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B.C. LIBRARIES WEEK

November 2-8 is B.C. Libraries Week, and all B.C. libraries will be celebrating. "Smart Cookie" stickers are to be handed out to library users. The Burnaby Public Library is celebrating its 30th birthday at a party on Saturday November 8. Vancouver Public Library (and the NFB) are sponsoring a mini film festival on Canadian authors in conjunction with the NFB at Pacific Cinematheque November 4 & 6 at 8pm. And there are lots of "smart cookie" events, such as cookie baking contests and cookie monster storytimes. Check your local library for activities. The purpose of the week, officially declared as such by Grace McCarthy, is to "generate awareness of resources available at B.C. Libraries and to recognize their invaluable service to the community."

A video, "What in the World Do You Want to Know?", will be shown lunch hours in the SUB concourse. This 10 minute video highlights the resources and services of all types of libraries. Main Library has a display on the history and resources of B.C. libraries in the display case near Ridington Room on the 5th floor. Woodward and Sedgewick Libraries are also mounting displays. And don't forget to get your smart cookie sticker when you go to SUB to see the video.

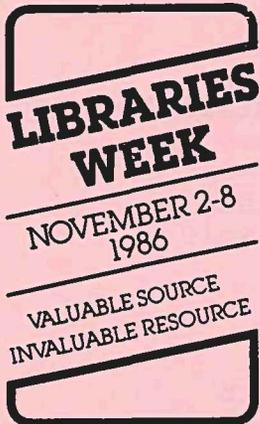
READING ROOMS DIRECTORY ONLINE

Divisions and branches needing current information about reading rooms can now access this information online through LDMS. The new file is called QUICKINFO, Brief Library and Campus Information. It is number 9 on the LDMS menu.

Access it with the dot command '.q' or '.quickinfo.' You can go to it directly by typing 'LDMS 9' immediately after your ID (see Systems Technical Note #17 for this procedure). Once you are in '.quickinfo,' 'Show Indexes' will list the indexes you can use.

This planned online equivalent of the Main Information Desk's QUICK REF card file will have information about library and campus services and facilities, such as typewriters and A/V equipment added. I & O is responsible for the file and hopes that it is the beginning of an online campus and library information file that will be maintained by staff in all branches. The file is still in the test stage; phone I&O (2076) with suggestions or questions.

The print version of the reading rooms information, "Reading Rooms and Other Locations" will no longer be produced. Current information about reading room hours, attendants, access policies will only be available online. Be daring: toss your print copy. Join the online age.



TELEFACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

Some work routines for Health Sciences Network staff have changed in the last few months as a result of the telefacsimile equipment purchased with a grant from the P.A. Woodward Foundation.

Each of the hospital branch libraries and the Network Office on campus have telefax or fax machines, which can send and receive copies of documents. They are used to transmit copies of requests for materials: in 1985/86, almost 42,000 network requests were processed by electronic mail. Before telefax, these requests had to be keyed; now the request form completed by the requester is transmitted directly.

Telefacsimile transmission is a kind of telephone call. The equipment scans the document, which can be text, photos, or diagrams, and converts the light and dark areas into electrical impulses which are transmitted over a regular telephone line. As the telephone converts sound into electrical impulses for transmission, so a fax machine converts text into impulses that are transmitted over telephone lines to another fax machine which reassembles and prints the image of the text or picture.

Not only does this save keying time for staff, but it also permits them to send responses to reference questions and requests for online searches. This is very powerful equipment for clinical emergencies. Previously if the daily delivery were missed, medical staff in need of information had no choice but to drive to the location or wait till the next day. Now the material can be transmitted within minutes.

We'll probably see more of these appear. Asian Studies Institute has been given one by Sanyo and will use it for communication with Asia. Instead of expensive courier or indifferent mail service, materials can be transmitted as quickly as a telephone call and at about the same cost.

STAFF BEHAVING UNACCEPTABLY

The monitors patrolling Main and Sedgewick Libraries, having whipped the users into shape, may have to extend action to library staff. Staff by and large do not choose either the Main Stacks or Sedgewick as a venue to consume their Tortellini's pasta and clam sauce, but the library monitors report that staff have been known to march about the place, conversing noisily. So far, monitors have not confiscated any staff library cards, but the time may come. I can see the headlines in the Ubysey already. Talk small, everyone.



ONLINE COURSE LISTS

Any staff with an interest in online public access course lists should mark

Thursday, November 13, 11:30 - 1
on their calendar. The topic for informal discussion at the regular lunch hour Online Discussion Group meeting will be online public access to the Woodward and Sedgewick Course List. Keith Bunnell (4908) would like to know if you have other topics for discussion.



UBC OPEN HOUSE

UBC Open House will be held March 6-8, 1987: Friday through Sunday, from 10am to 5pm each day. Open House is an annual campus event when the University welcomes the general public to displays and exhibits. This year is special because it's campus wide: Open House in previous years has generally been restricted to one area.

The Library will be participating, of course. Our most visible contribution will be the online Open House Information Service. We'll maintain a computerized file of Open House events which will be searchable by subject, location, etc.: an appropriate service for a Library to offer. There's also to be a contest and draw each day for a free extra-mural library card and also for a Wilson Recordings Collection card.

There will be puppet shows in the Sedgewick Library, staged by Library School students. A video of historic UBC events, including footage of the Great Trek and the arrival of army huts is to be shown. Julie Stevens (I & O) is also coordinating a paperback sale, tours, demonstrations, displays, etc. We're hoping that all divisions and branches will be open during Open House hours and doing something special for Open House.

It's not too late to get involved. Staff with ideas for displays or exhibits or who would like to help should phone Julie (2076) or talk to their division heads.



END USERS

Public service staff occasionally get calls from home computer owners who want to access directly the contents of all the books in the library. That is not yet possible, although eventually access to the library catalogue may be provided. Right now, home computer buffs can search off-site information databases themselves, if they are prepared to pay the price.

Woodward Library has put together a pamphlet of information called "Online Database Searching - Doing It Yourself" for people who want to search off-site databases directly. It sells for \$10 in Woodward, and contains information about the use of MTS terminals to access remote systems, database vendors, downloading, etc. Woodward also has a box of pamphlets and other materials for end users to read. MTS (the UBC computer system) can be used for the telecommunications link, but also needed by anyone who wants to search bibliographic databases directly is a subscription to the database in which they're interested.

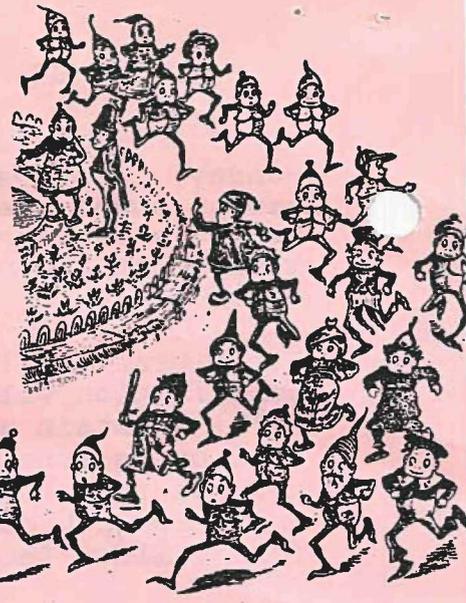
At the end of November Woodward will offer seminars for people interested in doing their own bibliographic searching. The programme will depend upon the needs of the participants. People who are interested in the seminar should phone Woodward Reference (4440) for more information about content and dates.



ARTS 20 RELAY RACE

The Library fielded a team for this annual campus event, which follows the Great Trek route from Vancouver General Hospital (the first site of UBC) along 16th and 10th Avenues to campus. The original purpose of this relay, first run in 1920, was to increase public awareness of the need for post secondary education in B.C. Like the Great Trek of 1922, the early races publicized the need for the construction of the Point Grey campus.

The Library team: Rick Wadland (Woodward), Ann Turner (Cat Records), Tom Geise (Cat Records), Jim Henderson (Woodward), Eldo Neufeld (Cat Records), Miriam Shostak (Cat Records), Pauline Willems (Cat Products), and Howard Hurt (Curriculum Lab), had a great time wearing the library colours (a pink ribbon around the neck) and finished in 44:53:4, 147th out of a record entry of 214 teams. If you promise to train regularly, you might be asked to join the team next year.



STAFF NEWS

Janet Yuan, Catalogue Records, took early retirement last month. She started in Acquisitions in 1964. In 1971, she moved to the division that became Catalogue Records (L.C. Cataloguing Division). She is planning to spend lots of time in Hong Kong, where she has family. My sources tell me that at the moment she is in San Francisco. We'll miss you, Janet. Our best wishes to you.

Rick Welch is filling Janet Yuan's position as Administrative Assistant for Bibliographic Searching for the next six months. This will give time for a review of preorder searching procedures inspired by the new Acquisitions System, which could change searching procedures significantly.

Ronald Simmer has been appointed Patents Librarian and begins this grant-funded position on November 1. He is responsible for the development of the Patent Centre, which will provide subsidized online access for faculty, researchers, and students of the 3 B.C. universities to patent literature. The Centre will also be developing a prototype online access system to Canadian patents. Ron will live in the Science Division.

Susan Andrews has been appointed European Languages Cataloguer to replace Penny Haggarty, and will arrive December 1. Susan is a graduate of the UBC Library School and worked in Cat Records as a temporary cataloguer in 1984. She's crossing the continent to come back to us: she's been cataloguing at Mount Allison University for the last couple of years.

Jane Price, Coordinator, Health Sciences Network, is off to Australia on a job exchange sometime at the beginning of December. She'll be Medical-Dental Librarian at the University of Adelaide for six months from January to June 1987. Jane is leaving early because she has urgent business in Tahiti.

Jane is exchanging with Ellen Randva, who will be working in Woodward Reference while John Cole looks after the Health Sciences Network.

STAFF CHANGES

HELLOS

Airee Cha, LA2, Acquisitions
Hoang Ho, LA1, Cat Products
Sheila Hill, LA1, H&SSD
Robin Webster, LA2, Robin Webster, Serials
Sandy Correia, LA1, MacMillan
Wendy Swift, LA1, Cat Records

TRANSFERS

Gordon Bookey, LA2, Serials to Gov Pubs

PROMOTIONS

Carol Sloan, LA3, Law (Acting)
Rick Welch, LA5, Cat Records (Acting)
Todd Mandle, LA2, Curric Lab (Acting)
Eleanor Maze, LA4, Cat Records (Acting)
Maureen Bennington, LA3, Cat Records (Acting)
Maureen Bennett, LA2, Cat Records (Acting)
Susan Pegram, Sec 2, Admin
Bob Hill, Clerk 2, Admin

ONLINE .NEWS

Systems has an online news file about changes to the online inquiry systems. Check it by using the dot command '.news' when you are on LDMS. Browse in reverse date order though the items. To go directly back to the file you were working on, use a '.' command.

IEEE AFFICIONADOS

Many IEEE Conference Proceedings are being added to DRS in a file called 'IEEE.' This means you can search for IEEE Conference Proceedings on the DRS by KEYWORD (wonderful news, that).
Type the following:

F T=keyword .and. +COL EQ 'IEEE'
if you have a citation to an IEEE Conference and want to avoid the microcatalogue.

Science Division has many other conference proceedings on the DRS: if you want to search these, don't restrict your search to the IEEE collection.

Now, go and practise. Questions? Phone Raman in Science (4363), who is coordinating this. He'll offer seminars in December.

SOLID GOLD

B.C. Library Association is distributing Solid Gold coupon books as a fundraising effort. Help Yourself and BCLA. Take or send \$38 to Margaret Friesen (4430), ILL, Main Library; and she'll give you the great book of 2-for-1 coupons for enjoying the good life.



GOT BACK THE NIGHT

The evening shuttle bus service from Main and Sedgewick Libraries to B Lot and the residences was reinstated, only days after it had been cancelled. Thank you, Traffic and Security.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

"What in the World Do you Want to Know?" A 10 minute video celebrating B.C. Libraries, SUB, Nov. 2-8, lunchhours. (And lots of smart cookie stickers). Don't miss it. Bring your friends.

"Exotic Scripts in Desktop Publishing"

Ken Bryant, Asian Studies, will draw on his experience with the keyboard representation and reproduction of languages of India and China to discuss computer software for custom design of typefaces. This CAIS Seminar is open to all: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7:30 pm in the Conference Room at Sedgewick.

Timothy Findley, whose latest book, The Telling of Lies, has just been published, will be reading Monday Nov. 10 at 12:30 in Angus 110. There's a display on Findley in the Main Library entrance.

"An Interviewer's and Reviewer's Approach to Local Authors"

Alan Twigg, author, reviewer, critic will be speaking in the Library School on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 11:30-12:30. All Welcome.

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