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LIBRARY UPDATE (or: A few things do happen in the summer)

MICROCATALOGUE. The new issue of the microcatalogue will be locally produced rather than sent from UTLAS (University of Toronto Library Automation Systems). If all goes well, the new edition will appear in September. This does not imply a change in the Library's connection with UTLAS; they are merely providing us with one less product. The locally produced fiche are expected to look very much like the UTLAS fiche.

A Microcatalogue Evaluation Task Group has been formed to consider possible changes in the format, content, and filing of the microcatalogue. Linda Joe, head of Catalogue Products, will chair the committee. Other members are: Ann Turner, Bill Ng, Brian Owen, Jocelyn Foster, Tom Shorthouse, Rein Brongers, and John Cole.

It is important to remember that the microcatalogue contains more than just new books. While the card catalogue is in no immediate danger of disappearing, work in the Recon unit (retrospective conversion) is proceeding slowly but surely. The latest information on added copies of an older work will be found only in the microcatalogue.

BCUC (British Columbia Union Catalogue) of which UBC is a part is still considering alternatives to UTLAS. An outside consultant has been hired to consider the wisdom of replicating WLN (Washington Library Network). If this route is decided upon, it would be operational no earlier than 1981.

UTLAS has not given us hoped for savings in original cataloguing. With the old manual system, catalogue copy was found for 66% of our titles; we now find copy for about 67%.

SPACE. University President Douglas Kenny has established a special Committee on Library Space Requirements. The committee is to:

1) study the present library space situation and projections of future needs, in a university and provincial context;
2) prepare a comprehensive plan for meeting those needs;
3) recommend to the President priorities for library construction.

The committee is broadly representative, with thirty members drawn from the faculties of Graduate Studies, Applied Science, Arts, Commerce, Education, Forestry and Agricultural Science, Health Sciences, Science, from the Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis, Senate, and the Ministry of Education. The committee will be chaired by Peter Larkin, Dean of Graduate Studies, who is also the chairman of the Senate Library Committee. The committee will begin its work in the fall; in the meantime, Basil Stuart-Stubbs and Bill Watson are preparing documents containing basic information about the Library's overall space situation.

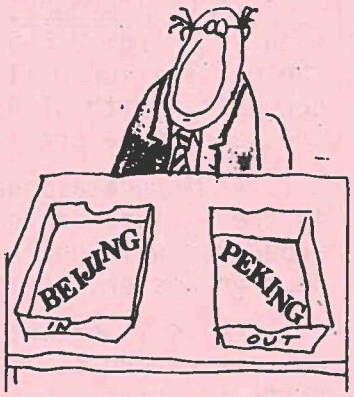
RENOVATIONS. Plans for renovating the Main Library building are still on ice while Physical Plant awaits a report from an outside consultant on the feasibility of bringing the building up to National Building Code standards. No work will go ahead until the report has been readied and then digested by Physical Plant experts (several months yet) and perhaps not even then. Projects delayed include moving Government Publications and Microforms Division to level 7, expanding the stacks on level 6, and opening the staff room to the public. This last change is hoped for by Food Services, Employee Relations, and the Library in an effort to make the food service self-supporting.

OPINION ON PINYIN: ROMANIZING CHINESE

Will Beijiing, Zhongguo, and Xizang replace Peking, China, and Tibet in the catalogue?

In January 1979, the government of China (Zhongguoese government?) tossed out the Wades-Giles system of romanization in favour of the Pinyin system. Most news media followed suit; the U.S. Board on Geographic Names is busily changing the spelling on its maps, and now the Library of Congress is planning to switch.

Libraries, including UBC, have used the Wades-Giles system since 1958. A change in the romanized form of authors' names, titles, and place names would be no small trauma. However, Ms. Ng, head of the UBC Asian Studies Library, points out several advantages to the Pinyin system. Students at UBC learn Pinyin in class and now have to figure out a different system to use the Library. Pinyin gives a better romanization; it indicates the tones in Chinese more precisely. Pinyin is already used by other major libraries such as the National Library of Peking and the British Library.



The Library of Congress has tentatively decided to switch to Pinyin when it implements AACR 2 (Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd edition). But it is awaiting user reaction before taking a final decision. UBC is expected to follow Library of Congress practice whether it leads us to Nei Monggol or to Inner Mongolia. In any case, it will be a field day for cross references!

SUMMERING AT THE LPC

Everyone has at least something nice to say about the new working quarters in the Library Processing Centre. Just what is appreciated seems to depend on just where you worked before and where your desk is now in the LPC. Some are luxuriating in the sense of space and the cool breathable air; others are getting dripped on by leaky air conditioners. Many miss the contact with other staff that quarters in the Main Library provided, and the lack of immediate access to the Main Stacks is considered a big drawback. Several people noticed that before they felt like part of the Library, now they feel more part of a business or a service unit. But everyone contacted thought a new person coming to work without the memories of the old stead would like the building.

One library person pointed out that the move is only one of many changes for processing divisions and that the computerization of the catalogue presents a bigger adjustment. Fortunately, that change seems to be facilitated rather than hindered by the move. Enjoy, enjoy.

UPWARD MOBILITY

The binder on Lee Ann's desk in the Information and Orientation Division office has a complete file of job vacancy notices received by the Library. A selection is given here. A call to the BCLA Library Jobline, 263-0014, is also worthwhile.

University of Victoria. Reference Librarian. September 15th deadline.
University of Saskatchewan. Head, Cataloguing Department.
Health Sciences Librarian.
McMaster University (Hamilton). Interlibrary Loan Librarian. August 31st deadline.
McGill University (Montreal). Library Administrative Officer.
Concordia University (Montreal). Reference/Selection Librarian. August 31st deadline.
Memorial University of Newfoundland (St. John's). Collections Development Librarian: Sciences.
University of Washington Libraries (Seattle). Associate Director of Libraries, Public Services. September 28th deadline.
Head, Government Publications. September 28th deadline.
Science Cataloger (Search Reopened). August 31st deadline.
Assistant Engineering Librarian. August 31st deadline.
Reference/Minority Liaison Librarian. September 28th deadline.
Stanford University. Assistant to the Directors. August 31st deadline.
Reference and Instruction Librarian. September 15th deadline.
Music Cataloger. September 10th deadline.
University of California (Berkeley). Head, Undergraduate Library. September 30th deadline.
University of California (Riverside). Head, Technical Processing Department.
Coordinator of Computerized Literature Searching for Humanities and Social Sciences and Reference Librarian.
Arizona State University (Tempe). Head, Collection and Acquisitions Service. November 1st deadline.
Collection Development Librarian (Humanities). November 1st deadline.
Architecture Librarian. November 1st deadline.
University of New Mexico. Head, Learning Materials Library. October 1st deadline.
Head, Business and Management Library. October 1st deadline.
Assistant Ethnic Studies Librarian. October 1st deadline.
Cataloger, Ibero-American monographs. October 1st deadline.

PEOPLE NEWS

At its July 3rd meeting, the Board of Governors confirmed the appointments of the following librarians: Mary Banham, John Cole, Jocelyn Foster, Anthony Ma, Louise Patterson, Barbara Saint, Judy Thiele.

Paul Nathanson, formerly of Montreal, has joined the university community as head librarian of the Vancouver School of Theology Library.

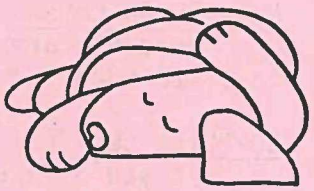
Tony Jeffreys, Life Sciences Bibliographer since 1970, is the new Assistant Librarian for Collections beginning September 1st.

Brian Owen is the new librarian/analyst in Systems Division. He graduated from UBC School of Librarianship this past June and developed an interest in systems at that time. He has a B.A. in History and a teaching certificate from SFU and taught high school English and Social Studies for 2 years.

John Gray, European languages cataloguer, has now officially retired but continues to work for the Library part time.

Bill Bell, Associate Librarian, is on leave until mid-October to do some studying and research in the field of management.

HOLIDAYS



Basil Stuart-Stubbs. August 27 - September 21*
Bill Watson. September 20 - October 19

* During his absence, Doug McInnes will be Acting University Librarian.

MEETING ROOMS

The exit of the Systems people from Sedgewick to the LPC has given us two new meeting rooms in Sedgewick Library. The enlarged Conference room has 30 chairs and is equipped with a blackboard, microfiche reader, screen, and a CRT terminal just outside the door. Other a/v equipment (overhead projector, slide projector) is available for use in the room. A small meeting room to hold 8 or so people is also available. Call Sandra at 3097 to book rooms and equipment.

The level 3 conference room in the Main Library now sports curtains and a screen to accommodate an overhead projector or a slide projector. Call Jane at 3871 to book the room; Information & Orientation, 2076, to check the whereabouts of the projectors.

GUEST EDITOR FOR BULLETIN?

A guest editor may be required for a fall issue of the Library Bulletin. If this is something you've always wanted to do, contact Joan Sandilands, 2076.

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USE THE SERIAL MICROFICHE: TOSS OUT THE SERIAL BOOK

Interlibrary Loan staff are receiving large numbers of requests from UBC Library users for journals that are in fact in the UBC Library. The source of the problem is the old 1975 UBC Serial Holdings List: the familiar book is still being used by some divisions and branches, and borrowers do not know that the list is out of date, incomplete, inaccurate.

So, please encourage use of the new, better than ever, SERIAL LIST MICROFICHE. If your branch is hesitant to toss out the old book, tie it up with ribbons and tape on a sign pointing to the new microfiche list. This should save ILL staff a lot of unnecessary work. Thank you.

QUIET IS IN

Our student users have again taken the trouble to remind us that they like it quiet around here and that "library staff are the chief offenders in this respect." Sedgewick Library, too, responding to this end of the decade trend, is promoting silence and quietude in its study areas. So, library workers -- hush.

NEW LOAN POLICY

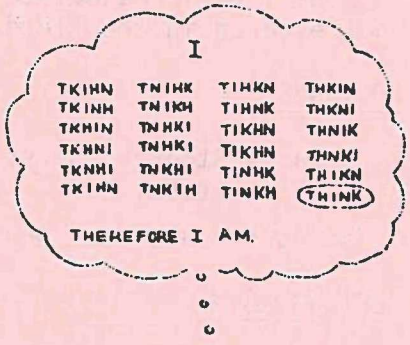
A borrower who fails to return a book 10 days after a call-in notice is issued (5 days for reserves) will discover that his borrowing privileges have been suspended.

RENEW LIBRARY CARDS

The season to renew library cards is upon us. Bring your card or mail it to the Circulation Division, Main Library.

COURSE BY ELROD

Vancouver Community College* is offering a course on "Library Techniques," September 11-13, 6:30-8:15 pm. Instructed by Mc Elrod, a former UBC librarian, it will cover selection aids, acquisitions, bibliographic searches, processing, circulation, inter-library loan, government documents. Register September 4, 5, 6. Fee is $29. Phone 324-5221 for more information.

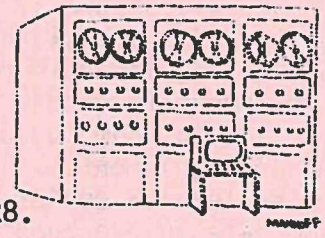


DAYCARE ON CAMPUS

Need daycare at UBC for children 18 months to 5 years? Call 228-5343 for information.

COMPUTER COURSE

If you'd like to know more about computers, ask the UBC Computing Centre to put you on their mailing list for their non-credit courses. Phone 3933 (Carol Byrd).



COMPUTER ASSISTED LEARNING

The third Canadian Symposium on Instructional Technology will be held in Vancouver, February 27-29. The theme of the conference will be "computer assisted learning, with emphasis on the practical applications of research results." If you'd like more information or to submit a paper, contact George Neal, Conference Coordinator, National Research Council, Ottawa, K1A OR8.

COLLEGE CALENDARS

Our collection of college calendars is now mostly on microfiche. We have purchased a microfiche set called "College Catalogue Collections" with 3600 colleges represented. Social Sciences Division looks after it.

STRAY ART. A census of the University's art collection is being taken this summer. One missing item, possibly hanging in someone's space in the Main Library, is a framed pastel, 15½ x 11½, by Bob Neal and titled *Salmon River, B.C.* Has anyone seen it? If so, please report it to Jane or Basil, Librarian's Office.

NEIGHBORS AT LPC

Space and A/V Services (formerly Systems Services and Instructional Media Centre) are moving to the third floor of the Library Processing Centre. They do room bookings, lend a/v equipment, sell a/v supplies, run a film library, do photography. Their moving date was July, it is now October, maybe Christmas; bets, anyone?

TYPOS (glad it wasn't mine)

Richmond Review, May 18, 1979: *"...who is a low librarian at the University of B.C., said ..."* Impossible, we specialize in highs and middles.

* Course announcements from Douglas College arrived at press time; they're posted in I&O.