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PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON THE LIBRARY

This handsome, illustrated maroon publication was launched at a reception at the President's House on January 28. This is President Strangway's first special report, and as such is a testament to his belief that the library is "crucial to the health and strength of the University."

The 44 page report is in three parts. The first is a history of the Library, the second a status report on the Library as it is today, with each branch and division described, and the text interspersed with tributes from users. The last part details the challenges the Library faces. They fall into 3 categories: space (we need more and better), collections (to maintain the richness of our collections, we need better funding), and technology (incorporating new technologies into library routines improves services, increases the accessibility of our collections and makes operations more efficient).

A subtheme running through the Report is the importance to the development of the library of benefactors and donors such as P.A. Woodward, H.R. MacMillan, Walter Koerner, and many others who helped the library acquire materials and house them. The final statement is "The Library needs assistance and commitment from a new group of public and private supporters: individuals, companies and government organizations who recognize its vital contributions to their lives and the lives of all the people of British Columbia."

This document is a report on the Library, a testament to its contribution to both the university and B.C., and a tribute to the people who have been essential to its growth, with the message that to grow and prosper, the library needs continuing support from the community.

The report provides the occasion to relaunch the Friends of UBC Library, a group whose purpose is to demonstrate the value of the library, and highlight the library's needs to the community.

OPEN HOUSE COUNTDOWN

The Library's plans for Open House are well in hand. Events have been finalized, and a fine lot they are too. The Library's most obvious contribution is OLIF, the online public guide to Open House events, which will be available at most campus terminals. A summary of library activities is included at the end of the Bulletin.

Julie Stevens, who is coordinating the library's efforts, needs volunteers to help with some of the events: the Booksale, the UBC Online Catalogue demonstrations, printing newspaper headlines, and serving as Main Library Entrance hosts. If you are interested and haven't seen the memo she sent out, phone Julie (2076) or ask your division head for a copy. And don't forget donations of paperbacks for the Booksale: send those to Graham Elliston, Gifts & Exchanges.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT FOR LIBRARY

Dr. K.D. Srivastava, Head of the Electrical Engineering Dept, was recently appointed Vice-President, Student and Academic Services by President Strangway. His position gives him special responsibility for the Library, as our Administration reports directly to him.

Doug McInnes had an orientation session with him on January 13, and since then Dr. Srivastava has attended one of the regular weekly meetings of the Library Administration. The Vice-President is keen to know more about the Library and plans to meet with Doug McInnes again in order to familiarize himself with the library's operations. For example, he had questions about the advantages and disadvantages of online public access catalogues and about online access to indexes and abstracts. This interest is heartening for the Library Administration, and bodes well for a good working relationship between the Vice-President and the Library.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION

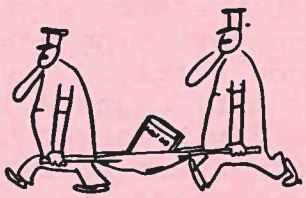
An important step was taken in January with the creation of a UBC Library Standing Committee on Preservation. The Chair of the Committee is Anne Yandle; other members are Mary Banham, Suzanne Dodson, Tony Jeffreys and Lee Perry. The newly created Committee sat down recently and decided their first action should be to gather information and opinions from library staff.

The terms of reference for the Committee for the moment are advisory: to collect information about our and other libraries' preservation activities, to document what needs doing, and to suggest priorities. Doug McInnes has also asked the Committee to prepare a background document for the President's office on preservation of library collections, both here at UBC and more generally.

The current financial situation will limit what can be done. The problem is a large one, and preservation costs money. It would help to install air conditioning in all library buildings, or to begin an in-house program of microfilming brittle materials (as University of Toronto has done), but these require significant commitments of money.

In the meantime, much may be done that can contribute to the life expectancy of our materials: persuading users (and ourselves) to photocopy with more respect for the spines of our books, keeping food away from books, improving book return slots, etc. We did some consciousness-raising on these issues a couple years ago; more may be in order.

Anne Yandle welcomes reports on current procedures and suggestions that can help us preserve our collection. Most of the collection (valued at over $265,000,000) is irreplaceable. We hope the work of this Committee will eventually lead to both large and small improvements.



ONLINE NEWS: NEW INDEXES, NEW ACCESS, SOME TRAINING

Some significant standardization in the LDMS online indexes is under way. Conventions have been developed by Systems and the Public Catalogues Task Group to govern the naming and sequencing of online files. There are several important changes:

1. NAME, TITLE, SUBJECT, and CALL will be used as the names for these exact indexes in all files. (The Headings index in Catalogue is now NAME.)

2. The distinction between keyword and exact indexes should be clearer because keyword indexes have the suffix WORD. The keyword index for titles is TWORD (for Title Word), for name, NWORD, for subject, SWORD. Most LDMS files have keyword indexes of various kinds. At the moment, the Catalogue's only keyword index is for subjects (SWORD).

3. Standard numbers such as ISBN, ISSN, and LCCN will be indexed separately and so named. (The Number index in the Serials file will be renamed ISSN.)

4. Some generic indexes will continue or be created. A WORD index has been created for the Serials system to permit searching for keywords in both names and titles at one go. This will be a real advantage in cases where you are not sure how a title may have been catalogued. This index is still under development; ignore the confusing error messages.

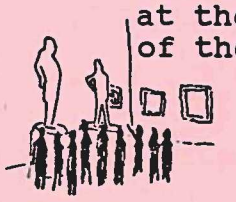
How to keep track of these changes? Use the command SHOw INDexes after signing on to a file to remind yourself of the new names. SHOw INDexes lists the indexes available for a file. Read Systems Technical Note T-18 for full details.

Is all this Greek to you? Don't know the difference between exact and keyword indexes? Sign up for a training session. I & O and Systems are organizing training sessions to review LDMS and to demonstrate the UBC online catalogue. These sessions are inspired not just by the index changes, but also because public service staff will soon have access to the UBC catalogue online. If you haven't seen the memo about the training sessions, ask your division head about it or phone Julie (2076) for a copy.

Online access is coming,
online access is coming!
Time to get with it.

GUIDE TO UBC PLAQUES AND MEMORIALS

Thinking of leaving money to have a memorial to yourself erected on campus? A guide to UBC plaques and memorials may give you ideas. Compiled by Kevin Potvin under the supervision of Laurenda Daniells, with funding from the Challenge '86 Programme, the guide lists and describes about 300 memorials, from stained glass windows to entire building complexes. The Guide is available in Special Collections and at the Info Desk in the Main Library. An accompanying set of slides of the plaques and memorials is in Special Collections.



STAFF NEWS

Linda Joe has moved from Sedgewick Library to Asian Studies Library to be Acting Head till March 31, 1987. She is looking after Asian Studies while the Selection Committee finds a replacement for Miss Ng, who retired at the end of 1986.

Linda Barker is replacing Linda Joe in Sedgewick. Linda is a recent graduate of the UBC Library School and worked in Sedgewick as an Academic Assistant. She was also an LA in Main Circ. (Her first name had nothing to do with her appointment, so they say.)

And still in Sedgewick, Caroline Milburn-Brown, after 5 years in the Course Processing Unit, has tranferred to a part-time stack attendant position. Her successor is Linda Winsveen, formerly of Gifts and Exchanges. (And you still say the name had nothing to do with it?)

Ellen Randva, Jane Price's Australian exchange, is at Woodward Library for six months. She is acting as Interlibrary Loans librarian while John Cole replaces Jane in the Health Sciences Network Office. Ellen has already noticed that Woodward does considerably more online searching than was done at the University of Adelaide, but they have barcoding, copy cards, and a friendly online catalogue. We're waiting.

Veronica Healy, Reference Librarian in the National Library's Service for Handicapped Persons Division, is here in Vancouver for 3 months on a professional development project. She is spending her first 2 months at Crane, doing one-to-one reference with the Crane students. Her work at the National Library was mostly mail and telephone, so she is enjoying the extra personal contact. The last month of her project she will be at the Kinsmen Rehab Centre Library and the Talking Books Program, Library Services Branch, Burnaby.

Phyllis Reeve resigned her position in Acquisitions at the end of December. Phyllis started in Government Publications in 1976, worked temporarily in both Woodward and Serials in 1980-82, before moving to Acquisitions. All the best, Phyllis.

And all the best to Karen Olcen, Catalogue Records, who left at the beginning of February for Toronto. Karen has been at UBC since 1980, first briefly in Recon, and then as AV/Curriculum Cataloguer.

PROMOTIONS
Joanne Dovey, Sec2, Admin

GOODBYES
Lori Pederson, LA3, Woodward
Steve Harris, LA3, Sedgewick
Cathy McGann, Sec2, Admin

HELLOS
Patricia House, LA3, Woodward
Irene Robb, LA2, half-time, Patent Services
Sharon de Wreede, LA1(temp.), Cat Products

TRANSFERS
Caroline Milburn-Brown, LA4 to LA3(parttime), Sedgewick

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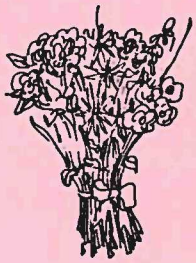


CHRISTMAS AUCTION GENEROSITY

Main Library held its annual Christmas Party auction on December 18. Generosity of staff and visitors, and a good eggnog, raised $280. Woodward Library had the same spirit (different eggnog) and raised $233. The total of $513 was donated to the Sisters of Atonement who run a food line at 385 East Cordova, and used to purchase Christmas packages for the people who depend on the Sisters for help.

A collection of $169 was also made for the Empty Stocking Fund. Thanks to everyone for their support and generosity.

LIBRARY CARDS UPDATE

The $6 fee for library card replacement can now be paid at the Main Circulation Desk. Don't send those forlorn students to the Registrar's Office any more; it's one-stop service at Main Circ.

Visiting students from colleges and universities are sometimes eligible for short-term library cards. But don't raise false hopes: refer queries to Main Circ (3869 or 3993).

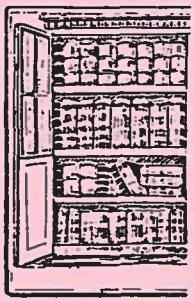
STAFF ORIENTATION

Orientation for new staff members (since we've acquired a few recently) is beginning again, and the staff in the Librarian's Office are coordinating tours and handouts. Other staff who would like a refresher tour (Main or LPC or both) or the orientation package should send a note to Erik de Bruijn.

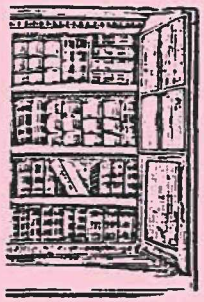
SHAKESPEARE FOLIOS FOLGERED

Copies of the first four Shakespeare Folios on loan to the UBC Library from the Folger Shakespeare Library of Washington, D.C. were returned in January, at the request of the Folger Library. These Folios had been at UBC Library since 1960, and as President Strangway said in a letter to the Folger, they had "greatly enriched" UBC Library.

These Folios are the first collected editions of Shakespeare's plays. Indeed the First Folio is the only source for about half of the thirty six plays it contains. The First Folio was printed a few years after Shakespeare's death in 1616, at the behest of the company of actors for which he had written, the King's Men, whose motive, as they said in the dedication, was "Onely to keepe the memory of so worthy a Friend & Fellow alive, as was our Shakespeare." It was reprinted in 1632, in 1663, and again in 1685. Frank Mowery, Head Conservator at the Folger Library, took back copies of each these Folios on January 5, 1987.



The Folger Shakespeare Library was established in 1930 by Henry Clay Folger, a president of the Standard Oil Company of New York, to house his collection of Shakespeare editions. At that point, he had acquired 79 copies of the First Folio, 58 of the Second Folio, 24 of the Third Folio, and 36 of the Fourth Folio. The Folger Library loaned two of these sets, one to St. Andrews University Library, Scotland, and the other to UBC. UBC was honoured in 1960, at the opening of the Koerner Wing of the Main Library when Special Collections was established. A change of policy at the Folger about such permanent loans required the return.



MEETINGS...EVENTS... MEETINGS...EVENTS... MEETINGS...EVENTS.. MEETINGS...EVENTS

DRS USERS MEETING: Wed. February 11, 1:30 - 3pm. Large Conference Room, Floor 2, LPC.

All interested library staff are welcome, although the meeting is primarily intended for creators and maintainers of DRS files.

Two definite topics are: transfer of bibliographies to a new system, and changes in the online DRS indexes. Other topics? Phone Brian Owen (5066) with suggestions.

ONLINE USERS GROUP MEETING: Thurs. February 19, 11:30 - 1pm. COnference Room, Sedgewick Library.

Lynn Copeland and Chris Hives will describe the microcomputer-based system, Marcon, being used to build a computerized guide to the UBC archives and manuscript collections.

TERM PAPER CLINIC AT SEDGEWICK

Begins February 2. Recommend this to first and second year undergraduates who need help with term papers. Students can make appointments for personalized help with term paper research. (Sorry, no help with the actual writing.)

ASPECTS OF CONTEMPORARY CANADIAN ART
FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
AT THE NICKLE ARTS MUSEUM

Fine Arts Gallery, Basement, UBC Library, Tues- Fri., 10am - 5pm; Sat noon - 5pm. Till March 8.

This selection of recent Canadian art represents the many and varied approaches to art by contemporary artists in various parts of Canada.

L.A.S.S.A. ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Library and Archival Studies Students' Assoc.(LASSA) are having their annual book sale, SUB Concourse, March 2, 10am - 4pm.

Donors and customers are both needed. Donors: contact Audrey Prendergast (224-9653, Students Lounge). Both hardcover and paperbacks are welcome. Customers: note this on your calendar. Proceeds are to help students attend the CLA Conference.

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OPEN HOUSE AT THE LIBRARIES

ASK OLIF OLIF is the library's online Open House information file produced by Systems. Information on every Open House event on campus will be retrievable. Olif will be available on terminals in every library, with public use terminals set up in Main, Sedgewick, Woodward, Curriculum Lab and Law.

MAIN LIBRARY BUILDING

WIN A UBC LIBRARY CARD FOR A YEAR
TO LARRY WITH LOVE-VIDEO
SPRING SALE-PAPERBACKS, RECORDS, AND MAPS
UBC LIBRARY'S ONLINE CATALOGUE-THE FUTURE
SEARCHING ONLINE DATABASES
A-MAZING MAZES-EXPLORE THE MAIN LIBRARY
WHAT MADE HEADLINES THE DAY YOU WERE BORN?
GOVERNMENTS PUBLISHED THESE!
HI TECH IN FINE ARTS-100,000 SLIDES ON ONE VIDEODISC
BRING YOUR OLD BOOK
BRITISH COLUMBIA LABOUR HISTORY
EARLY JAPANESE MAPS
MALCOLM LOWRY-THE MAN AND HIS WORKS
CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL STAMPS AND COVERS
TYPE COLLECTION OF CANADA'S COINAGE
POINT GREY BATTERY
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FRANK WESBROOK
THE EXPO SITE-PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE
TRACKING INTERLIBRARY LOAN-LIBRARY CONNECTIONS
COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONIC MAIL DEMONSTRATIONS
A SALUTE TO DONORS

WOODWARD LIBRARY

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SEARCHING IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES AT UBC
SEARCHING FOR CONSUMER HEALTH MATERIAL AT UBC: THE ONLINE CATALOGUE
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FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE'S LETTERS
RARE BOOKS IN THE HISTORY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES
HISTORY OF MEDICINE HIGHLIGHTS
MEMORIAL ROOM TOURS

SEDGEWICK LIBRARY BUILDING

UBC LIBRARY'S ONLINE CATALOGUE-THE FUTURE
WIN A WILSON RECORDINGS COLLECTION CARD FOR A YEAR
PUPPET SHOWS

CURRICULUM LABORATORY

SCHOOLING THEN AND NOW-1936 AND 1986
CREATING BOARD BOOKS FOR KIDS
USING AUDIOVISUAL RESOURCES: IT'S EASY AS CHILD'S PLAY
ONLINE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CANADIAN CHILDHOOD

LAW LIBRARY

HISTORY OF LAW

CRANE LIBRARY

HOW TALKING BOOKS ARE MADE
TALKING BOOK TECHNOLOGIES
CRANE LIBRARY TOURS
LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE DISABLED AND HANDICAPPED-VIDEO

ASIAN STUDIES LIBRARY

LIVING TRADITION: CHINESE AND JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY
HISTORY OF THE CHINESE BOOK
SALUTE TO ASIAN STUDIES LIBRARY BENEFACTORS

MACMILLAN LIBRARY

UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS

SOCIAL WORK LIBRARY

EARLY CANADIAN SOCIAL WORK

DATA LIBRARY

WHAT'S A DATA LIBRARY? - VIDEO