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CARE FOR BOOKS CAMPAIGN

The Library, aware that books could be a vanishing resource, is engaged in a campaign to make people more aware of the importance of handling books carefully.

Displays have been set up in Sedgewick, Woodward, Main,Special Collections, and other libraries, and bookmarks and posters were produced for the campaign.

Staff are attending meetings demonstrating proper book care. If you haven't yet been to one and are interested, Rita Butterfield (3869) is organizing them. Bill Watson (5071) has a videotape called "Enemies of Books: a Preservation Primer" available to any unit with access to a video player.

It is not just the loss of books that are badly treated which made this campaign seem a good idea, but also the costs of repairing or replacing materials. It costs about $19 to rebind missing pages and the Library replaces pages and rebinds more than 150 items a year. Mending a book costs the library about $7 an item; about 2300 items are handled by the Mendery each year. The 1200 or so unbound issues of magazines that the Library replaces each year cost about $10 each.

This campaign may continue until we see some positive improvement in book treatment about the place. Remember it shouldn't happen to a book.

WOODWARD HAS NEW ASSOCIATE HEAD

Elsie de Bruijn has been appointed associate head of Woodward Library to replace Heather Keate, the new Assistant Librarian for Public Services (Branches). Elsie started out in Information & Orientation in 1968, and has been head of Social Work Library since 1973. She'll assume her new duties in February.

CRANE LIBRARY NEWS

Crane Library has been given a Voice Indexer which enables staff to produce voice-indexed textbooks. This device records page numbers and other information which can only be heard in the fast-forward or rewind mode. The Voice Indexer permits random access to various spots on a talking book; previously, the talking book was limited to books that are read from beginning to end. Mr. Andre van Schyndel, a Physics doctoral student at UBC, created this device in his spare time and generously donated one to Crane.

A donation from the Wesbrook Society enabled Crane Library to purchase a Kurzweil Reading Machine. Printed material is placed facedown on a screen on this machine, the scanning mechanism is activated and the machine reads the page in an electronic voice, pronouncing words according to more than 1000 rules and 1500 exceptions to these rules. It will not replace the tape-recording of textbooks, but will give speedier access to reserve books and class handouts.

ARE YOU A BOOK BATTERER?

To commemorate the Care for Books campaign, we are reprinting this quiz which originally appeared in the journal Review of Bibliotension. Learn the truth about your attitudes to books. Do you harbour a deep resentment to printed forms of information? Do you long for a world pure and ignorant, free of all learning? Are you a pussycat in your relations with other people, but a tiger when handling books? Are you actively trying to reduce the amount of information in the world by abusing books? This short test will reveal your true attitude. Check the most appropriate response.

1. I remove books from the shelf by pulling the top of the spine and am pleased to hear the sound of tearing, especially with a new book.
__always __frequently __sometimes __rarely __never

2. I eat or drink while reading and feel better when crumbs drop into the pages or when I spill coffee on them.
__always __frequently __sometimes __rarely __never

3. I push down hard on the spine of a book when I'm photocopying in order to break its spine.
__always __frequently __sometimes __rarely __never

4. I mark my place in a book with a rusty paperclip or a wet lettuce leaf unless I have a slice of bacon handy.
__always __frequently __sometimes __rarely __never

5. I leave books on the radiator or in the sunlight, and am disappointed when the paper doesn't yellow in a day or two.
__always __frequently __sometimes __rarely __never

6. I underline and annotate books with a pen, especially library books, so that others will have the benefit of what I believe the truth to be.
__always __frequently __sometimes __rarely __never

7. I like to read while showering and store books in the bathroom because watching the pages curl turns me on.
__always __frequently __sometimes __rarely __never

8. When shelving books, I fill each shelf as full as possible and am gratified when I can jam that last volume into a space obviously too small for it.
__always __frequently __sometimes __rarely __never

9. I like to stack books up in piles, putting the smallest and flimsiest books on the bottom and topping the pile up with the largest, hoping that the whole thing will go tumbling onto the floor.
__always __frequently __sometimes __rarely __never

10. I razor or tear articles, pages, pictures out of library books, especially if I think something might be useful to others.
__always __frequently __sometimes __rarely __never

11. I give my dog a book to chew whenever I run out of Gaines burgerbits and call him Bookcruncher for short.
__always __frequently __sometimes __rarely __never

Scoring:

Give yourself 4 points for each 'always', 3 for 'sometimes', 2 for 'infrequently', 1 for 'once', 0 for 'never'. Add up the total.

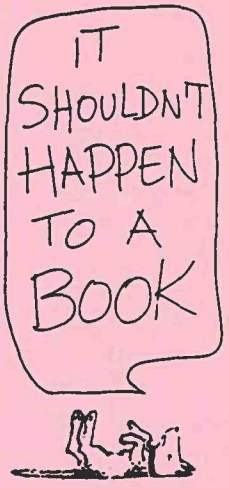
34-44 = unhealthy attitude to books and learning. Leave university and go to work as far from all information as possible. You should consider professional treatment.

23-33 = you require immediate therapy if you intend to continue at university or work where printed information is handled. Ask your family doctor to refer you to your nearest bibliotherapist.

12-22 = your attitude to information is unhealthy and you need actively to change it.

1-11 = watch yourself. You could be developing a hostile attitude to books and learning. There is still time to redirect your potential hostility.

0 = congratulations. Your attitude towards printed information is very healthy. Stay vigilant.



GETTING WET OR STICKY

MARKING WITH PEN OR PENCIL

TEARING OR REMOVING PAGES

BENDING SPINES

VANCOUVER CENTENNIAL BIBLIOGRAPHY UPDATE

The Vancouver Centennial Bibliography, mentioned in the September Library Bulletin, is a unique cooperative effort of town and gown, funded by a $72,000 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

The Project for an on-line data base of material about Vancouver to honour the city's 100th birthday originated with the Vancouver Historical Society. The VHS's Centennial Bibliography Committee, which drew up the guidelines for the bibliography and received the research grant, was chaired by Peggy Imredy and had members from libraries and archives in the Greater Vancouver area. UBC Library provided working space for the project and 4 UBC librarians are working with the project on their own time - Anne Yandle, Frances Woodward, and Laurenda Daniells as principal co-investigators and Brian Owen as systems consultant. This combination of support and responsibility resulted in the project receiving the first research tools grant made by SSHRC to a Society rather than to an individual or institution.

To date the results of the project have been encouraging. A recent test run using data entered so far was quite successful. The research staff of the project has turned up interesting materials in other institutions, including the Provincial Archives. The spin-off for UBC is a very sophisticated bibliographical program which allows different approaches to a number of items. The VHS hopes the data base will be kept up-to-date and that it will become one of a network of similar projects in B.C. In the meantime, plans are being made for the publication of a printed bibliography in time for Vancouver's Centennial celebration.

COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO PERIODICALS

For many library users, the biggest headache is not being able to find a journal on the shelf. The Library Users' Survey Report of 1980 had 12 pages of selected comments about people's problems with missing journals.

> "Please don't allow journals to be taken out. If we have a readup to do, we often don't have a week for it to be brought back and then are stuck."

Many compared UBC unfavourably with SFU where journals do not circulate. But then the problems of dealing with a completely anchored collection are huge, beginning with "when is a serial a periodical?" And then it's by no means clear that a non-circulating collection would solve the problem of availability. Journals are as likely to be simply off the shelf as out of the library.

A committee has been set up to consider how accessibility to periodicals can be improved, including the question of whether library policy on the circulation of periodicals should be changed. Bill Watson is chairing the committee of Rein Brongers, Keith Bunnell, Rita Butterfield, Lois Carrier, Melva Dwyer, Chuck Forbes, Howard Hurt, Tony Jeffreys, Heather Keate, Anna Leith, and Tom Shorthouse. All we can say is "good luck." (Anybody for a survey?)

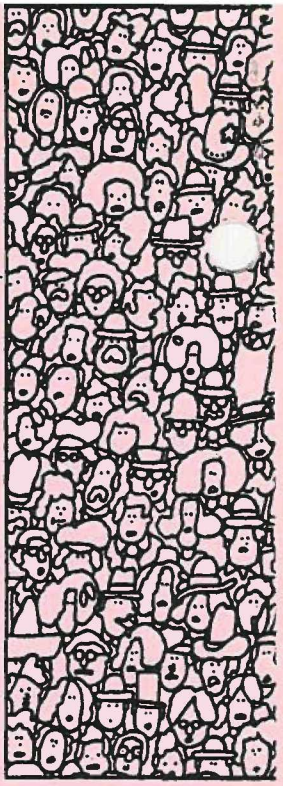
READING ROOMS LIST

A list of reading rooms with current information on hours, access, etc. is available from Information & Orientation. It is produced from a computer file and will be updated as necessary. If your branch or division would like a copy and revisions when produced, phone or write to I & O (2076), Main Library.

ATTEND THIS LECTURE

F. W. Lancaster, Professor at the Graduate School of Information Science, University of Illinois, will discuss the future of communication and the role of the information professional on Tuesday, February 1, 4:30 pm, Buchanan Building A104.

Mark your calendar and don't miss the opportunity to hear this distinguished visitor. Prof. Lancaster's publications include *Toward Paperless Information Systems* and *Libraries and Librarians in the Age of Electronics.* He may have an alternative to our Care for Books campaign.



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and to

Ardelle Henderson, LA 2, Humanities, who retired after working in the UBC Library since 1971. Ardelle worked in Systems, Acquisitions, and, for the past 4 years, in Humanities. All the best, Ardelle.

School of Librarianship Spring & Summer Courses

Records Management for Librarians, Taught by Patricia Acton, Information Resources Management Ltd., Victoria, Spring Session, May 4 - July 27, Wednesdays, 7-10pm.

Adult Popular Literature, taught by Paul Whitney, Burnaby PL, Spring Session, Mondays, 7-10pm.

Introduction to Computer-Readable Data Files, taught by our own Laine Ruus, Summer Session, July 4-22, 8-10am daily.

Non-Book Materials, taught by Linda Prince, VCC and Frank Knor, BCIT, Summer Session, 10:25-12:35am daily.

For more information, contact the School of Librarianship (2446).

PROFESSIONAL LITERATURE IN THE LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE

Erik de Bruijn has been reorganizing the serial and professional literature holdings in the Librarian's Office. The magazines are to be listed on the Serials system, and new professional literature will be listed in the Bulletin. Please use. For example, drop in and borrow:

Clement, Hope. *Initiatives toward a bibliographic communications network for Canada.*

Office of Management Studies. SPEC. *Corporate use of research libraries.*

The selection of cathode ray tube (CRT) terminals for library applications.

Chenier, Nancy. *Reproductive hazards at work.*

Association of Research Libraries. *Annual Salary Survey, 1982*

"Comparative rating of electronic typewriters," *Library Technology Reports*, 18:4, 1982

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The Bulletin has been very disappointed by the response to its request for news. It is still in need. Is anyone alive out there?