



Spotlight on UBC Hospital Libraries

Visited a UBC hospital library lately? Few of us have, so we thought you'd like to hear about these off-campus branches and your colleagues who work there. The three UBC off-campus hospital libraries, along with the Woodward Biomedical Library, make up the UBC Life Sciences Libraries.

The Biomedical Branch Library opened in 1952 and became the first UBC library to be located off the main campus. The BMB staff include Dean Giustini, Rose Chang, Kim Leong, Caroline Linney and Darko Separovic. Renovated in 1998/99, the BMB got an updated look, including new carpet, reference shelving, upgraded wiring and computer connections and 8 more public terminals. The BMB library has a collection that specializes in ophthalmology, dermatology, trauma and neurology among other clinical topics. The new renovations have made the library a bright and pleasant place to be, and feedback from students, faculty and other users has been very positive.

The Eric Hamber Memorial Library opened in 1982 and serves the students, medical faculty and hospital staff of the BC Children's Hospital and related facilities. The Hamber staff include Cathy Rayment, Patrick Balena, Deborah Newstead and Mercedita Almodovar. The branch's namesake, Eric Hamber, was a former Toronto Argonaut who became Lieutenant Governor of BC, and later Chancellor of UBC. The Eric Hamber Foundation gave funds to help set up the library. Hamber's collection is focused fairly specifically on paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology, medical genetics, and increasingly, molecular biology. "We're probably the only UBC library whose patrons come in wearing stethoscopes dangling with toy monkeys or plastic clip-on toys!" says Cathy Rayment.

Barbara Saint, Darlene Bailey, Angela Doyle and Anita Stabrawa of the St. Paul's Hospital Library serve the information needs of hospital staff, faculty and students at this busy downtown hospital. The collection at St. Paul's, enhanced by the Sutherland Foundation's Rodger Stanton Endowment in 1978, encompasses a variety of specialized areas including cardiac, renal, HIV/AIDS and mental health care. Barbara has also developed a strong collection around the area of nursing.

All of the UBC Life Sciences Libraries share resources and provide document delivery service among the branches. At the next Staff Development Open House, consider visiting one of the off-campus UBC hospital libraries.

UBC Library goes downtown!

Two recent UBC projects will increase the Library's presence downtown. The Library is providing access to its resources and services to the downtown eastside Learning Exchange. Staff and patrons of the Learning Exchange are able to make use of library resources, including full text online indexes and journals, as well as request materials using the Library's document delivery service. Staff of the Learning Exchange have had a series of training sessions on using the Library's many resources and services, and are excited about working with the Library. For more information please contact Martha Whitehead at 822-2393.

When the new downtown campus of UBC opens at Robson Square this September, the Library will be part of a shared facility with the UBC Bookstore. Work will begin this summer on the facility, which will use the latest technology to meet the information needs of the new campus. The new campus will open this fall for classes. For more information about the Robson Square campus library, contact Elizabeth Caskey at 822-9392.

LIBRARY NEWS

University Learning Center Proposal

The University Learning Center proposal is moving along to the next stage. Recently, Catherine presented the ULC concept to the Teaching and Learning Committee of the UBC Board of Governors. The next step will be a presentation to the President's Property Planning Advisory Committee. Catherine has been meeting with faculty and administrators across campus and says the response and enthusiasm has been very positive. More information coming soon!

Learning Commons - Main Library

Amidst the dust and noise in the Main Library concourse, the Learning Commons is starting to take shape. The painting is progressing well, and electrical upgrades are set to begin. The Learning Commons Task Group, working with members of Karo Design, are creating a multipurpose learning space for the campus community.

Visual Identity Program Feedback

Catherine and the Communications Task Group would like to thank staff for their feedback on the visual identity options. Staff input is critical in providing ideas for the new logo design. The Communications Task Group is now reviewing design options in light of staff feedback and suggestions.

Staff Training & Development

Upcoming Courses Jan. - June 2001

www.library.ubc.ca/staff/stdc/training.html

Telephone Communication Skills Training

May 3, 9:00-10:00 am
Margaret Friesen, trainer

Referral Skills

May 24, 10:00-11:45 am
Christina Sylka and Simon Neame, trainers

Library Health and Safety Program Series

- Ergonomics for All
May 10, 9:00-10:00 am
Margaret Friesen, trainer
- Library Health and Safety Orientation for Staff (incl. Student Assistants)
June 12, 9:00-10:00 am
Margaret Friesen, trainer
- Personal Security
Paul Wong, Personal Security Coordinator,
UBC Health Safety and Environment

Orientation Program Series

- Staff Training and Development Program: What's In It for You?
April 10, 9:00-10:00 am
Margaret Friesen, Staff Training and Development Coordinator
- Staff Development Open Houses
June 5, 2:00-2:45 pm and
June 7, 10:30-11:15 am

Supervisory Tools Series

- Goal Setting, Work Planning and Performance Reviews
June 14, 9:00-11:00 am and June 19, 9:00-11:00 am
(Parts 1 and 2)
Margaret Friesen, trainer

Staff Update

Due to staffing changes in the Library Human Resources office, the Staff Update feature is unavailable, but will return in the next issue of the Library Bulletin. In the meantime, we bid farewell to Julie Clarke, Human Resources Associate.

Julie and her husband Graham are returning home to the U.K. after nearly five years in Canada. Julie says they want to be closer to family and friends in the Bradford area, but rumour has it they really just want a decent pint of Guinness!

Good luck Julie, we will miss you!



Staff Happenings



Library Staff Retirement Reception

This year's Library Staff Retirement Reception was held on March 15th in the Dodson Room of the Main Library. Louise Axen, Elizabeth Caskey, Joyce Friesen, Jack McIntosh, Pam Niblock, Ruth Patrick, Allen Soroka and Ann Turner were honoured for their many contributions and years of service to the Library.

In addition to the many current staff who attended, there were a number of familiar faces from the past! Best wishes to all the retirees in their future endeavours.

Asian Library's Multicultural New Year Celebration Lunch

On Feb 1, the staff and visitors at the Asian Library celebrated the New Year with a multicultural buffet lunch, which included an array of authentic Asian delicacies prepared by the staff of the Asian Library. Guests from other units and student assistants all had a good time!

Thanks

Koerner Circulation raised \$715.00 for the Empty Stocking Fund/Food Bank at this year's auction. Technical Services raised \$425.00 for the Food Bank during their Christmas Popcorn sale. Both groups would like to thank all staff for their support!

Photos of Christmas Past

As the weather warms and spring is in the air, Christmas seems a long time ago. To relive those Library Christmas Party memories of Whoville and the Grinch, check out the Library Christmas Party photos @ www.library.ubc.ca/staff/christmas.html or check under 'Events' on the Staff Web page.

Oscar Wilde Exhibition

One of a number of interesting exhibitions currently on display at the UBC Library, **Oscar Wilde: The Apostle of Beauty** runs until the end of April in the Special Collections & University Archives Division. Curated by Dr. Sarika Bose of the UBC Department of English, this exhibition displays rare editions of Wilde's works, including a signed first edition of *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. The exhibition primarily draws upon the wide range of materials collected by bookseller and bibliophile Norman Colbeck, who donated his vast collection of nineteenth century and Edwardian works to the University in 1967.

Friday's Favourite Reference Question by Karen Shaw

About 11 a.m. a patron asked, "Are there paper towels in all your washrooms?"

"Yes," I answered, "As far as I know."

"In all the libraries on campus, you use only paper?"

"Well, I can't answer for all the libraries, but, in Koerner and Main, there are only paper towels."

I wondered what type of research he was doing. Was he concerned about the amount of paper being used? Was this an environmental question? Did he want to compare the efficiency of paper vs. electricity? Perhaps it was a hygiene concern. Maybe he had issues about our using products imported from Wisconsin when MacMillan and Koerner had endowed the University and Library so generously. Was he doing research on our local paper industry, our main export? I decided to probe.

"What sort of project are you working on?" I inquired as I prepared to refer him to experts on forestry, health and economics.

"Project?" He returned as his eyes widened in disbelief. "I'm not working on a project. I just want to blow dry my hair!"

Library Trivia Quiz

Which branch or division
(Asian, Koerner, Main, Special Collections or Woodward)

- a) has the oldest printed volume at UBC?
- b) is featured in a television commercial for a video game?
- c) has a room named for the first University Librarian?
- d) is constructed with building materials used in a World's Fair pavilion?
- e) has a copy of *Alice's adventures in Wonderland* illustrated by a famous surrealist painter?



Answers:

- a) Woodward Library (*Laurentius Valla's Elegant Latin Language*, 1476)
- b) Koerner Library (2001 Pokémon commercial)
- c) Main Library (Ridginton Room is named for John Ridginton, appointed in 1906)
- d) Asian Library (steel girders used in the Sanyo pavilion at Expo '70 in Osaka)
- e) Special Collections (Salvador Dalí provided woodcuts and an etching for this 1969 edition)

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