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TELIDON TERMINAL INSTALLED IN FINE ARTS

A Telidon terminal is now available in the Fine Arts Division of the Main Library as part of the Telidon field trials sponsored by Communications Canada and B.C. Telephone. During this period, there is no charge for Telidon service.

Simply speaking, Telidon is a "magic box" linking a television set with computer data bases. It is the Canadian developed version of videotex; and unlike other systems provides not only text but also coloured pictures. A small key pad enables you to sign-on and to access the data bases. You can:

-try a keyword (press a letter to find out what keywords start with that letter)
-use the "menu" plan (you keep on making choices until you finally get someplace)
-ask for a particular "page" by number (example: if you ask for number 16131 you'll get a January horoscope for Cancer.)
Keep track of your favorite numbers -- look in the upper right hand corner. The Bulletin will publish a column of Telidon favorites.

The B.C. Tel experiment emphasizes business and public locations for terminals. Four terminals will be placed at campus locations: Fine Arts Division in the Library, School of Architecture; Forestry, Off Campus Programs Office; U.N. Centre for Human Settlements. The latter is located in the Library Processing Centre and can be used by library staff. It would be appreciated if small groups rather than individuals would learn about the terminal together. Call 4415 to arrange an appropriate time.

DISABLED STUDENTS CENTRE IN SEDGEWICK

The Central Information Station for Disabled Students located in the Sedgewick Library staff area is now operating. It consists of a campus phone, a microfiche reader, and all the microfiche you could ever want to use. Wheelchair bound students can do their bibliographic searches in relative comfort here, then phone the appropriate library to page books or to arrange for reference help.

During the past year, CKNW provided substantial funds to the University for purchase of equipment helpful to disabled students. One of these, an electric typewriter with an Optacon attachment, is now available in Crane Library. The Optacon allows the typed material to be read by touch. The Computing Centre will soon have a terminal adapted with special equipment to allow visually disabled students to "read" a computer terminal screen. In addition, three Visual Ear units (or TDD's, telecommunication device for the deaf) were purchased. If you would like to phone someone who has a Visual Ear, you may use the unit available at the Student Counseling Centre, Room 200 Brock Hall. No appointment is necessary and the Centre is quite happy to have people use the equipment.

LIBRARY GOES TO ROBSON SQUARE

More than thirty staff members took turns in October manning a Library information booth at the Discovery Fair (B.C. Ministry of Universities, Science, & Communications) held at Robson Square. We displayed the BCUC (British Columbia Union Catalogue) microfiche set, giving away old fiche to delighted school kids, and demonstrated online searching of UBC and DIALOG databases. The fiche catalogue proved just as interesting to the public as the online terminal.

For the Fair, Systems Division developed the first prototype for online KEYWORD searching of local databases. They are currently building on this prototype to give us online keyword searching of the DRS (pamphlets and other good stuff) and to produce a keyword online serials check-in system.

OLD FACES/NEW PLACES

Margaret Price is now Assistant Recon Librarian in Catalogue Records. She can be reached at 4995.

Elizabeth Black, librarian in Humanities Division, will be on leave for six months beginning March 1st to complete work for a Masters of Science in Business Administration, focussing on labor relations.

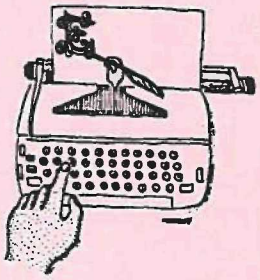
John Gray will work in Special Collections part time to re-organize the University's stamp collection. Funding comes from a bequest designated for philately.

Heather Keate is Interim Planning Coordinator for the Health Sciences Network (services to teaching hospitals), a special assignment February to June. The Network offices are in the basement of Woodward Library.

Laine Ruus, Data Librarian, will be lending her talents to the University of Gothenburg for a year beginning this April. She will be working with the Swedish Research Council to set up a Swedish Data Archive.

Anne Yandle, head of Special Collections Division, will be on leave for a year beginning in July. She will work with the antiquarian book trade in London for six months, spending an additional six months in the Turnbull Library, the rare book section of the National Library of New Zealand in Wellington.

Tom Shorthouse, UBC's Law Librarian, currently on leave in Beijing, China, writes:



> Has the word hit Variety yet that I am playing the American ambassador* in a Chinese film? ... The film is of course entirely in Chinese. So - although I speak my English lines to Chinese actors -- what will eventually come out of my mouth will be someone else. The acting coach - a very nice actor who is frequently seen in Chinese films - advised me I should be dignified and thoughtful, relaxed and cheerful, and yet a little reticent as I realize Chiang** has lost the confidence of the Chinese people. I'll tell you my experiences at Metro Theatre didn't prepare me for this!
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> Incidentally, there's no such thing as library <u>service</u> here.

* John Leighton Stuart, 1949 ** Chiang Kai-shek

Tom's letters are marvelous snippets of life abroad, witty and full of good cheer. Some are posted on the bulletin board in the Main Library staff room. A collected edition is available for perusal in the Law Library.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, & LECTURES

13 February. KNOWLEDGE NETWORK SEMINAR. UBC Campus, Instructional Resources Centre, Lecture Hall #1. 10:30am-12:30pm. Spend a bit of Saturday learning about the Knowledge Network of the West. Find out what it is, what it can do, and how to do it. There will be an audio/visual presentation and a tour of the KN facilities housed in LPC. The session is sponsored by the B.C. Health Libraries Association and will emphasize health science applications to long distance education and interactive audio/video. EVERYONE IS WELCOME: NO CHARGE. For more information contact Barbara Saint, 875-4505 or 5461.

15 February. PROJECT PROGRESS WORKSHOP. A study of Canadian Public Libraries. Richmond Inn, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm $70.

16 February. VIDEO DISC PLAYER DEMONSTRATION. GVLF, 1105 Commercial Drive. 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Call to register, 251-1147.

16 February. SCHOOL OF LIBRARIANSHIP DISTINGUISHED VISITOR. David Stam, Director of the Research Libraries, New York Public Library, will speak at 3:30pm in 100 Buchanan on some aspect of the NYPL.

18-19 February. LIBRARIANS AND INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY. UBC Campus. $85. A workshop sponsored by Centre for Continuing Education for librarians on videotex, teletext, INET Gateway, and home information systems.

20 February. CAREER STRATEGIES FOR LIBRARIANS. Douglas College, New Westminster. 8:30am-4:30pm. $40. Workshop led by Cheryl Young for people thinking of a career change or of moving up in their present career. Bring a lunch. Register through Admissions, Douglas College, P.O. Box 2503, New Westminster, B.C. V3L 5B2. 525-2075.

11-12 March. LIBRARIANS AS RECORDS MANAGERS. Robson Square Media Centre Room #1. $100. Pat Acton will lead sessions Thursday night and all day Friday on the relationship between librarianship and records management. Records management is currently one of the most dynamic fields in information science (look at the want-ads!). Register with Douglas College, address above.

12-13 March. UBC OPEN HOUSE. This year's open house focuses on the central core of campus. The Main Library will host displays, as will the Curriculum Lab, Asian Studies Library, and Law Library. Jocelyn Foster is coordinating the Library's efforts. If you'd like to help, give her a call at 2076.

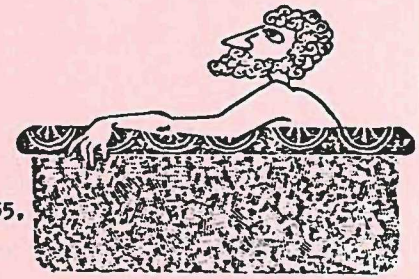
30 April-May 1. BCLA SPRING CONFERENCE. Delta River Inn, Richmond.

25-27 August. PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE. Denman Place Inn, Vancouver. Theme: the image of the library in the community. Phyllis Reeve in Government Publications is in charge of local arrangements.

WANTED

The following items are needed to complete the Library's holdings:

Arts Bulletin. Canadian Conference of the Arts. v.1 n.2-3,7,10
Canada Crafts. v.1 n.1 1975; v.2 n.2 1976/77
Canadian Aeronautics and Space Journal. v.23 n.3 1977
Canadian Architect Yearbook. 1970
Canadian Numismatic Journal. v.2 n.1-3; v.7 n.1-8
Delta K. v.12 n.1,4 1973
Engineering Digest. v.25 n.10 1979
Library Journal. v.105 n.2,4,7-10,13-20,22 1981
U.B.C. Dept. of Economics. Discussion Papers. no.1,5,7-8,10-11,16-19,21,25,29,34-35, 38-41,44,53,57,59,64-65,67,70-71,75,77,79,87-91 (all between years of 1968-1972); no.4,31(1977); n.13-16,51-52(1978); n.38(1979); n.37(1980); n.20,24(1981).



If you can supply any of these, please phone Graham Elliston, local 2304.

PRO-LIT XEROXING SUSPENDED (or: cobbler loses shoe)

Xerox copies of the contents pages of library journals will no longer be prepared and circulated to library staff. Periodicals Division realizes this is a useful current awareness service and hestitated a long time before suspending it. It may be resumed when the staff complement returns to normal.

Please phone Lois Carrier, head of Social Sciences Division, 3155, with any concerns regarding this change. She has a list of journals xeroxed for each division and will supply it on request. Staff shortages and an increasing backlog in the Main Library's periodicals section prompted the action.

PICK UP SERVICE FOR LOST BOOKS: a true story

Circulation Division received a message recently from a Point Grey landlady who said she had a pile of UBC library books left at her house several years ago by a student lodger. She had phoned to various people in the Library over the past three years and was always told that she should bring the books out to us. She was not able to, as they were too heavy to carry. Circulation Division sent Library Delivery to pick them up and were delighted to have them returned -- about $700 worth of books.

The message is: Please contact Library Delivery at 2854 or 2668 if you should receive such a call in the future.

BOOK RETURN COMMITTEE SET

Rita Butterfield, Melva Dwyer, Ture Erickson, Howard Hurt, and Heather Keate compose the newly constituted Book Return Committee. The group will study current book return procedures and consider alternative methods that would be both practical and more desirable for book preservation. They will report to COPPSAC (Committee on Processing/ Public Services and Catalogues) before June 1st.

SAFETY COMMITTEE, MAIN LIBRARY

Staff are invited to notify the Main Library Safety Committee of any hazard or potential hazard they might notice. Please give your comments, in writing, to any member of the committee. Members are: Rita Butterfield (secretary), Kris Hans, Joyce Harries, Helen Mayoh, John Nanning (chairman), and Sheila Neville.

The Library also has safety committees for the Library Processing Centre, Sedgewick Library, and Woodward Library. Safety concerns of other branches are dealt with by the departments responsible for the buildings in which they are located.

The University Coordination Office reports that a safety group has been organized to discuss the environmental aspects of visual display terminals (VDT), now used widely on campus.

DATA LIBRARY CATALOGUE IN MICROFICHE

Data Library catalogue has been available for sometime online; (signon to MTS - ask it to RUN *SPIRES EXPLAIN DATALIB). The catalogue is now also available in microfiche. There's a copy at a reader near the Information Desk in the Main Concourse. If you'd like your own copy, phone Laine Ruus at 5587 ; she has a few extras of the three fiche set.

STORAGE RIDDLE

Q: When is "storage" an untrue story?

A: When the book is in the Asian Studies Library.

Last year many books were moved from the storage area of the Main Library to the new Asian Studies Library. The records, however, still list the books as in storage. Do not perpetuate this false story; instead, send smiling patron across the moat to the Asian Studies Library in the new Asian Centre. Also watch out for pre 1800 (pre 1867 Canadian) imprints. These were systematically removed from the Main Stacks to storage without changing the records.

LPC HANDOUT

An information sheet on the Library Processing Centre has been prepared primarily for new staff. A complimentary copy is attached to this issue of the Bulletin. Keep it, file it even.

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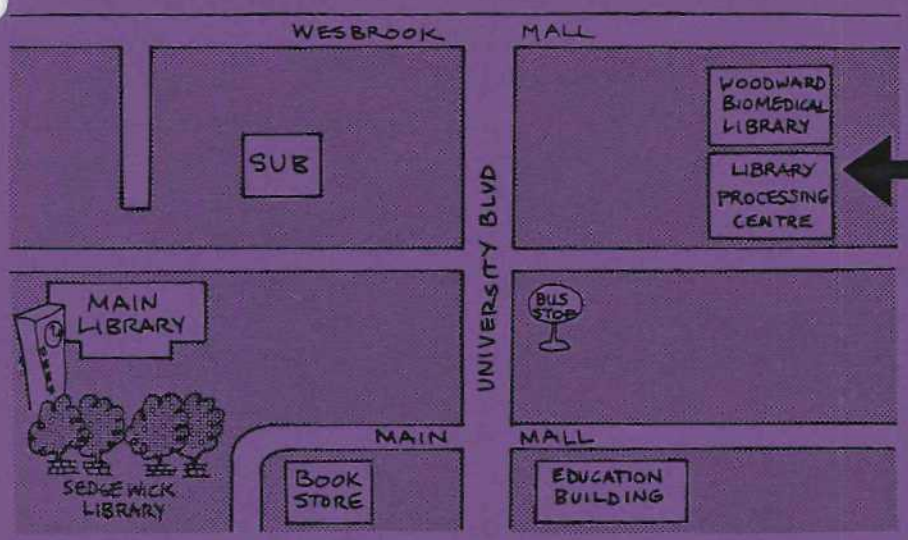


About 140 people work in the 5 technical services divisions in the UBC Library Processing Centre (LPC).
They are responsible for the acquisition and processing of library materials and for the creation and maintenance of the records that make the Library's collection accessible.

Acquisitions: Orders, receives, and pays for books and microforms requested for all locations except Serials, Woodward, Law and Government Publications. The Prebindery and the LPC mail room are part of Acquisitions. Joyce Davidson, Head.

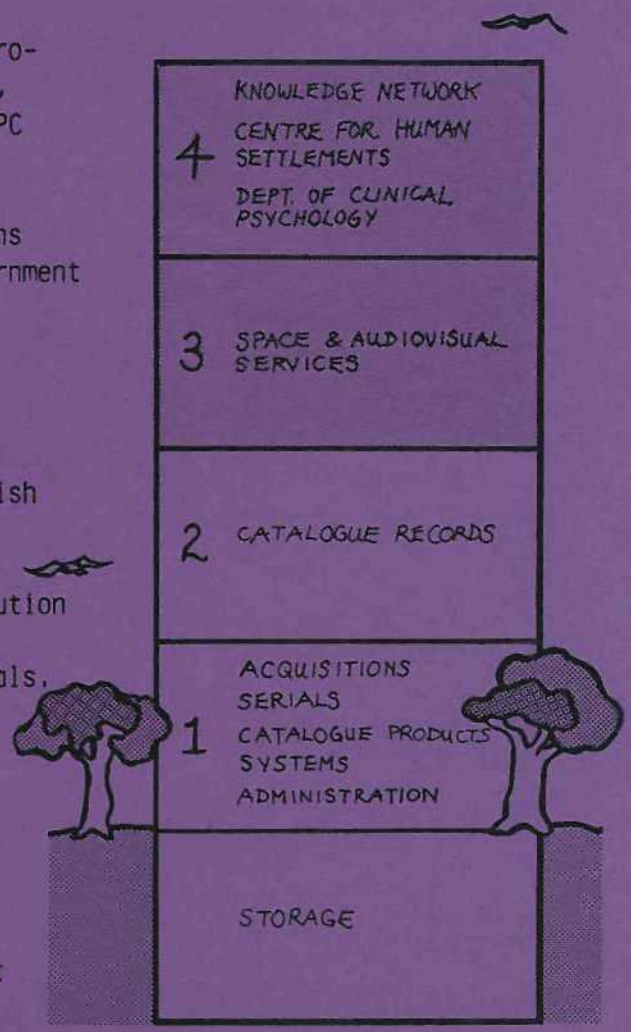
Serials: Orders, checks in, and pays for serial publications requested for all locations except Woodward, Law, and Government Publications. Nadine Baldwin, Head.

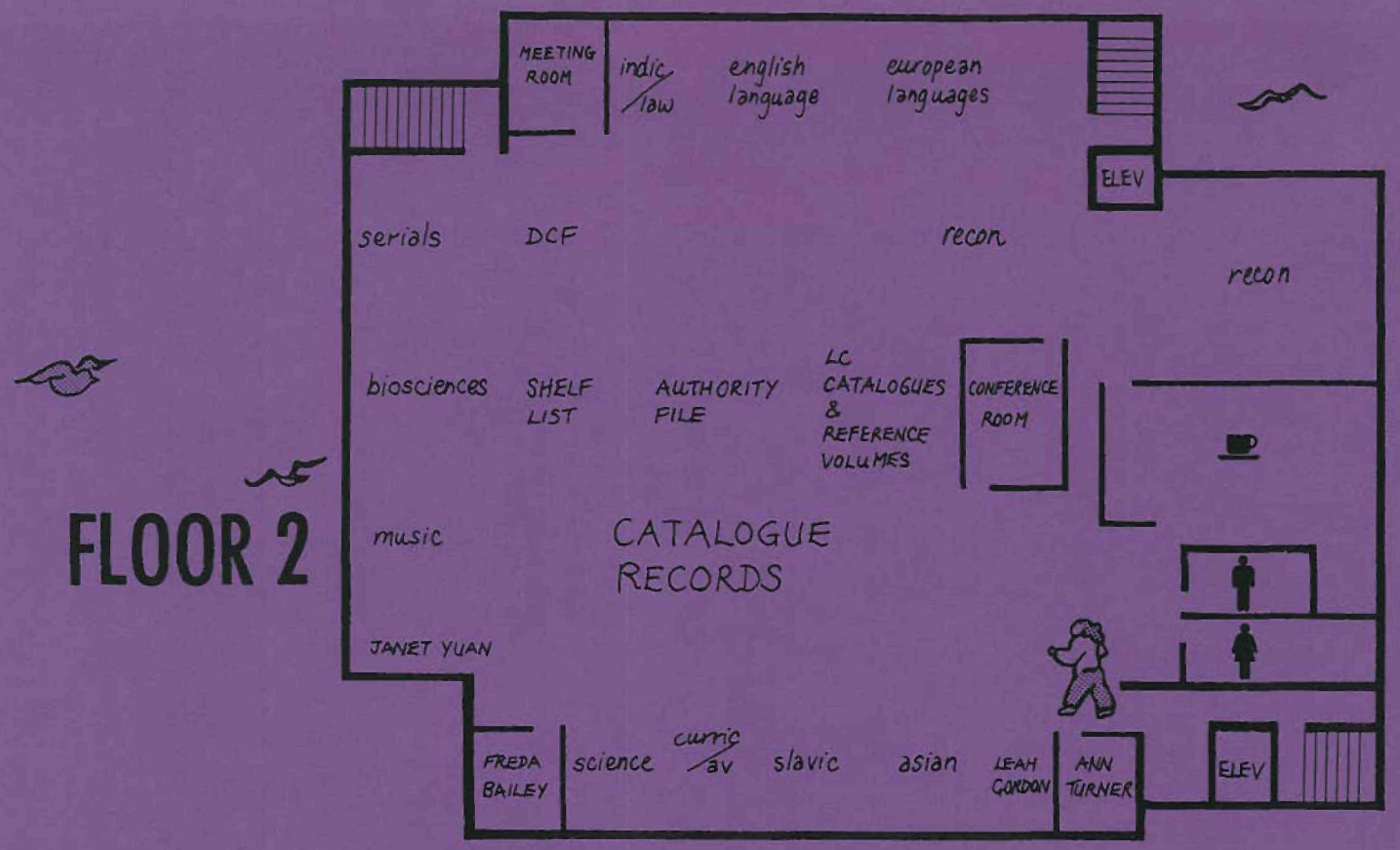
Catalogue Records: Checks for duplication and verifies bibliographical information for all orders. Catalogues titles for all library locations. Divided into units according to the types of material catalogued: Music, English language, Science, etc. Ann Turner, Head.

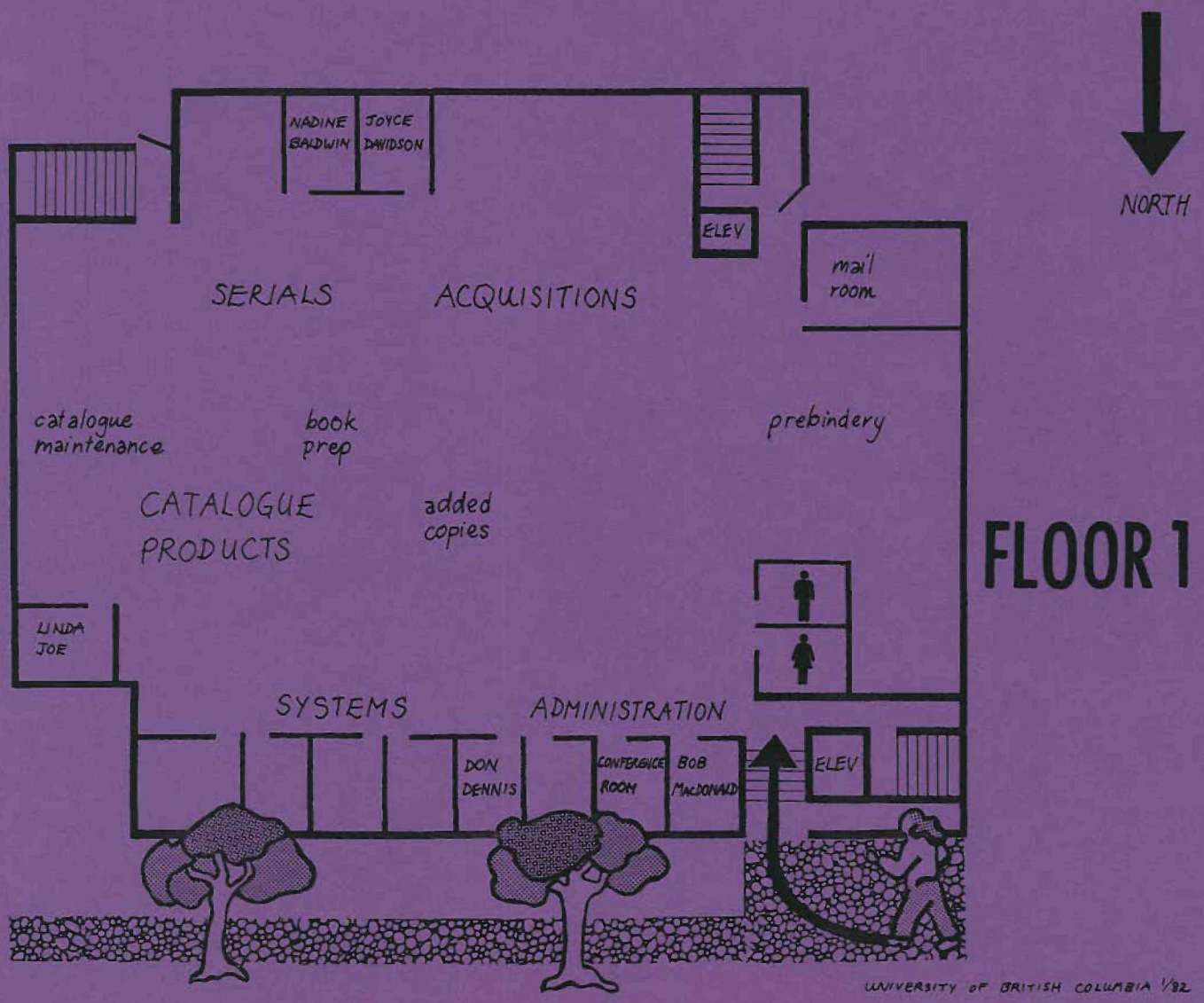
Catalogue Products: Responsible for the format and distribution of all catalogue records, for revising and updating these records, and for the physical processing of library materials. Divided into Catalogue Maintenance, Book Preparation, and Added Copies. Linda Joe, Head.

Systems: Develops and coordinates the Library's computer systems. Don Dennis, Head.

Administration: Responsible for the overall operation of the technical services divisions. Bob MacDonald, Assistant Librarian for Technical Processing and Systems.







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