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ROUTING OF NEW BOOKS TO THE MAIN STACKS:

A change has been instituted which once again permits new books to be routed through the three central reference divisions for examination and display prior to their being shelved in the stacks. The new procedures involve some additional work, but the benefits, both for staff and for regular visitors to the reference divisions, should be substantial.

Because of the large volume of books being added daily to the stack collection it will not be possible to display everything. Rush books, replacement copies and paperbacks will continue to be sent directly to the Circulation Division. Other stack books are now being routed through the reference areas, where staff are selecting those which they wish to display.

STATISTICS:

U.B.C. Library is one of seventy-six members of the Association of Research Libraries, which has just released statistics for the year 1969/70. In that year U.B.C. ranked:

Volumes in library:	46th
Volumes added:	18th
Microforms in library:	2nd
Staff:	12th
Expenditures for books and binding:	23rd
Expenditures for staff:	17th
Total expenditures:	18th

STAFF PARTY:

A Spring Break-Up will be held on May 19 at 8 p.m. in Cecil Green Park. There will be wine, cheese and beer with live (we hope) pianist and guitarist. Dancing, fun and gaiety will be the order of the evening. Tickets at $1.00 a head will be available at the Librarian's Office, from Janice Yorke, secretary in the Catalogue Divisions, and from Carol in the Staff Room. Tickets for the wine and beer (25¢ per large glass of wine and 30¢ per can of beer) may also be purchased in advance, but will also be obtainable at quenching time. Bring a friend. Everyone welcome.

VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY PERIODICALS' LIST:

A copy of the VPL Periodicals' List, published in December 1970, is now available at the Information Desk. Because the list was produced by means of photocopying VPL catalogue cards, the amount of information provided about each periodical varies greatly. However, the essential details of holdings, locations, cross-references, etc., are reported for most items.

RECORD LIBRARY:

Good news for the musically inclined: borrowing privileges in the Record Library are to be doubled. This will allow simultaneous borrowing of 2 singles and 1 set; or 4 singles; or 2 sets. A tentative date for the introduction of the new regulations is May 15.

CATALOGUING:

Backlog:

A Blitz programme designed to eliminate once and for all the ZZ (Macmillan era) backlog

has been virtually completed. A little over one bay remains for original cataloguing and this will be eliminated in the next few weeks or so. Surprisingly little back-up occurred of other material, and the whole division is to be congratulated on the extra effort expended on this project. This is the first time in over a decade that we have no cataloguing backlog and we doubt that there are more than a handful of the larger academic libraries in North America in this happy position. We now have no books uncatalogued which have been in the Library more than six months except for the Odlum and the Burton collections. The latter, which consists of about four bays of early imprints and includes some noteworthy bindings, is now being brought up from Mysteria.

Book processing:

The addition of two keypunchers (on loan from Systems Division) to the Marking Section has greatly speeded up book processing. Formerly, the circulating IBM cards were punched by Systems in a separate operation while the books were being marked, and final processing was delayed by the need to match the cards to the books. With the keypunchers working as part of the marking team the matching step has been eliminated. As the result, a day's cataloguing output can be processed, checked, and on the delivery shelves within 36 hours.

Catalogue cards:

With the card backlog all at Evergreen Press and the Richard Abel Company awaiting duplication, the typists are now producing card sets for currently catalogued material. Card stencils for new material are being sent to another printer who is providing four-day service, and the card sets are completed immediately on receipt from this printer. The printers handling the card backlog are working very slowly at it; thus the typing pool is also up to date on the completion of card sets received from them.