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BOOK BUDGET UP

Although the University is still operating on an interim budget, agreement has been reached to increase the Library's collection budget by 25% over last year's figure. The allocation for books and serials for 1978/79 is $2,510,556, up $490,000. This increase is needed to account both for a general rise in book prices (estimated at 15%) and for the decline of the Canadian dollar against other world currencies (estimated at 10%).

Last year (April 1977-March 1978) about $2 million was budgeted for collections while we actually spent close to $2.4 million. Thanks to a special allotment in the spring, we were able to pay most bills in March rather than hold them for the new budget.

The increase should allow the Library to maintain its current level of accessions. All can rest assured that more good books are on the way.

TECHNICAL SERVICES RE-ORGANIZED

The technical services divisions of the Library underwent major re-structuring and some staff changes April 3rd.

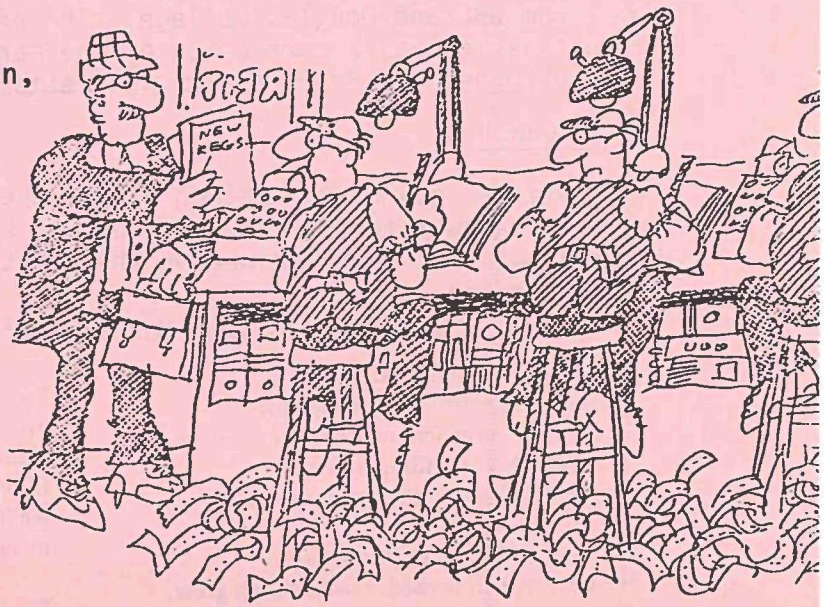
The new structure, in part a response to the computerization of the Library's catalogues, features 1) Catalogue Records Division headed by Ann Turner, 2) Catalogue Products Division headed by Mc Elrod,*3) Serials Division headed by Nadine Baldwin, 4) Acquisitions Division headed by Walter Harrington, and 5) Systems headed by Don Dennis. These divisions all report to Bob MacDonald, Assistant Librarian for Technical Processing.

The old Original Cataloguing Division and the LC Cataloguing/Searching Division amalgamated to become Catalogue Records Division. Within Catalogue Records, there are now teams of librarians and library assistants organized by subjects (e.g. Music, Bio-medicine) who can search for catalogue copy manually or by machine, and prepare original copy as needed.

The previous Catalogue Preparations Division has become the Catalogue Products Division with added responsibility for products of the Library's computer records such as the new Microcatalogue.

A new committee headed by Gerry Dobbin, the Standards and Authorities Committee, replaces the Catalogue Division Heads meetings. The committee is primarily composed of cataloguing professional and administrative staff. In addition to detailed minutes sent to its members, a summary newsletter highlighting changes in cataloguing procedures will be sent to all divisions.

In addition to coping with computerization and re-organization, technical services staff must also contemplate moving. The new Library Processing Centre is still scheduled for completion in late October. For anyone experiencing "future shock", we wish you a calm and quiet 1979.



* Mc will be leaving this post July 14th, to become Head of the Vancouver School of Theology Library.

INTERCONTINENTAL LIBRARIAN EXCHANGE POSSIBLE

The Librarian of La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, wishes to know if any librarians at UBC would be interested in participating in a six month to one year exchange with a librarian or librarians at that University. It is not certain that such an exchange is feasible; there may be problems with work visas, for example. On the other hand, there isn't much point in determining whether problems exist if no one is interested in the possibility. If any librarians are interested, please see Bill Bell for further details.

A BIT OF LEARNING

The library world seems well endowed this summer with workshops and courses. Local offerings include:

Control of Catalogue Records Through Automated Authority Files -- What's in a Name?
May 25-26, Gage Towers, UBC campus, $75 fee.

Subject Analysis Through PRECIS
June 12-13, room 835, School of Librarianship, UBC, $35 fee. Register by June 2.

School of Librarianship, Summer Session Courses (all held in Room 839, Main Library)
Resources in the Social Sciences. Richard Bernard, July 4-21, 10:25am-12:35pm.
Legal Bibliography and Information Services. Allan Soroka, July 4-21, 1:35-3:45pm.
Microforms in the Library. Suzanne Dodson. July 4-21, 8-10:10am
Government Publications. Richard Bernard. July 24-August 11. 10:25am-12:35pm.
Map Librarianship. Maureen Wilson. July 24-August 11. 8-10:10am.

Douglas College Credit Course (all 2 hour sessions, $15 fee)
Skills for College Library Research. Surrey Campus. Thursdays, May 11-June 22. 10am-12noon.
Basic Library Skills. New Westminster Campus. Wednesdays, May 10-June 21, 7-9pm.
Basic Reference Skills. New Westminster Campus. Wednesdays, June 28-August 9, 7-9pm.
Basic Skills for Distributive Systems. Surrey Campus. Tuesdays, May 9-June 20, 7-9pm.

Additional information is posted in I&O.

NEW BCUC CATALOGUE ARRIVES

Take a look at the first edition, on microfiche of course, of the British Columbia Union Catalogue. It's near the Information Desk in the Main Concourse, filed in a binder on the back counter. The catalogue is in three parts: authors, titles, and subjects. The title section gives the most complete information. Thus far it includes materials catalogued at SFU and BCIT since September 1977, plus a small number of items from UBC and Douglas College. The next edition promises entries from additional colleges as well as a correction of the many items filed under "the".

Ann Turner and Mc Elrod are interested in your reactions.

POETRY CORNER

Staff are now being trained to use the UTLAS cataloguing support system, the computer's answer to the card catalogue. Leah Gordon, who works in Catalogue Records Division, was recently trained on the new system and wrote the following poem in honour of the ocassion.

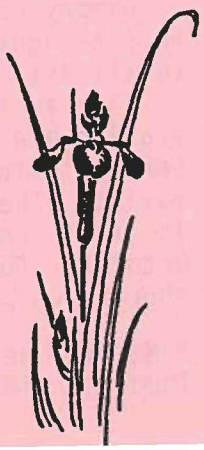
Apologia to John MacCrae, World War I, and UTLAS

In variable fields the data grow
Between the subfields, row on row
That mark our place: while at the files
The Filer, bravely filing, smiles –
Scarce heard above the printer's row.

We are The Cards: short days ago
We were typed, revised, saw backlogs grow,
Streamed and were filed – yet now we lie
In muddy fields.

So – solve your problems now with COM!
To you, from bulging drawers, we swarm –
Your goal: arrive at ZCG!*
If you break faith with U. of T.
We'll rise again – though data grow
In variable fields!

*Zero Card Growth



INCREDIBLE JOURNEY: the return of missing books

Lloyd Cartwright, of Fraser's Book Bin, reports how he handles books which are brought into the store with library ownership markings on them. The books are taken from the potential seller, without payment, and put into a carton behind the counter. When this carton is full it is sent to the Vancouver Public Library where the staff sort and return the books to their various owners. The carton of books which our Circulation Division receives periodically from the VPL is, in part, filled as result of the public spirited action of local booksellers such as those at Fraser's Book Bin. We are grateful to have such cooperation from the outside community.

Wes Milum reports that at least 12 times since January 7, the same handful of books (all on the economy of the USSR) have appeared buried among the papertowels in the watebasket of the men's washroom in Sedgewick Library. They are now stored behind the Circulation Desk.

SEDGEWICK CATALOGUE REVISED

Sedgewick Library has decided to join the main stream: catalogue cards for its books about people have been moved from the author/title file to the subject file. All us diversionists and name catalogue freaks will miss this quirk. However, we suspect that students and other seekers of uniformity will applaud the move.

SUMMER TRAVELLER'S QUIZ

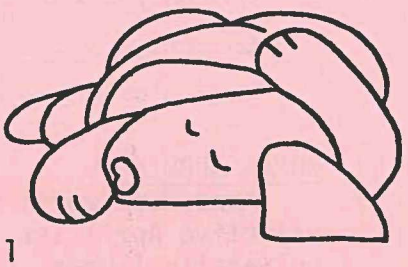
Have you been keeping up with the new names for old places? Catalogue Products Division has and has even updated the following geographical subdivisions in the Subject Catalogue. Anyone completing the quiz correctly in less than 58 seconds is entitled to a free cup of Sri Lanka tea, courtesy of Information & Orientation Division. Ready, steady, go!

1. Africa, South to _____
2. Belgian Congo _____
3. British Honduras _____
4. Ceylon _____
5. Czechoslovak Republic _____
6. Dahomey _____
7. East (Far East) _____
8. Formosa _____
9. Germany (Democratic Republic, 1949-) _____
10. Germany (Federal Republic, 1949-) _____
11. Pacific Northwest _____
12. Rumania _____
13. Russia (1917- R.S.F.S.R.) _____
14. Spanish America _____
15. Strassburg _____

ANSWERS: 1. South Africa 2. Zaire 3. Belize 4. Sri Lanka 5. Czechoslovakia 6. Benin 7. East Asia 8. Taiwan 9. Germany, East 10. Germany, West 11. Northwest, Pacific 12. Romania 13. Russian Republic 14. Latin America 15. Strasbourg

HOLIDAYS

Bill Bell - August 16 to September 20
Gerry Dobbin - 3 weeks in August
Graham Elliston - month of July
Bob MacDonald - mid July to 3rd week in August
Doug McInnes - July 4-21, plus two weeks in August
Eleanor Mercer - tentatively Sept 15 to October 15
Basil Stuart-Stubbs - tentatively August 14 to September 1



Have a holiday to print? Drop a note to the Bulletin, I&O Division.

BORROWING FROM FIN

Have you been borrowing books or requesting photocopies of journal articles from the Vancouver Public Library or other local public libraries (FIN)? Please make your needs known to Interlibrary Loan Division (x2274); they will do the work for you. If for some reason this does not happen, tell I.L.L. what's coming and for whom. Otherwise, I.L.L. receives small mountains of unidentified items without clues of who needs what.

AURAL HISTORY: LOCATION PROBLEMS

If you check the location file for the Library's holdings of aural history tapes and transcripts, it will say "*transferred to Provincial Library - ask at Interlibrary Loan*". However, this is WRONG. In fact, Special Collections probably has the transcript. If not, a trip to Victoria is necessary as the tapes are no longer available on interlibrary loan. But be sure to go to the Aural History Institute at the Provincial Archives not to the Provincial Library. Happy listening.

"RETIRED" REFERENCE BOOKS

The following reference books have been superseded and are no longer wanted by the division which had them up to this point. If you would like to have them transferred to your branch, division or reading room, please contact Gifts and Exchanges (x2607).

British Books in Print: 1976. (Z2001 R33 v.1-2)

U.S. Library of Congress. Subject catalogue. 1970, v.1-9; 1971, v.1-11; 1972, v.1-15; 1973, v.1-16. (Z881 A1 C325)

WANTED

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

BUSINESS WEEK. Mar.14, 1977(no.2474).
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN. CHRONICLE. 1950/51-1951/52; 1953/54; 1967/68-1973/74.
CANADIAN HISTORICAL REVIEW. vol.58 no.2, 1977.
CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. INFORMATION SERVICES SECTION. NEWSLETTER. vol.1 no.3-4,1968/69; vol.2 no.3-4,1969/70; vol.3 no.4,1971.
DELTA K.(Edmonton). vol.12 no.1,4,1973.
IN REVIEW; CANADIAN BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. vol.6 no.3, 1972.
JOURNAL OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIANSHIP. vol.3 no.5,Nov. 1977.
JOURNAL OF EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANSHIP. vol.15 no.2, 1974/75.
LIBRARY JOURNAL. Dec.15, 1976; Jan.1, 1977.
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL. vol.19-20, 1972-74 (any issues); vol.21 no.1,3,1974; vol.22 no.6,1976.
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT. 1968/69.

If you can supply any of these, please telephone Graham Elliston, x2304.

UPWARD MOBILITY

The following job recruitment notices have been received recently by the Library. In a rare experimental move, only notices from Canada have been listed. Please let me know if you miss having the others listed as well. For details about these jobs and for notices of jobs outside of Canada, look in the black binder on Lee Ann's desk in the Information and Orientation Division, Main Library.

Simon Fraser University (Burnaby). University Librarian. June 30th deadline.
University of Manitoba (Winnipeg). Reference Librarian, Architecture & Fine Arts. Term appointment.
University of Guelph. Assistant Librarian for Staffing & Services. June 1st deadline.
University of Waterloo. Head; Engineering, Math, & Science Reference & Collection Development.
Librarian; Reference & Collection Development in English & Drama.
Concordia University (Montreal). Head of Cataloguing. May 15th deadline.
Reference/Selection Librarian, Commerce specialization.
Memorial University of Newfoundland (St. John's). Health Sciences Librarian, Administrative position.

WOMAN APPOINTEE

Anne Woodsworth has been appointed Director of Libraries at York University, effective April 1st. At age 37 she will be one of the few women to head a large university library (1 million books, 41 librarians).