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RE-CYCLING COMMITTEE. REPORT:

Via the September 3 issue of the University of British Columbia Library Bulletin the Library was introduced to re-cycling.

Phase 1:

The organization that preceded its implementation consisted of:

1. Designating certain areas where specified categories of waste materials may be deposited in large, well-marked containers.

2. Purchasing a sufficient number of large rubber waste containers.

3. Arranging with Physical Plant to pick up and transport to the garbage rooms in both the Main and the Woodward Libraries the plastic liners containing waste, to tag the liner bags with a Joshua Society tag, to replace the liners in the waste cans, and provide extra bags at all locations in case it would be necessary to change bags in mid-day.

4. Setting up a permanent well-marked storage area in the Main and the Woodward Library garbage rooms where full bags may be stored awaiting pick-up by the Joshua Society.

5. Providing large and colorful signs at each pick-up station in the Library in order to familiarize both Staff and Physical Plant with the locations of the waste receptacles and the type of waste which may be placed in them.

6. Arranging with the Joshua Society to pick up bags regularly from the storage areas.

7. Encouraging staff members to re-use waste materials rather than discard them immediately after use.

The smaller branch libraries, which are represented by one Committee member, are being handled by the faculties in whose buildings the branches are housed.

Phase 2:

Encouraging staff members to re-cycle home waste was implemented in October. In the October issue of Biblos information was provided on what may be re-cycled at home, how materials should be bundled and where re-cycling depots are located.

CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANTS AND EXPENSES COMMITTEE. REPORT:

The Committee has approved thirty-two distinct grants to twenty-eight librarians. Of the thirty-two grants approved fourteen are to division or branch heads.

The amount budgeted for Conference Travel Grants was $10,000. The Committee has now committed approximately $10,300, using the procedures and guidelines listed below:

1. In general the amount of the first grant was calculated on economy return airfare, fifteen dollars per day to a maximum of five days, and the registration fee for the conference.

2. The Committee circularized all librarians twice to solicit applications for grants.

3. When it became apparent that some money would be available, second grants were approved generally for return airfare only.

4. The Committee decided that no exception would be made to point 3 in the terms of reference and therefore no subsidy would be provided for attendance at CLA or other conferences in B.C. (The Associate Librarian subsequently provided some subsidy for some CLA workshops, but from other funds outside the Committee's jurisdiction).

5. With the approval of the Associate Librarian the Committee will exceed the original allocation by approximately $300 in order to take care of a late application which seemed worthy. (Four grants are for the period January-March 1972 and, although they have been approved in principle, the exact amount has not been set).

One member of the Committee, Carol Freeman, resigned from the Library staff in August. Since the business of the Committee is virtually completed, no replacement has been sought.

(Signed) George Freeman, Margaret Friesen, Carol Freeman (to August 1971).

'PRO-LIT' PROJECT:

Two library school students, Michael Kasper and Jim O'Hare, are making an evaluation of the 'Pro-Lit' project as an assignment this term. Involved will be a questionnaire addressed to professional staff and interviews with selected staff members. All who may be approached are requested to cooperate as fully as possible.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CATALOGUING:

All books in the English language for which no LC copy has been received will now be pulled from PO storage and catalogued at the end of three months. The previous holding period for books in all languages was five months, and the 5-month period will continue to be used for books in languages other than English. (There is also a 12-month hold-period for languages which LC is slow to catalogue - e.g. Georgian, Armenian, etc. - but we have very few books in this category.)

The 3-month hold-period will have the status CO, which was formerly used to pull books from storage after only one month. The one-month hold will no longer be used; it applied primarily to books for shared cataloguing, and these books will now be catalogued on receipt without being held.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA: SDI SERVICE FOR THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES:

(Perhaps a reminder to some is in order that Selective Dissemination of Information is a computerized service, originally offered in Canada by the National Science Library, to which science faculty members were invited to subscribe via the Library's Science Division in 1969. The subscriber prepares an interest profile which is fed to a computer in Ottawa. By comparing this profile with magnetic tapes containing bibliographic data concerning recent publications in periodicals, the computer acts as "search editor" to keep the subscriber informed of current publications in his field. The key to success is, of course, the effective preparation of the profile. It is this service which is now to be offered by the National Library in regard to the humanities and the social sciences. -Ed.)

On Friday, Feb. 4, a meeting was held to discuss the extent of our participation in the SDI services recently proposed by the National Library. The service, which is to begin on April 1, 1972, will initially be based on the MARC tapes which cover nearly all of the English language monographs catalogued by LC.

During the coming year the National Library hopes to provide access as well to ERIC tapes. Other tape services, such as Psych abstracts and the New York Times index, will be made available as they are acquired by the National Library.

There was some discussion of the ways in which the proposed service could be used at U.B.C. The initial service, based on MARC, seems unlikely to be generally useful in collection development here, because of our emphasis on blanket and approval plans over retrospective searching and ordering. It did appear possible, however, to make use of the service in particular areas, and we could afford to run two or three profiles next year if appropriate areas were selected.

Bob MacDonald described plans for a similar service, based on U.B.C.'s accessions, which may be offered in place of the recently discontinued Current accessions list. Gerry Dobbin and Don Dennis have been running two sample profiles against our accession file. Very shortly staff will be invited to experiment with the process by formulating profiles which reflect the interests and area of responsibility of their division. This should allow some of the problems to be worked out before the service is offered to faculty.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Stuart-Stubbs will speak to any interested librarians about the annual report and the prospects for 1972/73, at 3:30 p.m., Friday February 25th, in the School of Librarianship. Division Heads who attended the meeting on February 16th can safely miss this meeting, because the same information will be repeated.