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Major Reorganization Planned for New Building

Ruth Patrick met with Library staff on December 5th to describe recent developments in the planning of the new Library building. In the last Bulletin, it was reported that the new building would probably be located between Sedgewick and Main Library, north of the Physics and Chemistry buildings, and the divisions expected to relocate included Special Collections, Maps, possibly Science, and possibly Fine Arts. Since then, a new idea has emerged for the building.

The new concept for the building is a Humanities and Social Sciences Library which would merge the services and collections of Sedgewick Undergraduate Library, Humanities and Social Sciences, Government Publications and Microforms, Information & Orientation, Interlibrary Loans, Circulation and the Data Library. The science collection from Sedgewick and possibly Wilson Recordings Collection will move into Main Library.

The new Humanities and Social Sciences Library will be a first step in consolidating Library services and resources which will help us to achieve our vision for the 21st century. Fundamental principles underlying the reorganization include bringing collections and services together for undergraduates, graduates and researchers; integration of all types of Library materials (CD-ROM, microforms, periodicals, books, etc.); and expanded services and instruction programs for Library users.

New plans for the building came out of a one-day Building Workshop held on November 12th. Participants at the workshop included K.D. Srivastava (Vice-President, Academic and Student Services), three representatives from Campus Planning and Development (Andrew Brown, Freda Pagani and Linda Moore), three outside consultants (Malcolm Holt, Jacqueline Holt and Nancy R. McAdams), the Library Administration, all Main Library Division Heads, Hilde Colenbrander (Data Library), Tim Ross (Map Library), Joan Sandilands (Sedgewick), and Ann Turner (Catalogue Records).

The site for the new building, to be linked to Sedgewick, is still uncertain. It is expected that the building proposal will be presented to the Board of Governors for approval at an early 1991 meeting.

Life Without Sedgewick?

Sedgewick Library was planned and built in the early 1970's when academic libraries throughout North America began to design (and could afford) separate libraries which provided special environments and services for undergraduates.

Sedgewick is an award-winning example of its kind, offering undergraduates an open, welcoming atmosphere, plentiful study space, a collection tailored to their needs, and an instruction program designed to introduce them to research methods.

The undergraduate library, however, places some barriers in the way of serious students, simply because it is separated from the more comprehensive collections and services in the research libraries. At UBC, undergraduates must travel to Main and other branches to find specialized materials. Many never undertake that journey, preferring to "make do" with what they can find in Sedgewick and thus miss useful information.

An integrated Humanities and Social Sciences Library will remove these barriers while at the same time retaining many of the special features of Sedgewick. In addition, it will allow for expanded reference services and instruction programs, and a comprehensive reserve collection. Although it will be large, its design will be much less complex than Main Library so all users, including undergraduates, will benefit.

They Came ... We Saw ... They Conquered?

They came ... four vendors of automated library systems (Multilis, Innovative Interfaces, Notis and Dynix) demonstrated their wares at the Library during the last few months. Members of the Library Automation Planning (LAP) task groups and other interested staff attended each of the two-day sessions.

We saw ... CRT screen projections, slides, overheads, "canned" demos (static screen displays captured and presented with microcomputer software), remote database demos (including such exotic locations as Evaston, Illinois, Provo, Utah and somewhere in Alaska), "hands on" demos, and lots of documentation. Overall, the presentations gave staff a good appreciation of the current state of the art in the automated library system marketplace.

They conquered? ... well, not exactly. All of the systems had some very impressive features but there were also gaps. The demonstrations were an excellent introduction to the next phase of the project–the preparation of the requirements and request for proposal documents.

The LAP groups will be hard at work preparing these documents until the end of January. At that time, they will be sent to various library system vendors and the Library's own Systems Division. The vendors and Systems are expected to respond with detailed descriptions of the capabilities of their systems, cost information and recommendations about installation and implementation options.

Next, the LAP groups will do an in-depth review of the vendors' proposals and identify the top two or three. These vendors will come to UBC for thorough scrutiny of their systems by library staff. Ultimately, the system that best meets the extensive requirements of the UBC Library will be identified.

LAPtalk Newsletter

In order to keep all Library staff informed about the Library Automation Planning, a separate newsletter has been started. LAPtalk will be published as needed throughout the LAP project.

Getting to Know Ourselves

Have you ever wondered what the Data Library does? Want to share a few anecdotes about "interesting" patrons or hear about the latest developments around the system? These topics and more will be covered in the Library's upcoming Spotlight Series.

In an organization our size, it's a major challenge to keep everyone informed. Memos and newsletters are important for communication but they are not a substitute for staff interaction. The Spotlight Series will provide a forum for staff to meet and discuss each other's work.

The Spotlight Series will start after Christmas. First on the list will be Tom Shorthouse from the Law Library. Others lined up for the spring include Suzanne Dodson (Acting Preservation Librarian), Hilde Colenbrander (Data Library), and Paul Thiele (Crane Library). An announcement with the date, time and place of the January session will be sent out soon.

Play it Safe, Call the RCMP

On December 4th, Constable Bernie Smandych, from the University Detachment of the RCMP, gave a session on dealing with suspicious persons in the Library. She explained the difference between the jurisdiction of UBC Parking and Security Officers and the RCMP, and under which circumstances the RCMP should be called first.

When dealing with strange people or unlawful acts, the most important factor we should consider is safety. When in doubt, always call the police. In particular, if a person has committed a criminal act, it is important to call the RCMP immediately. During the weekdays, 8am to 4pm, calls are channeled through the local RCMP office. After office hours and weekends, a dispatch service takes the calls. Always give as much information as possible because the police usually have to prioritize their calls. For example, if you have witnesses or a good description of the person, let them know.

She explained that Parking and Security Officers do not have the authority to arrest or detain individuals unless they have actually witnessed the offense. The RCMP have the authority to arrest persons if there are reasonable grounds.

Under the Mental Health Act, the RCMP can take someone who appears disoriented to the hospital to be examined. For example, a staff member asked about calling the police regarding a woman who was creating a disturbance and ranting about "the Russians". Constable Smandych said that there was no question that the person should be reported. Often it's more for the individual's own safety rather than anything else that the RCMP should become involved.

During the session, a few staff members complained about the response to their telephone calls to the RCMP. Constable Smandych recommended that we let them know if their services have been unsatisfactory. Good communication is essential in their work and sometimes staff need to reminded about telephone courtesy. Given the stress of their jobs, however, we should keep in mind that other emergencies may affect the response of the police.

Finally, she advised staff never to risk personal safety. We do not have the right to detain persons based on third-party information. Leave the heroic acts to the police. For regular loiterers, who are not causing a disturbance, you might have to depend on Campus Parking and Security for assistance. But, if in doubt, call the police first.

NEW LOOK IN LPC

The Acquisitions and Serials Divisions have been reorganized to form two new divisions. The new Order Division, headed by Nadine Baldwin, orders and receives books, microforms, videos and tapes requested for all locations except Woodward, Law and Government Publications; looks after the Mendery and LPC Mailroom; and orders, checks in and processes the invoices for serial publications requested for all locations except Woodward, Hospital libraries, Law and Government Publications.

The Collections Accounting and Budget Division, headed by Joyce Davidson, pays for materials received in the Order Division and assists in the preparation of the Library's collection budget and the budget submissions to the University for collections funding.

SYSTEMS UPDATE

To Print, Perchance to Download

Work is progressing on the microcomputer based printer/download stations for use with the Library's online system. An improved version of the facility is now working on the microcomputer end and Systems is directing its attention to the interface at the online end. This requires a review of the current forms of printer support already available and how they can be upgraded to work in the same fashion. The complete package should be ready for testing soon. Initially, the printer/download facility will work with UBCLIB command mode only. More development will be required, especially for the online search interface, before the facility will work on menu mode.

B.C. Union Serials Database

The B.C. Union Serials Database is now available as an ADDITIONAL file on UBCLIB command mode. The database, developed under the auspices of the B.C. Electronic Library Network(ELN), will include serial records from all B.C. university, college and other post-secondary libraries and, possibly, holdings from some B.C. public libraries.

ELN approached UBC Library to develop and implement the database on our computer system. The file now contains almost 100,000 serial records including everything from UBC, SFU and UVic. It will be under construction for the next month or so as magnetic tapes continue to arrive in Systems for loading. Many of the indexes haven't been generated yet and the online displays still need some work.

To search the database on UBCLIB, select command mode, then ADDITIONAL files. The file name is ELNSERIALS. Please try it. Comments and suggestions will be welcomed.

Last Rites for the Minis

The Library's only remaining DEC minicomputer, the last of the stalwart workhorses of our circ system for the past 15 years, almost passed into history permanently during the recent power failures. The machine was out of service for a whole day, but fortunately the resuscitation measures were successful. The transfer of circulation files to the new UNIX computers is expected to be completed soon. After that, the last mini will pass into a well-deserved retirement from active duty.

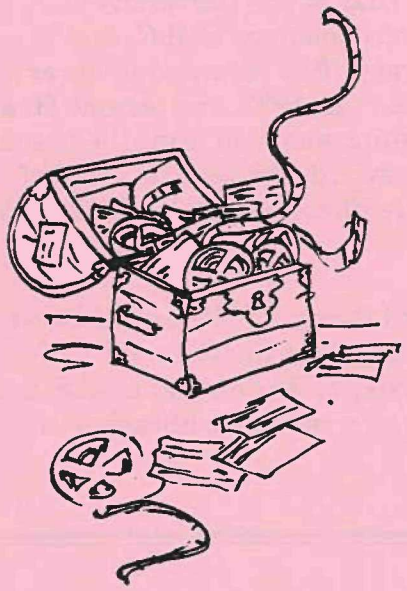
Preventive Care

The special way in which public terminals are connected to the computer has been a source of recurring frustration during the past few months. They tend to "hang" and the only way to fix them requires help from Systems. Unfortunately, they tend to "hang" in the evening when Systems help isn't available. Systems has implemented some changes in the communications support for the terminals and it is hoped that this will reduce, if not eliminate, the problem.

New Face in Systems

Leslie Field joined Systems in November as another member of Trouble Desk Team. Leslie has worked in most of the Library's hospital branches during the past years and has lots of experience in reporting problems to Systems. This should come in handy now that he is fielding the trouble calls.

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS
FEATURE OF THE MONTH



MICR File (Microform Guide Collection)

The Microform Guide Collection file is one of the latest additions to the growing treasure of information in Miscellaneous Materials. The small but very useful MICR File currently contains about 160 records. It lists uncatalogued guides to microform sets in the Government Publications and Microforms Division. The guides range from simple content checklists to essential reel guides used with a catalogued index to find items within large sets.

In addition to describing individual checklists and guides, the records in the MICR file contain the call number of the microform set to which the guide refers. Many records provide a "see also" note for catalogued indexes and bibliographies which further describe the set.

Access to records in the MICR file is by corporate and personal author, title, series and keyword. Try the following searches:

1. *Is there a guide and microform set of radical periodicals at UBC?*

TRY: **f w=radical?**

This will give you 29 hits. To narrow your results to the Microform Guides Collection*, enter after the prompt: Do you want to see them? **and coll=micr**
This will give one item.

2. *Do we have the Sotheby & Company sales catalogues?*

TRY: **f w=sotheby?**

This will give you 12 hits. To narrow your results to the MICR collection*, enter after the prompt: *Do you want to see them?* **and coll=micr**
This will give you one item.

*To find the code for a particular collection in the MISC file type: **sho cod=coll**

Remember that not all microform sets have guides. You must still search the appropriate card and online files to locate many microform set and index titles. Further help for tracking down microform sets is available in Suzanne Dodson's book *Microform Research Collections: a Guide* (Z1033 M5 D64 1984).

The Microform Guide Collection is located beside the newspaper kardex files in the Government Publication and Microforms Division. Please refer questions about the MICR file to Patrick Willoughby (x6351) and remember to clip and save this to add to your other articles on MISC files.

STAFF NEWS

Ann Nelson, Head of the Hamber Library, retired at the end of November. Ann obtained her undergraduate degree at UBC in Zoology and Bacteriology and her BLS at the University of Toronto. Between 1949 and 1953 she worked as a librarian in various positions in B.C. and Ontario, including two years in the Reference Division at UBC Library. She returned to library work in 1966, starting as a reference librarian in the Science Division. In 1972, she became Head of the Institute of Animal Resource Ecology Institute Library, a position she held until the branch closed in 1982. After a stint as the Acting Deputy Librarian in Woodward, she became Head of Hamber Library, a new branch library at the site of Children's/Grace/Shaughnessy Hospitals. We wish her all the best.

Patricia Lysyk has been appointed as Acting Head of the Hamber Library for the period December 1, 1990 to June 30, 1992. Pat has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Saskatchewan, a BA in Philosophy and Psychology from the University of Regina and a MLS from UBC. Pat worked for several years as a nurse and started working as a reference librarian in Woodward Library in 1981.

In Memoriam

Former colleagues of **Sheila Neville** were saddened to hear of her death earlier this month. Sheila worked at UBC Library for twenty years. She started out in a part-time position in the Extension Library and, in 1973, was appointed as supervisor of the Reserve Book Collection and the Extension Library. Sheila worked in this position until her retirement in 1985. We extend our condolences to Sheila's family and friends.

STAFF MOVES

Hellos

Jane Xiong, LA2, Law
Karen Steiner, LA1, Cat Products
Joanne Scanlon, LA1, Circulation
Gwendolyn Zuker, LA1 (Sessional), Fine Arts
Sabina Brennenstuhl, LA1, MacMillan

Promotions

Myfanwy Sinclair, LA4, Map Library
Antoinette Sabatini, LA2, MacMillan
Mira Blazicevic, LA3, Spec Coll
Neil Mohomed, LA2, Sedgewick

Goodbyes

Meghan Popham, LA1, Cat Products
Martha Banman, LA2, Sedgewick
Arlene Kofol, LA1, MacMillan
Shirley Tsui, LA2, Order Division

Transfers

Leslie Field, Senior Data Clerk, Systems
Darlene Bailey, LA3, St. Paul's
Gordon Bookey, LA2, Order Division

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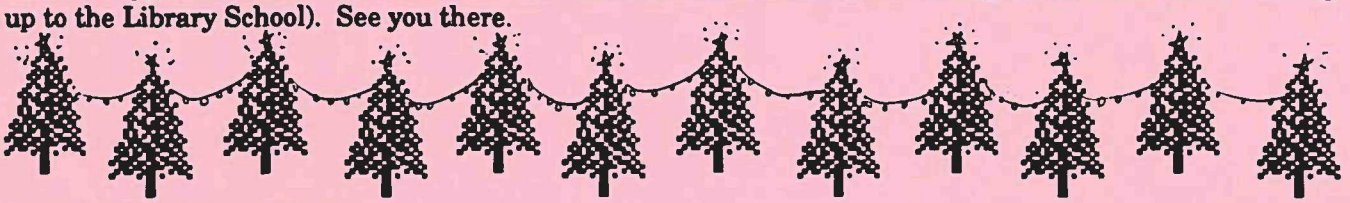
SSHRC Grant

Congratulations to Iza Laponce, our political science specialist in the Humanities and Social Sciences Reference Division. She has received $36,800 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). The grant will allow Iza to complete retrospective coverage of her Canadian Politics Bibliography, extending it back to 1929. The Bibliography, which is online on both LDMS and UBCLIB, currently has more than 16,000 entries on Canadian federal and provincial politics and related social, cultural, and economic issues. A microfiche edition of the Bibliography was produced in 1988; alternative ways of publishing the full version, such as CD-ROM, are being explored.

Movable Feast

Since her arrival in August, Ruth Patrick has held several informal coffee sessions with staff. Positive feedback has encouraged her to make this a monthly event. One idea is to rotate the location and have different branches and divisions host the coffee hour. The next one, hosted by the Science Division, is on Wednesday, December 19th, from 10am to 11am in the Main Library staff lounge (use the stairway leading up to the Library School). See you there.



Some Christmas Cheer

Don't miss the lights on the Giant Sequoia tree outside Main Library and one of the oak trees above Sedgewick Library. The Lights of Learning Committee, a campus-wide group responsible for organizing the decoration, hopes to bedeck all the Sedgewick trees next year.

Continue Your Education in Toronto

The Faculty of Library and Information Science at the University of Toronto is offering the following workshops after Christmas:

January 18	*The New information triangle: an introduction to the effects of freedom of information & protection of privacy acts on public libraries.*
January 25	*Time limits, fees, appeals, and strategies for coping with the new information triangle (sequel to the above workshop).*
February 1	*Database management in the library environment.*
February 8	*Make mine MARC: using MARC to automate your cataloguing.*
February 15	*Innovative technologies to boost productivity in your library.*
February 28, March 7 & 14	*Online information retrieval: an introduction.*

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions or want more information, please contact Erik de Bruijn (x4555).

Fiche Alert

If you're looking for a source to recycle unwanted fiche, please contact Tracy Douglas in Systems. She has an arrangement with the Imagination Market.

Wanted:

Fully loaded, state-of-the-art, integrated library system for large academic library on west coast. Must come fully dressed with all warranties and performance guarantees. Purchaser has older circ system (a bit rusty, but a good restoration project) for trade, swap or W.H.Y. Will also throw in one DEC minicomputer with two machines for parts. Serious inquiries only.

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