services.* Contact: Information Alternatives, Box 657, Woodstock, New York, 12498.

BACK ISSUES WANTED

The following items are needed to complete the Library's holdings:

CANADIAN THEOSOPHIST. v.1 n.4; v.6 n.3.
COMMUNIQUE: CANADIAN STUDIES. v.1 (1974/75); v.2 n.1-2 (1976); v.3 n.2 (1977).
NATIONAL AND ENGLISH REVIEW. (THE NATIONAL REVIEW) v.146 (June,1956); v.147-148; v.149 (July, 1957); v.153 (July-Aug.,1959); v.154 (April-June,1960).
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE. Aug., Nov. (1961); July-Sept. (1962); June (1965); Oct.-Dec. (1978).
NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW. v.82: July 17, Aug.28, Dec.11,18,25 (1977).
QUILL & QUIRE. v.43 any issues (1977).
SCIENCE. n.4313 - 4417.
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. March, June-Dec. (1943); Dec. (1945); March (1946); July (1947); Jan.-July (1948).
SPORTS ILLUSTRATED. Dec.10 (1962); Dec.2 (1965); v.33: Index (1970); April 2, May 14, June 4, July 18 (1979).
TIME, THE WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE. May 3, June 28, July 19 (1963); Mar.20 (1964); v.110 n.5,10,21, 26 (1977); v.111 n.2-8,10-15 (1978); v.112 n.1,10,14,17-18,20-21,23-26 (1978).
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT. v.79 n.24 (1975); v.87 n.3-6,11 (1979).

If you can supply any of these, please phone Graham Elliston, local 2304.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC CENTRE

The newly expanded Bibliographic Centre in the Main Library is now in order; it's a rather handsome area of the stacks (look on level 5 near Ridington Room) and pleasant to use. Go there to peruse the collections of other libraries -- Library of Congress, Harvard, British Museum, Library of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii. Plan your vacations accordingly.

EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE DATA LIBRARY BUT NEVER THOUGHT TO ASK

Laine Ruus, librarian in charge of Data Library, invites library staff to learn about the Data Library. She will give a presentation on the Data Library, including A/V aids, to help people gain familiarity with its services. The hour will be especially valuable for public service staff who have to make that crucial decision — should I refer the question to Data Library?

Come to the Conference Room in the Main Library on Wednesday, February 13, 11:00 a.m., or Tuesday, February 19, 3:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT SERIALS

A short workshop on government serials for "all those who are confused or wondering about the difference between the Serials List and the Government Serials" will be given twice -- Wednesday, February 27 and Thursday, February 28, in the Main Library's Conference Room at 3:00 p.m.

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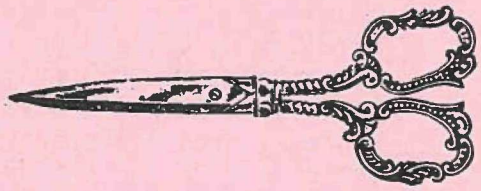


SAVE YOUR ELECTION BROCHURES

Please save the election brochures delivered to your doorstep by party faithful. Send them all, brilliant or banal, to Anne Yandle, Special Collections Division, to be preserved as specimens of Election 1980. (Quadra is already well covered).

MICROFORMS AWARENESS

Microforms Division is now publishing an irregular serial, *Tiny Titles*. The subtitle tells it all: major microform collections newly received. The newsletter is a helpful supplement to Suzanne Dodson's book *Microform Research Collections* and an important guide to our new acquisitions in microforms. At the present time, analysis of our new microform holdings is not provided in the Microcatalogue; the professional guess is still a major access point.

If you'd like to be on the mailing list for *Tiny Titles* call Suzanne Dodson at local 3858.

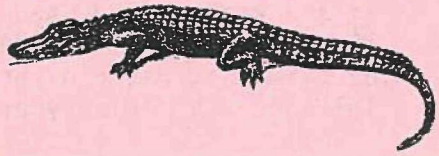
ACRONYM AWARENESS - ABACUS

When the National Library of Canada gets together with the Library of Congress, the British Library, and the National Library of Australia, the first order of business is to invent a new acronym to cover their collective deliberations; hence ABACUS -- the Association of Bibliographic Agencies of Britain, Australia, Canada, and the United States. Not bad.

PATIENCE

Science Division sleuths brought to our attention a monograph published in parts by the Palaeontographical Society of London. Readers of Part VII, published in 1966, were left hanging in mid-article — mid-sentence no less! Finally, in December 1978, the rest of the sentence was published. Ah well, 12 years must not be much in palaeontographic time.

GARBAGE DELIGHT

Our computerized services, alerting readers of new books in their subject field (SDI), came up with the logical for a student of herpetory — Dennis Lee's *Alligator Pie:*

Alligator pie, alligator pie,
If I don't get some I think I'm gonna die.
Give away the green grass, give away the sky,
But don't give away my alligator pie.