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MICROCATALOGUE FREQUENCY

The Microcatalogues Task Group recently reviewed the library's microfiche lists with an eye to recommending priorities should the 1983/84 budget make reductions in frequency or distribution necessary. Currently it costs about \$90,000 a year (and rising) to reproduce our various microfiche: Microcatalogue, Serial List, IPL, Circulation Lists, etc., not including the computer dollars for processing. This is considerably over the amount budgeted for reproduction, and the library administration is concerned that next year's budget may not have enough flexibility for them to find the extra money for maintenance of fiche production.

The Task Group discovered, not unsurprisingly, a general reluctance among staff to reduce frequency or distribution. Most of us depend on these lists in one way or another and our work is more efficient if the information we use is up-to-date, the more up-to-date the better.

Apart from recommending that the administration reconsider the policy of providing the reading rooms with current microcatalogues, the Task Group could only ask that high priority be given to maintaining the frequency and distribution of our microfiche lists. The administration is in sympathy, but knows that you can't ride the mule you don't own.

In the meantime and if all goes well, we can expect a microcatalogue at the beginning of June, and the fall one (the first from BCLN), in September.

BCLN BATCHING

Brian Owen, in his report on BCLN catalogue cards, microfiche, and computer tapes, reassures us that our microcatalogue will continue much the same because the BCLN fiche will be produced using our programs. We may begin to notice better cross-references and fewer 'see also's' because BCLN will have authority and will put entries in their proper place more efficiently than UTLAS could. However, this requires the support of our own Catalogue Products and they are not sure how many troops can be mustered in support of BCLN authority.

The catalogue cards from BCLN may not be as pretty as the UTLAS ones which come from a laser printer and they'll probably arrive, ugh, unsorted. Catalogue Products is going to be brave about that one, with the understanding that some improvements will be made during the trial. Generally the switch to BCLN should be a smooth one as far as these products are concerned. A copy of Brian's report is available in the I & O office or call him (5066) if you have any questions.

HELP WANTED

Two library staff members are needed by the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) Quarterly, one to maintain subscription records and another as advertising editor. Maintaining subscriptions should not require more than 6 hours a month. The advertising editor does not solicit advertising but handles correspondence, rate analysis, etc. Both positions are unpaid, but the editors are hopeful the time spent could be negotiated as part of work or professional duties. Phone the editors, Lois Meyers Carter, Coquitlam (937-3743) or Ross Carter (688-1111) if you're interested.

SEDGEWICK TAKEOVER BY COMPUTING CENTRE?

An area in the southwest corner of the lower level of Sedgewick which is presently not used for much of anything may become home to 15 computer terminals for use by anyone with a UBC computing ID or for class sessions. The Library has agreed to provide the space; other details are being worked out by the Computing Centre, Physical Plant (who have to build the walls and install the outlets), and the Faculty of Arts (who are providing the terminals).

DEPARTMENTAL READING ROOMS

On March 31, the Library was forced to curtail further its support of departmental reading rooms. It no longer orders books, offers binding service, or catalogues titles acquired by the reading rooms. It will provide catalogue information on request if it can be readily obtained from Library records. After April 1st, reading room titles will not be recorded in the library catalogue; titles held by reading rooms already in the microcatalogue will eventually be dropped. However, the Library will continue to service periodical subscriptions, including check-in and claiming of current issues. Departments will pay for the subscriptions.

The generous attempt by the affluent library of the 60's and 70's to coordinate access to books all over campus has foundered on the retrenchment of the 80's. For all the problems the reading rooms caused the library, the attempt was a good one, in keeping with the philosophy that libraries should provide access to information, as much as possible, as easily as possible.

UBC LIBRARY NEWS DISTRIBUTION CUT

The UBC Library News is the library's attempt to communicate with the UBC faculty. When it was issued irregularly, it was sent to faculty and all library staff. It is now appearing more regularly, but the state of the budget precludes continuing this wide distribution. Librarians will get future issues because they're also faculty. Please circulate these copies to other library staff members who may not otherwise see it. (You'll probably have read about it here anyway - the editors share their news quite amicably.)

LIBRARY SPACE

The University's proposal for a new library building was submitted to the Universities Council of B. C. in spring 1981. Since then the subject has been raised several times, but there's never been any official or frank answer to the proposal, and the state of the economy and the provincial treasury prohibit any positive answer.

The effect of this is to force us to put more material into storage, not a happy situation for either staff or users. Because the building proposal recommended that most of the Main Library be replaced, no money has been spent on it so it has space not being used because of safety code deficiencies, is inefficient, expensive to operate, and prevents restructuring or rationalizing the library's staff organization.

Before the end of the decade, the storage capacity of the entire Library will be exceeded. Some parts are already beyond full working capacity. The problem of space is not going to disappear, and the answers to it may be continued overcrowding, more material in storage, and increased costs. Not a pretty picture.

NEW HUM LIBRARIAN

Joe Jones has been appointed Reference Librarian in the Humanities Division. He has worked as Catalogue Librarian in the English language unit of Catalogue Records since February 1980.

CURRICULUM LABORATORY NEWS

The Curriculum Lab's Apple II computer, recently installed for use by students, etc., was also recently stolen. They are taking up a collection to try and get a replacement. Bolt your apples down, boys.

Thermal overhead transparencies, spirit stencils, laminated and dry mounted pictures can be prepared in the Curric Lab's student/faculty workroom (9-5 weekdays) till the end of April anyway. For information about the materials for sale or about sessions on using the facilities phone 3767.

A microware evaluation workshop will be conducted by Ken Van Appledorn from the Provincial Education Media Centre on April 26 at the Curriculum Lab. It's day-long, free. For more info, call Jo-Anne Naslund, 3767.

SERIALS CHECK-IN ON-LINE

The Serials Division is now checking in on-line both current issues and bound volumes. If you use a terminal to check the Serial system for an issue, look at the date of receipt and allow time for the non-electronic delivery system to get the issue to its destination (bound volumes have to be labelled, etc. as well). Current issues should arrive in a day or two (if they're not being routed!), bound volumes in two or three weeks.

And Serials asks us to remember that they are now more dependent on SHARE to get their work done. When the system is slow or down, they can't do their work, and turnover time for check-in will be longer.

Law Library is also checking issues in on-line; Gov Pubs and Woodward have not yet made this conversion.

SUPPORT STAFF CHANGES

New Staff:

Bonnie Lissel, LA3, half-time, Catalogue Products

Ups & Downs:

Elaine Thorsen, LA3, Catalogue Records

Alannah Anderson, LA3, Woodward

Judy Lee, LA4, Catalogue Records

Maureen Martens, LA3, Catalogue Records

Helene LeFrancois, LA2, Catalogue Records

Transfers:

Clarise Foster, LA1, Circulation

Susan Henderson, LA2, Special Collections

Shelly Brown, LA1, Circulation

Nina Schaub, KPO, Serials

Goodbyes:

Linda Bregan, LA3, Woodward

Janet Bannon, LA1, Circulation

Wendy Varner, Sec 1, Administration

Ulrike Marler, LA2, Prebindery

Eleanor Narod, LA1, Circulation

Kathy Chu, KPO, Serials

Jane D'Atillio, Sec 4, Administration

Linda Wong, LA2, Acquisitions

Anne Helgason, LA1, Sedgewick,

Special Goodbyes to:

Helene Boetz who retired this month after working since 1965 as our book mender.
and

Maria Horvath who retired from the Humanities Division where she worked since 1965.

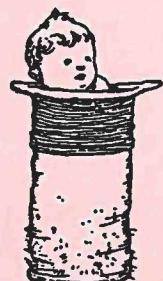
All our best wishes to you both. We'll miss you.

MISCELLANEOUS

Don't miss the Museum of Anthropology display "Sensibilities: Unsuspected Harmonies in Multicultural Aesthetics," held over till June 5. It's a knockout.

Till the middle of April, the Museum shop is featuring a display of international handicrafts and folk art instead of its usual Northwest Coast and Eskimo arts and crafts. The shop is open noon to 4, Tues. - Sat.

Dorothy Shields, our foreign language and Canadian Humanities and Social Sciences bibliographer is in New Zealand and Australia for March and April, travelling with Anne Yandle. Send Dorothy's rush orders and enquiries to Jenny Forbes while she's away.



BCLN POLICY ON UNIFORM TITLES

Because BCLN participants will be sharing one record for each catalogued item, they have had to agree on a common policy for uniform titles:

Musical works (scores and sound recordings) will continue to have uniform titles applied, AACR2 wherever possible.

Those libraries who use them for laws and treaties will continue to do so, again using AACR2 when possible. Uniform titles cannot be deleted from records, so we all will accept those assigned in a record, but need not assign them if it's not our policy.

Although Library of Congress routinely assigns uniform titles to translations, BCLN libraries have not and will continue not to, except in one situation noted below. Title added entries can be used to give access to the original title if desired.

UVic and UBC agreed to use "Works," "Selections," and "Correspondence," for the collected and selected works of any author, and to follow AACR2 as to form. Other BCLN participants will accept records with these uniform titles, but will not assign them.

UVic and UBC agreed on a list of 54 authors for which they will assign uniform titles to individual works as well as collections and selections. The other libraries will again accept these uniform titles but not assign them.

Uniform titles as main entries will continue to be used by BCLN for anonymous classics and sacred works. LC has begun using a new version of these for translations or reprints, where the original title of the work is the main entry. Even though UBC and UVic do not normally use uniform titles for translations, they decided to follow LC and retain or assign a uniform title in such cases. Other libraries will accept them, but need not add them.

The following authors will have uniform titles assigned for both their individual and collective works:

Aeschylus	Engels	Nietzsche
Aristophanes	Erasmus	Ovid
Aristotle	Euripides	Petrarca
Augustine	Fielding	Plato
Bacon	Galenus	Pliny the Elder
Balzac	Goethe	Plautus
Beckett	Borki	Plutarch
Boerhaave	Hippocrates	Sartre
Brecht	Homer	Schiller
Burns	Horace	Seneca
Cervantes	Hugo	Shakespeare
Chaucer	Johnson	Sophocles
Cicero	Kant	Tacitus
Dante	Mann	Thomas Aquinas
Defoe	Marx	Tolstoi
Demosthenes	Milton	Twain
Dickens	Moliere	Virgil
Dostoevski	Nabokov	Voltaire

Better not
to ask

My question:
what is a
uniform title

QUICK GUIDE TO STAFF EVALUATION

Performance Factors	Far exceeds job requirements	Exceeds job requirements	Meets job requirements	Needs some improvement	Does not meet minimum requirement
quality	Leaps tall buildings with a single bound	Must take a running start to leap over tall buildings	Can leap over only short buildings or medium ones with no spires	Crashes into buildings when attempting to jump over them	Cannot recognize buildings at all; what's more, cannot jump
timeliness	Is faster than a speeding bullet	Is as fast as a speeding bullet	Not quite so fast as a speeding bullet	Would you believe a slow bullet?	Wounds self with bullets when attempting to shoot gun
initiative	Is stronger than a locomotive	Is stronger than a bull elephant	Is stronger than a bull	Shoots the bull	Is loco-(no) motive
adaptability	Walks on water consistently	Walks on water in emergencies	Washes with water	Drinks water	Sinks in water because he can't get the lead out
communication	Talks with God	Talks with the angels	Talks to himself	Argues with himself	Loses those arguments

DON'T HOARD THOSE MAGS

Spare a thought for the poor user if new issues of journals are routed to you or your division. Look at them right away; if you're away on holidays, please get your staff to send issues on. Social Sciences received on March 21 a journal checked in by Serials on January 14.

Very naughty.