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PUF'N'STUFF

Some time ago a petition bearing one hundred and forty-eight names urged the Library Administration "to prohibit smoking in all work areas of the Library, for the benefit of everyone."

In Library Bulletin #127 (October 31st), there were some statements from smokers and a call for further comments. All in all it appears that smokers, while willing to suffer deprivation - or at least inconvenience - so as not to discommode their fellow workers, feel restricted enough now. It seems that the application of a uniform regulation against smoking in work areas, as desirable as it might be for the health of smokers, would not be acceptable to everyone, nor does such a regulation seem necessary in parts of the Library where ventilation is adequate.

What is called for in this situation is consultation and courtesy. In each working area, staff members might meet to discuss how to deal with the question.

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

FC.....In its report to the National Librarian in 1972, the Canadian Task Group on Cataloguing Standards recommended that "the National Library appoint two experts...to revise completely its F 5000 schedule..." This was based on the findings of the Subgroup on the Classification of Canadian History and Literature that most scholarly libraries across Canada were classifying Canadian history in one or another of four versions of the F 5000 schedule originally developed by W. Kaye Lamb at UBC in 1941. Since none of the versions was maintained officially, local variations in maintenance and updating further contributed to the lack of uniformity.

To preclude conflict with older schedules, it was ultimately decided that an entirely new schedule was needed and FC was introduced. T. R. McCloy, retired chief librarian of the Glenbow-Alberta Institute Historical Library developed the new schedule and the National Library will maintain it. Limited numbers of a prepublication copy were distributed in 1974.

FC numbers are now included in Canadiana entries, beginning with the Jan/March 1975 issue. The UBC Cataloguing Divisions began to assign FC numbers in November, and have so catalogued perhaps 20 titles to date. Other Canadian libraries have also adopted FC, and the Library of Congress has accepted it as an alternate scheme.

The UBC History Department was notified in the Fall that the Canadian history collection would be divided between F 5000 and FC for some time. The TRIUL Subcommittee on Cataloguing is to investigate the possibility of a cooperative project to reclassify existing collections (about 14,500 titles at UBC).

Three special situations: 1. We will continue to class material on the War of 1812 together, even though the new schedule suggests splitting it according to Canadian or American emphasis. 2. St. Pierre et Miquelon will be reclassed now in F 1170 (LC number) instead of being classed as a region of Newfoundland, as in the old F 5000's. 3. There is no provision for Alaska in the new FC class, and it will now be put in F 901-951 (LC number) along with other U.S. states.

DK.....The Library of Congress has developed a new range of numbers for the history of Poland, DK 4010-4800 (formerly DK 401-443.7). It has been decided that the Cataloguing Divisions cannot cope with the reclassification of the existing collection (about 1600 titles), but will assign the new numbers for new acquisitions and will reclass older editions to shelve with new editions going into the new numbers.

COM CATALOGUE

In June, 1974 a Catalogue Project Task Group was established "to initiate a study and pilot project to explore the use of a computer system and COM technology in the form of a prototype catalogue system." This Task Group is being reactivated, and will begin to plan for the implementation of a COM catalogue. Persons wishing to serve on this Task Group and on the Sub-groups which will be set up to study specific issues should submit their names to Bob MacDonald, Co-ordinator of Technical Services & Systems, Main Library Floor 5, before February 6th.

ADDRESS CHANGE

It was announced in a recent issue of UBC Reports that in 1976 campus buildings would be given individual street numbers, and that some streets would be renamed. Specifically, the University's mailing address will change from 2075 Wesbrook Place to 2075 Wesbrook Mall. This change, and other name changes, have been approved by the Board of Governors, the University Endowment Lands and the Lower Mainland Street Naming Committee. This means that the Library's mailing address will have to be changed on letterheads, business forms, mailing labels, rubber stamps, etc. Don't rush. The change is not that imminent. But as supplies run out, re-order with the new address. The postal code, V6T 1W5, remains the same.

ASK B.C.

The B.C. government has set up a new information service - ASK B.C. It's basically a telephone clearinghouse or referral service to mediate between citizens and provincial agencies and departments. In Greater Vancouver, people can call 438 - 8311 with any questions on provincial government activities.

OPEN HOUSE

For this year's university Open House, the Library intends to arrange displays and tours around the theme 'Design for Growth.' The Sedgewick Library will be highlighted, but other libraries will participate. Half-hourly tours of the Main Library are planned and volunteers to act as tour guides are asked to see Joye Volker in the Information & Orientation Division. Open House is set for March 5th and 6th, Friday and Saturday.

CATALOGUE MOVE

After various delays, the alterations to the Main Library catalogue concourse which will see the turnstile move inside the stack entry and new cabinets installed, are about to be started. Work is due to begin in mid-February at the latest.

RECENTLY READ & RECOMMENDED

A new feature for the Bulletin, to appear when & where there's room: people can submit titles of books they've read recently and liked. For everybody else's delectation and/or edification. It could add a dimension to our sense of one another and perhaps introduce us to some interesting reading. All subjects are acceptable, of course. Please follow the form used below and, please, no more than three titles per submission. Send your list, with your name & division, to Michael Kasper, Main Library, I & O Division.

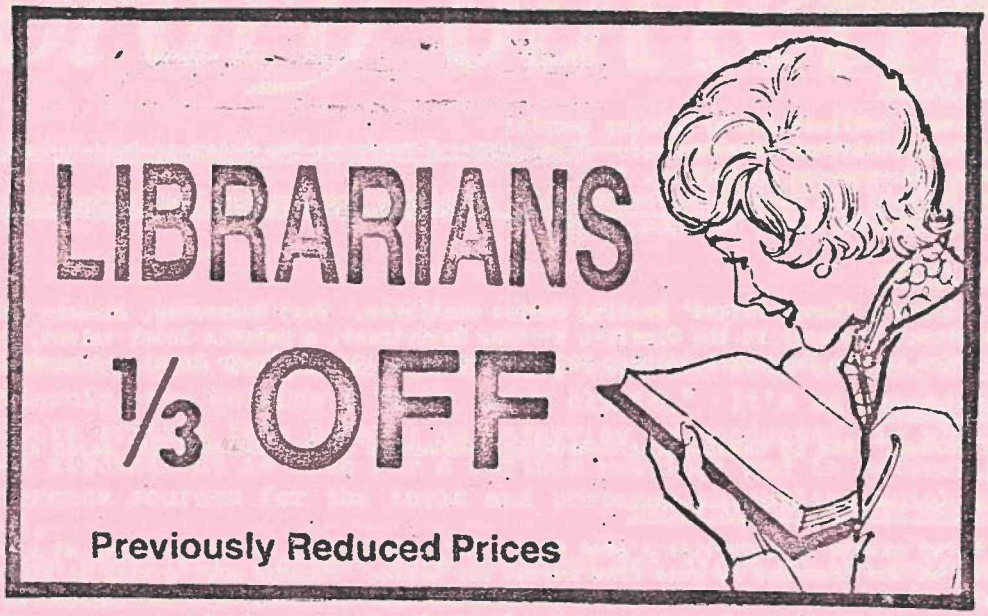
Joan Sandilands, I & O Division: DOCTOROW, E.L. Ragtime. 1975. (fiction) PS 3554. O 3. R 3. 1975. Main Stacks. *note: reported missing, Jan. 21.*

Michael Kasper, I & O Division: COHEN, Marvin. Fables at Life's Expense. 1975. (short prose) O1 in LC Cataloguing.

GIBIAN, George, comp. Russia's Lost Literature of the Absurd...Selected Works of Daniil Kharms & Alexander Vvedensky. 1971. (short prose & drama) PG 3213. G5. 1971. Main and Sedgewick.

1975: A REVIEW

Looking back, so we'll have something to compare things to, here's what happened in the Library in 1975. These snippets are taken from issues of the Bulletin; the dating of events in the Bulletin is chronically vague (naturally, we'll try to correct this...naturally, it's a New Year's resolution), so you may find some items slotted into the wrong month. Forget it.



JANUARY: Librarian's Report to Senate covering 1973/74 is prepublished; inflation's disastrous effect on Library purchasing is underlined...New Law Library opens... 'Experiment in Staff Participation in Planning & Management', a scheme to involve staff in Library policy-making, tries to attract participants...ISBD catalogue format in use.

FEBRUARY: Colbeck Collection moves to Special Collections...Bill Watson's report, "Library Collections Space: A Tally & A Bleak Prospect", reveals increasing clutter throughout the Library system...Quid Pro Quo periodicals ordering policy suspended.

MARCH: 'Experiment in Staff Participation...' sets up task forces...1975/76 budget; Library to get 5% over previous year, allowing for a few new staff positions, an increase in the collections budget, and a contribution to MEDLINE...New Processing Building's site under discussion.

APRIL: Senate Library Committee endorses new loan policy recommendations from Library's Task Force on Overdues...Brock Hall investigated as site for Processing Building.

MAY: Shelf-reading & tidying project begun in the Main Stacks...Enlarged, 1975 edition of the Serial Holdings List distributed...Quid Pro Quo periodicals policy reinstituted.

JUNE: Brock Hall ruled out as site for Processing Building...COM readers distributed.

JULY: UBC Librarians' Association constitution ratified...Site near Woodward rumored likely for Processing Building.

AUGUST: Preparations for new loan policy proceed apace...Review of book budget indicates prospect of large shortfall between commitments & available money, particularly in periodicals and continuations funds.

SEPTEMBER: Board of Governors approves site near Woodward for Processing Building... New loan policy postponed...AUCE contract runs out...Sedgewick installs theft-detection devices.

OCTOBER: Book budget reported in bad shape...Closure of card catalogue based on imprint date 1975 discussed as plans for a COM catalogue proceed.

NOVEMBER: Freeze ordered on all book ordering due to extreme poverty, November 6...For same reason, freeze ordered on hiring at all levels...Postal strike.

DECEMBER: AUCE strike...New loan policy re-approved for introduction in January... Less expensive type of binding for periodicals announced.

It was a busy busy year, with a frustrating assortment of false starts and reverses. Probably, this year will be no easier. The key issue seems to be the insufficiency of funds for maintaining the kind of Library we all know and love...with users demanding more services, collections requiring more dollars to sustain them, and people who work here needing more income to meet the rising cost of living. The resolution of these competing demands will touch everyone. We're all touched already.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL TALENT

Two recent publications by Library people:
John Gray (Original Cataloguing). Tranquebar: A Guide to the Coins of Danish India, circa 1620 to 1845. Lawrence, Mass., Quarterman Publishers, 1975.
Avron Hoffman (LC Cataloguing/Searching). Kitsilano You: Longest Institution of Higher Learning (and its tributaries). Erin, Ontario, Press Porcepic, 1975.

LOCAL TALENT

The Library's 'Local Talent' Reading Series continues. Next Wednesday, January 28th, at 12:30 pm, AUDREY THOMAS, now a sessional lecturer in the Creative Writing Department, a notable local talent, will read from her work. Readings transpire in the Sedgewick Library Orientation Room, on the lower level. Admission is free.

LOCAL TALENT

Leah Gordon, from LC Cataloguing/Searching, announces that discarded DCF cards are available for scrap paper. Contact her.

FOR THOSE WISHING TO TAKE FLIGHT

Mac Elrod wishes to advertise a good deal. He's been asked to give a paper at a conference in Korea and he can include others on the discount he gets from Korean Air Lines. Planned are: a week in Kyoto, Japan; a week of day tours around Seoul; a week tour of South Korea; and unlimited time in Hawaii and Los Angeles on the way home...with the possibility of return via Paris and London instead. Round trip Vancouver to Vancouver, over the Pacific, would cost $660. The day tours would be $50 plus $2 per night in a Korean inn; the tour of the country would be $87, everything included. Departure date is May 22. See Mac if you're interested.

'RETIRED' REFERENCE BOOKS

The following reference books have been superseded and are no longer wanted by the divisions which had them up to now. If you would like any of them to be transferred to your branch, division, or reading room, contact Gifts & Exchanges (local 2607).
BOOKS IN PRINT: 1974 (2 sets - 1 includes 74/75 supplement)
CORNU, Ayme. Compilation of mass spectral data: 1966 & 1967 suppl.
EIGHT PEAK INDEX OF MASS SPECTRA: 1970, v. 1-2.
U.S. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. Subject Cataloguin Division. Subjeot Headings Supplements: 1972.

LINGUISTS IN THE CATALOGUE DIVISIONS: AN UPDATED LIST

BENGALI
Aulakh, Balbir

BULGARIAN
Blazicevic, Branko

CHINESE (Mandarin & most dialects)
Berching Ho Yuan, Janet
Kam, Edmund Mah, Anthony
Wan, Cecilia

CZECH
Bugar, Edita
(Blazicevic, Branko)

DUTCH
(Gray, John)

ETHIOPIAN
Vikentios, Athena

FRENCH
Pinard, Louise
Gray, John
Melanson, Richard
Brock, Elizabeth

GERMAN
Schafer, Ingeborg
Brechin, Laura
Neufeld, Eldo
Beran, Jana
Gray, John
Smith, John

GREEK
Vikentios, Athena

HEBREW
(Kirman, Paulina)

HINDI
Bhugra, Inderjit
Aulakh, Balbir

ITALIAN
Harrie, Martina
(Scardellato, Kathy)
(Balshaw, Mavis)
(Blazicevic Branko)
Vikentios, Athena

JAPANESE
Tomiye, Kay
Fukuyama, Margaret
Chang, Tongsook

KOREAN
Chang, Tongsook
Ahn, Y.J.
(Elrod, J. Mc)

MACEDONIAN
Blazicevic, Branco

POLISH
Kirman, Paulina
Schafer, Ingeborg
(Blazicevic, Branco)

PORTUGUESE
Balshaw, Mavis

PUNJABI
Bhugra, Inderjit
Aulakh, Balibir

RUSSIAN
Tyrras, Svetlana
Kirman, Paulina
Schafer, Ingeborg
Litwinow, Oleg
Beran, Jana
Zibia, Loveron
Blazicevic, Branko

SERBO-CROATION
Srejic, Zorka
Blazicevic, Branko

SLOVAK
Bugar, Edita
Beran, Jana

SPANISH
Balshaw, Mavis
Brechin, Laura

SWAHILI
Vikentios, Athena

UKRAINIAN
Litwinow, Oleg

URDU
Bhugra, Inderjit