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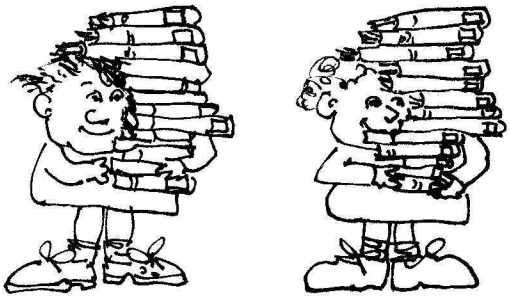
Main Library Shelfreading Blitz

Spacewise, as we all know, the Main Library has been living on borrowed time for years. In 1979 the President's Committee on Library Space Requirements predicted that the entire building would run out of shelving room by 1985. While we have been able to stall off the inevitable by removing material to storage and adding as much new shelving as the structure could handle, almost 50,000 volumes continue to arrive each year. It's now evident that we cannot wait for the move to Koerner before taking action on an even larger scale.

The process started this spring, when a project was initiated that will see nearly 200,000 volumes removed to new compact shelving in LPC by the end of 1995. This should ease problems that have been making it difficult for both patrons and library staff to locate items on overcrowded and disordered shelves.

While the overcrowding is being dealt with, massive misfiling still remains. The challenge for the rest of this summer is to get the remaining collections back in call number order before the main body of students arrives in September.

For the third time in 20 years, the library system has organized a cooperative shelfreading blitz involving virtually all staff. If each person donates roughly six hours, both the Main and Fine Arts stacks can be put back in shape by the end of August.



To emphasize to users that this is an extraordinary measure to deal with an unacceptable situation, there will be a system-wide closure between 9 and 11 a.m. for the week of August 14 to 18. The staff time saved will go toward the shelfreading project. The only exceptions will be the four Life Sciences libraries, since that week coincides with the start of the medical school fall term.

Think of it this way: six hours spent contributing to this project will more than likely pay off many times over in time saved locating stack material until the Koerner move. Thanks, all, for helping make it happen.

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

New Task Groups Explore Streamlined Services

Three new task groups will examine ways of either integrating formerly separate library operations or making existing ones more efficient.

1. The **Asian Library Integration Task Group** will look at the changes required to bring all library staff and services supporting Asian programs together within that branch. The governing principle is that those involved with ordering and processing Asian materials should be able to work and interact on a daily basis with Asian Library public service staff and patrons. Task Group members are: Nadine Baldwin (Chair), Erik de Bruijn, Tom Shorthouse, Linda Joe, Heather Keate, and Nick Omelusik.

2. The **Levels of Cataloguing Task Group** has been asked to provide guidelines that balance off appropriate levels of processing with speed of output. It's expected that options other than full cataloguing will be examined for some types of materials. This report is due by October 31. Chair of the Task Group is Erik de Bruijn, and other members are Susan Andrews, Nadine Baldwin, Diana Cooper, Jocelyn Godolphin, Nick Omelusik, Brian Owen and Margaret Price.

3. The **Task Group on Ordering and Payment Processing** hopes to report by the end of 1995. It will investigate more efficient ways of handling the many sets of records and files involved in the acquisitions and payment process. This involves a review of vendor selection, purchase order production, receipt of monographs, invoice processing and final payment, and any audit requirements. Membership is: Ann Turner (Chair), Judy Bond, Laura Brechin, Joyce Davidson, Lotte Illichman, Theresa Iverson, Janice Kreider, Margaret Price and Tom Shorthouse.

Crane Library Joins Disability Resource Centre

After 26 years as a branch of the library system, the Charles Crane Memorial Library officially became the Crane Resource Centre, a unit within UBC's Disability Resource Centre, on July 1.

The DRC is the central service unit on campus providing support to persons with disabilities. The linkup between the DRC and Crane follows recommendations from the *Hickling Report on the Crane Memorial Library* (1994) and the *Report of the Committee to Review Services to Persons With Disabilities* (1995).

Paul Thiele, Crane Director, emphasizes that the move is a positive one. It realigns and consolidates existing services, which in Crane's case extend well beyond the usual library role. In a letter to staff and users, he notes that Crane's relationship to the larger library system has been beneficial for both, but that a change is now appropriate:

> "We will be able to concentrate on what we do best — delivering support services to our clients rather than developing a library. This ... legitimizes our many client services which do not involve books, [including] ... acquiring overcoming technologies to provide independent access to information ... [and] financial assistance, liaison with university departments and instructors, career planning and advocacy, and follow-up on our graduates.

The link with the Disability Resource Centre is especially important for enhancing the coordination of services, strategic planning, fund raising and policy development at UBC."

The formal transfer of reporting responsibility will lead to some changes over the next year. As a first step, materials in the Crane collection will be reviewed and weeded. The print collection will be transferred to the Education Library. Catalogue records for non-print material will be transferred out of the general online catalogue into the "Other" file. This has the added advantage of ending confusion over material restricted by copyright being shown on the public catalogue, and over print vs. audio and braille versions of the same items.

Crane will continue to produce, house, and distribute materials in alternate formats for both UBC and external users.

First Nations House of Learning Library

The Vice President Academic recently approved a new and, in some respects, unique position. The First Nations House of Learning, already well established on campus, holds a small but potentially valuable set of unique documents from B.C. band councils. The collection is growing, and FNHL has made a successful proposal that it be shaped and administered by a professional librarian. Currently job applications are being taken, but no decision has yet been made.

What will the relationship be between this collection, its staff, and the central library system?

The Library, VP Academic, and FNHL Director have agreed that:

a) The successful candidate must have a strong First Nations background.

b) The position will be funded from the budget of the VP Academic.

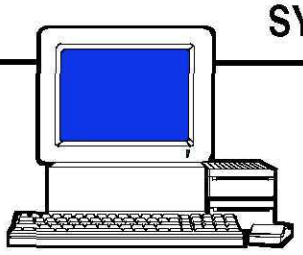
c) In accordance with growing tradition, the new incumbent will report to the University Librarian as well as to the FNHL Director.

d) However, the Library will assume no responsibility for the content or funding of the collection. This is strictly in the hands of the FNHL, and is in fact the focus of their 1995/96 fundraising case statement.

The UBC Senate has laid down requirements which campus collections or reading rooms must meet if they wish to be considered for more formal library status. The first item on this list is that the unit have ongoing funding in place to cover continuing costs. At present it's much too soon to predict how the First Nations House of Learning and its fundraising drive will make out in this area.

However, library staff will want to know that there is a new specialty First Nations collection taking shape on campus. For information on what it contains, who will be running it, and details on access, keep reading the *Bulletin*.

SYSTEMS UPDATE



Evaluation and Ranking of Shortlisted Vendors

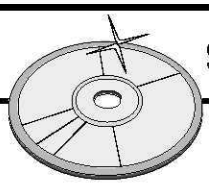
The UBC Library's RFP Evaluation Team met on July 13 and 14 to complete the full evaluation and ranking of the three shortlisted vendors: DRA, Innovative Interfaces (III), and Sirsi. The full evaluation was based on the criteria listed in the RFP document.

The evaluation and ranking produced a very close result. Sirsi scored well on the major functional criterion, which was worth 90 points out of the 180 overall total. DRA and III scored well on many of the non-functional criteria that addressed experience, number and size of installed sites, and various vendor/client relationships. Sirsi did not rank as high on some of these criteria, primarily as a reflection of its overall size and experience with large academic sites.

All three vendors shared in the same type of limitation. For each one, several major issues or requirements were identified which could have a significant impact on that vendor's overall ranking, depending on how they were finally resolved. This fact, added to the limited point spread between all three, resulted in general agreement that it was premature to eliminate any vendor at this stage. Instead it was agreed that we initiate another round of final clarifications with the shortlisted group before proceeding to negotiations.

The final clarifications were issued to each vendor on July 20, and are due back on August 18. They will provide us with additional information that may alter the final point assignments. The process will also make the vendors aware of critical or major concerns that UBC feels have to be addressed in any subsequent negotiations.

The additional round of clarifications will not impact the overall schedule, and it should still be possible to proceed to negotiations by September. While the clarifications are underway, the Library will also move ahead on summarizing RFP activities during the past eight months, reviewing financial options, and preparing a report for the University Administration.



SYSTEMS & ONLINE UPDATE

What's New on UBCLIB

July gave library staff and patrons their first look at a rearranged UBCLIB menu system. It's hoped that the new groupings will make files easier to locate and use.

Some of the main changes are:

- A new, broader heading, ARTICLE INDEXES, now includes in a single alphabetical list all online indexes available through UBCLIB. The old INS, INB and GATeway divisions have disappeared.
- The menu headed BC LIBRARIES gives users access to OutLook (the B.C. college and public library holdings catalogue); the ELN media and serials listings; catalogues for SFU, UVic, and VPL; B.C. archives, newspapers and historical theses; the Vancouver City Council Minutes Index; and the Vancouver FreeNet.
- Under REF[erence books] on the UBCLIB Main Menu, you'll notice that the online dictionary is gone. We did not renew that subscription for 1995/96. REF is also the section where users will now find online bibliographic resources such as WorldCat and the Centre for Research Libraries.
- Within the UBC LIBRARY files, we've added an ARC[hives]section covering four UBC collections of archives, maps and photographs.
- A comforting new SUBJECT GUIDE TO INDEXES AND FILES lets users select a broad topic and view a rundown of the various online resources available, together with the 3- letter code to key in. Also available on the SUBJECT GUIDE menu is a lengthier and much more detailed subject-arranged listing giving entries for every database available in the library system, on or off UBCLIB, including CD-ROM files. Full details about date coverage and locations are supplied.

As a quick-reference aid for public service staff, it might be helpful to print off reference copies of the new screens and post them near the workstations until the new menus become more familiar.

For staff who want the ultimate manual, Tom Shorthouse has produced *Navigating UBCLIB*, an eight-page alphabetical index to everything available on the July '95 version of UBCLIB, including what to key to get there. Copies should still be available from Tom at the Law Library, or e-mail him at <LAST> on UBCLIB, <tshort@unixg.ubc.ca> on Unix.

MORE SYSTEMS & E-NEWS

Canadian Periodical Index Postponed

B.C.'s Electronic Library Network has announced that plans to mount the online version of *CPI* have been postponed until the 1996/97 fiscal year.

The main stumbling block has been Gale Canada's purchase of *CPI* in January 1995, and its subsequent revision of the pricing and licensing agreements ELN had negotiated with the former owner, Info Globe.

Some libraries would still like to have *CPI* reconsidered next year, when a new group of databases will come up for negotiation. Still more support having ELN look into upgrading the *Canadian Business and Current Affairs* online database. Its enhanced version, *KIOSK*, would include full text for roughly 100 journals.

ELN will get back to member libraries on this issue in the early fall.

Progress on Electronic Journals Pilot Project

Fifteen E-journals, including two published at UBC, have made it through the preliminary screening process for the Library's Electronic Journals Pilot Project. Because some questions still need to be sorted out, a full list will not be available for some weeks yet.

The selection process has been tricky, since over 700 E-journals are already listed by the *ARL Directory* and others are announced daily. Access to many of these titles is already available via Gopher/WWW, but those chosen for the Pilot Project will be used to set up and test library procedures for selecting, acquiring, cataloguing, monitoring and printing from E-journals. While most will still be accessed through pointers to remote sites, certain items, such as the *New York Journal of Mathematics*, will be stored locally. The Pilot Project titles will be given full UBCLIB cataloguing, and plans are to list them under Electronic Materials on the Gopher/WWW as well.

UBC will serve as an archival site for *Early Modern Literary Studies*, a new E-journal prepared by the Department of English in cooperation with the Library. It will also be an archival site for our own *UBC Library News*.

One of the selected titles may be of assistance at reference desks. *Academe This Week* not only summarizes articles from the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, but also gives weekly listings of academic meetings and (a boon for graduate students) job openings.

New Home Pages

Since the last *Bulletin* issue, both the Education Library and Special Collections & Archives have mounted impressive new home pages. This brings the total around the system to seven. If you have Web access, you'll find the full list as part of the menu on the UBC Library main home page. Sites are:

- Data Library
- Education Library
- Humanities and Social Sciences Division
- Law Library
- Life Sciences Libraries
- PATSCAN
- Special Collections and University Archives

MORE SYSTEMS & E-NEWS

WWW Workstation Available for Users

The Education Library has set up a Mac offering access to the Web through Mosaic and Netscape. Be careful how you advertise this, however. It's mainly for their primary user group, and is already very, very popular.

Going, Going, Gone: Printed Library Guides Convert to Online

In a move to "save trees, money and time", Brenda Peterson has proposed that at least four more library handouts go the way of our *Guide to CD-ROM and Online Databases* and be available only online. Candidates are guides which need to be updated (thus, reprinted) often, and where keyword searching would be a useful new feature.

Proposed titles are:

- *Guide to Library Contacts*:
  - –*Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences*
  - –*Agriculture, Forestry & Physical Sciences*
  - –*Life Sciences*
- *Library Facts & Figures*

Brenda would like to hear from staff who either need these publications in print or can suggest other titles that should be available only online.

First Look at *FirstSearch* Use Statistics

UBC has received some intriguing feedback from OCLC regarding use of our seven *FirstSearch* databases during March and April. Out of 10,479 searches performed by UBC cardholders, 4,815 were on *Article1st* and 3,885 on *WorldCat*. *Contents1st* was next most popular, with 676 searches. *Papers1st*, *Fastdoc*, and *GPO* had between 280 and 330 searches apiece, and the least used service was *Proceedings1st* with a lowly 181.

It will be interesting to see whether relative use alters in the coming year, as some of these services become better known.

Electronic Full Text Scores With Sci/Eng Users

"The idea of having all IEEE/IEE transactions on a searchable database was long overdue and has taken days out of the research process.... Keep up the excellent service. I've mentioned [this] to friends at other universities, and they are all extremely jealous." This encouraging comment, from a faculty member in engineering, is just one example of the satisfied reaction to the Library's first venture into network-accessible full text documents.

The UBC Library is the only academic library in the world with a network licensed for *IEEE/IEE Publications On Disc* (*IPO* for short). We are in illustrious company. The other three sites in the present limited network trial are at the Boeing and Hewlett-Packard corporations and the U.S. Patents Office.

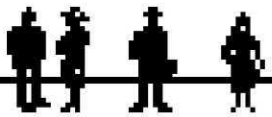
The *IPO* network is accessible from three locations on campus. Besides a workstation in the Main Library's Science & Engineering Division, there is one apiece in the Electrical Engineering and CICSR (computer science) reading rooms. Users have access to a searchable index coupled with the full text for over 100 journals, more than 700 conference proceedings, and almost all technical standards published since 1988 by the IEEE and IEE, the two premier societies for electrical engineering. From a subject or author search, titles can be viewed online and needed articles immediately printed out on a high resolution laser machine. The indexes and scanned full text documents, including all graphics and images, live on roughly 200 CD-ROM's loaded into a jukebox with connections to the campus network.

Use of the *IPO* network has been heavy since it was installed in October 1994. In the first eight months of operation, a total of 85,304 pages were printed at all three sites, with over half run from the Main Library workstation. The system also provides the Library with valuable usage reports, so that for the first time staff can track use of individual conference and journal titles, issues and articles.

It gets better. Encouraged by the success and use of the *IPO* network, the Department of Electrical Engineering has agreed that the Library can cancel all printed IEEE and IEE conference proceedings, starting in 1996. Not only will this save shelving space, but it will also reduce the handling of large numbers of volumes by staff in the Orders Division, Cataloguing, and the Circulation reshelving areas. This also means a saving of thousands of dollars to the collections budget, even after paying the increased annual license fee.

Of equal importance, the *IPO* project has been a valuable exercise in partnership between the Library and the academic departments involved. CICSR, Electrical Engineering, and the office of the Dean of Applied Science all contributed funds to the first year of the project, as well as providing systems expertise in linking *IPO* to their building networks.

Last, but definitely not least, thanks are due to our own library staff. Systems people persevered despite lengthy contract negotiations and networking problems. Thanks also to the Science & Engineering staff for their enthusiastic acceptance of yet another new system to teach the users!



STAFF NEWS

Hello

Ken Hildebrand, L1, Special Collections
Paul Lesack, half-time LA1, Woodward
Ayaz Kassamali, half-time LA1, Woodward

Goodbye

Liam McConachy, LA2, Woodward
Kayleen Lo, LA1, Woodward

Transfers

Jim Harris, LA2, Law

Crane Library Staff Transferred to Disability Resources Centre:

Paul Thiele, Head
Clay Dixon, Tech 4
Jade Wong, Sec 3
Ruth McLaren, LA3
Chris Grove, Clerk 2
Catherine Mead, Clerk 2
Kerry Regier, Clerk 2

Been There, Done That

Recent Conference Attendance:
Susan Andrews and **David Reimer**, Technical Services Workstations Institute, Pomona, CA ... **Tom Shorthouse**, Canadian Association of Law Libraries, Regina ... **Kirsten Walsh**, Canadian Association of Music Libraries, Montreal ... **Lee Perry**, Canadian Health Libraries Association , St. John's ... **Raman Venkataraman**, Canadian Association for Information Science, Edmonton ... **Elizabeth Caskey** and **Kevin Lindstrom**, Special Libraries Association, Montreal ... **Patrick Dunn**, **David Winter**, **Bonnie Stableford** and **Leonora Crema**, Canadian Libraries Association, Calgary ... **George Brandak** and **Erwin Wodarczak**, Association of Canadian Archivists, Regina ... **Terry Horner**, American Libraries Association, Philadelphia .... **Joe Jones**, Association for Computing in the Humanities/Association for Literary and Linguistic Computing, Santa Barbara.

Kudos To:
Kirsten Walsh, President, Canadian Association of Music Libraries, June 1995 - May 1997 ... **Elsie de Bruijn**, Secretary, Health Libraries Association of B.C., June 1995 - May 1996 ... and **John Campbell** (Systems), who teamed up with a B.C. crew to win the L.A.-to-Honolulu Transpacific Yacht Race on the 20-meter *Merlin*. Sports fans back in the Library surfed the Net in his wake, complete with colour photos, thanks to race headquarters' Web site in Hawaii. Those who checked in on July 11 "watched" a dramatic finale, in which *Merlin*'s chief rival was dismasted just 50 km. from the finish line. The win was Canada's first since the race began in 1906.

AROUND THE LIBRARIES

Vacationing? Bring Back a Map

This is the season when travelling staff come home with maps which they may or may not want to keep. Remember the Map Library, especially if you've been to some place off the usual vacation routes. Their staff are usually happy to accept donations and screen them for addition to the permanent collection. (A reminder: they also have a very useful set of travellers' guides to places near and far.)

with acknowledgement to Jim Unger

"It's not even on the map."

Preservation Librarian Winds Up Unique Project

The August 1995 issue of *Pacific Yachting* carries a story of special interest to library staff. In addition to her role as the Library's Facilities and Preservation Manager, Suzanne Dodson has spent the best part of two years overseeing the restoration of her family's 82-year-old classic wooden cruiser. Fittingly enough, much of the work was done by Fred and Lorne Amor, craftsmen who just happen to be the brothers of Suzanne's office mate, Norman Amor.

The story is a feature in a special section, "The Romance of Wood", and comes with colour photos of the "new" *Charles H. Cates*. If you'd like a personally-conducted tour, look for the Dodsons at the Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival, August 24-27 at Granville Island. Boats will be on display at the public docks just behind the Public Market.

Biweekly Pay Starts For Librarians

Until this year, UBC faculty and librarians were paid once a month. Following a successful appeal by the Faculty Association, twice-monthly paycheques will be issued for this group on the same dates as for other UBC staff. Startup date is expected to be August 15.

Get Your Message on UBC-TV

UBC-TV, the new campus closed circuit television network, is now up, although not quite ready for prime time yet. For at least the remainder of 1995, the system will offer only text-based scrolling messages with a 20-word limit. However, these are currently free to any department wishing to make use of the system, and they have obvious potential for libraries wanting to reach students in new ways.

The first monitors are being installed in SUB, the student residences, and the Woodward IRC, with others to follow. Message forms are available from SUB Room 66 (fax number: 822-6086, attention UBC-TV), or call Laura Bennion at 822-2203 for more general information.

Avoid The Rush: Renew Cards Now

Remember, everyone's library card expires on August 31. Unlike students, faculty and staff can beat the September stampede by renewing early, so mark your calendar.

After Many A Summer: A Trip Down Memory Lane

"What did you do this summer?" That's the question many of us will be greeted with at the end of the vacation period. Thanks to the *Bulletin* backfiles, we're able to take a mini-tour back through time and see how library people might have answered, based just on what was going on at work.

Here's what was happening between May and September from the first issue of the *Bulletin* (May 23, 1968) until the summer of 1985.

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July 1968
- "In accordance with the wishes of the Senate Library Committee, the Library will produce a newsletter for faculty, entitled *UBC Library News*.

August 1968
- Library automation takes first tentative step. Orders are typed on a newfangled Flexowriter, and at month end the first "On Order/In Process" printout is produced. Number of copies felt to be sufficient for the library system: 5.

May 1969
- Hope dawns that the Sedgewick undergraduate collection may yet move out of the Main Library's south wing. A building site west of Main has been approved, and architects are working on preliminary designs and costing. If all goes well, the new branch could be open in September 1972.

June 1969
- Meanwhile, library collections and staff continue to expand. *Bulletin* editor Graham Elliston senses there may be more here than meets the eye:

> *GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY*
> *Some light was cast recently on a possible explanation for the steady increase in Library personnel over the past few years. It came in the form of a letter addressed as follows:*
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> > *The Librarian – Reproductive Services,*
> > *University of British Columbia,*
> > *Vancouver, B.C.*
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> *If anyone knows the whereabouts of this librarian or of the division he is running, please let us know immediately.*

July 1969
- "A proposal to incorporate the Crane Library into the library system has been made in the budget request for 1970/71. The President has made funds available to permit the addition to the Library staff ... of Mr. Paul Thiele."

May 1970
- Woodward Library completes its "New Edition", doubling original 1964 space.

August 1971
- Total library staff now exceeds 410. Out of the 102.5 librarians and 308 support staff, 150 are in the processing divisions and must work on floor 7 of the Main Library under 7-foot ceilings. Summer heat and humidity are such that air quality measurements need to be introduced, and an attempt made to define "levels of intolerance". On days when readings exceed WBC guidelines, staff are released early.

August 1972
- Library staff lounge raises prices: now 10¢ for coffee and tea, 15¢ for juice.
- Final stages of Sedgewick Library construction continue to be stalled by a 3-month contract dispute. Official Sept. 1 opening ceremony is cancelled, and completion seems unlikely before mid-October.

May 1973
- B.C. Board of Industrial Relations grants permission for the Library to try out a flexible work week.

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July 1974

- [First hint of the Information Highway??] Library staffer files visionary quote from annual A.L.A. conference. "The governor of West Virginia stated that libraries rank with education [and] highways during budgeting, and challenged all U.S. states to develop a library system similar to the interstate highway system."

May 1975

- Financial problems require the reinstitution of "Quid Pro Quo" journal ordering: all new subscription requests have to be accompanied by notices of titles cancelled.

Sept. 1975

- After several years of politicking, a site across from Woodward is finally approved for a new Library Processing Centre. Dates for building startup and completion are uncertain, as is financing.
- Task Force on Extended Services reports on use by non-UBC patrons. Finds "we are serving a wide range of non-UBC users, and providing them with services requiring considerable amounts of time." [Plus ça change.....]
- Introduction of COM [Computer Output Microfiche] records and readers, as a partial replacement for scarce and smudgy printouts.

July 1976

- B.C. government freezes all new University construction. Asian Centre is left half-finished, plans for moveout of that branch are halted, and University repossesses funding for the planned Library Processing Centre.

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Place the Face Quiz

(See end of article for names)

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Aug. 1976

- Introduction of new sign-out machines for the automated circulation system. "Called Epics, these are manufactured locally.... Because there are no moving parts to wear out ... we have been told that this means fewer breakdowns." [Ask us again in, say, 15 years!]
- End of Library Delivery. Plant Operations withdraws the single truck that, until now, had allowed UBC faculty to have free delivery of books and photocopies to nearest library site.

May 1977
- Restart of construction plans for new LPC. Completion date set for September 1978, just five years after President Gage first approved the project.

August 1980
- First significant approval given to start planning for a new Main Library, with both site and sources for $25 million funding still unresolved. Prime locations would be either the old Bookstore corner adjacent to Henry Angus or the site presently occupied by Math, Old Administration, and the Auditorium.

May 1981
- After heading up 17 years of unprecedented library growth, Basil Stuart-Stubbs resigns as University Librarian to become Director of SLAIS.

May 1982
- A period of severe retrenchment. Positions are permanently lost, as is the Animal Resource Ecology branch. Library severs most of its responsibilities for campus reading rooms.
- Health Sciences Network established, funded by UBC Faculty of Medicine. Woodward now linked with 3 UBC-staffed branches at major Vancouver hospitals.

May 1983
- Beset by financial difficulties, B.C. government withdraws funding for RECON (retrospective conversion of UBC's card catalogue). End of 5-year project means relocating 10 staff, risk of layoffs.
- Hopes for a replacement Main Library continue to flicker. Now bargained down to $17 million, most likely site still old Bookstore, but space compromises would only allow a partial shift of Main Library collections.
- 1981/82 ARL statistics rank UBC 15th out of 101 top academic research libraries. Harvard is in 1st place, U. of T. 6th, and U. of Alberta 28th.
- First Vancouver workshop on online catalogues. There are only 30 in all of North America, but trendy users prefer them to card and microfiche catalogues. It's pointed out that "keyword searching capabilities offer more efficient ways of looking for information."

July 1984
- Library buys its first dedicated computer, an IBM 4381. "Circulation online, authority support for the catalogue, an online public access catalogue, and local access to other bibliographic databases may become realities."

July-Aug. 1985
- Systems puts up Library's locally-developed online cataloguing system. Public service staff can't use this yet because of concerns about overload, but it's recognized that remote access to the catalogue could be of "significant benefit" to staff and users.
- Board of Governors moves that the old Bookstore site, southwest of Sedgewick, be reserved for a new library building, and that the project be given a high priority. The $16-$17 million needed may have to come from private fundraising, and it's recognized that even the planned five-storey building will be only a partial replacement for the Main Library. The *Bulletin* story ends:

  "Figuratively speaking, the ground has been broken for this major and much-needed development. Anyone out there know how to grow money?"

  Completion date was visualized as September 1990.

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Did that all really happen? Indeed it did. For these stories, and all the ones that had to be left out, take a summertime break up in Special Collections & Archives, and ask for Z736 B74 B84.

Answers to Quiz:

1.Jane Shinn (Main Circulation) 2.Hans Burndorfer (Fine Arts /Music/Map/Special Collections) 3.Neil Bennett (Main Circulation) 4.Margaret Friesen (Administration) 5.Gisella Mallue (Science & Engineering) 6.Richard Moore III (Education) 7.Leona Polonich (Woodward) 8. Nick Omelusik (Cataloguing)

IN MEMORIAM

Our longtime friend and benefactor, Walter C. Koerner, passed away on his 97th birthday July 21. No one now working in the library was here when he began more than forty years of personal advocacy and financial support on behalf of both the Library's collections and the buildings housing them.

Space permits us to cover only a few main areas where he helped a rapidly-growing library achieve national status. Starting in 1955, Dr. Koerner contributed ongoing funding for the Slavonic Studies collection, continuing an original grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. Other generous gifts and running grants helped build up materials in the humanities, social sciences, and Asian studies, including originals or facsimiles of rare works that would otherwise never have come to UBC.

He was a founding member in 1956 of the Friends of the University Library, and served on its Council for many years. Two years later he personally contributed the startup money, later augmented by federal and provincial grants, which built the south wing of the Main Library. This in turn made possible the establishment of the Special Collections Division, the College Library (later Sedgewick), and subject-specialized reference divisions as separate units.

His generosity to the larger University is well known. As Chairman of the Board of Governors (1968-1972), Dr. Koerner initiated the process resulting in the Museum of Anthropology. The Koerner family collection of northwest Indian art remains a highlight of UBC's world-class holdings in this area. A later addition saw the opening of the Koerner Ceramics Gallery in 1990. During the World of Opportunity campaign in 1993, one of the most generous pledges received was from Dr. Koerner.

For these and many other reasons, the Library and University Administration announced in 1994 that the new humanities and social sciences research library now under construction would be named for Walter Koerner.

On the day of his death, University Librarian Ruth Patrick received a phone call from the Koerner family. While funeral arrangements are private, they are asking those wishing to donate in memory of Dr. Koerner to support the UBC Library Collections Endowment Fund.

Si monumentum requiris, circumspice.

If you seek a monument, look about you.

Inscription on Sir Christopher Wren's
tomb, St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

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