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Notes from the Chair

Now that October is over and done with, we can soon expect that lovely covering of white. Let's hear cheers from those lovers of winter!!

As many of you are aware the new executive finally received some of the boxes of materials from the outgoing executive. The two executives decided to forgo the fall meeting of the AACL in favor of a Spring one. This was done because of the late change of executives. At that meeting it will be decided if we continue to have two meetings per year or do we have just one.

We have received a number of answers to our two questions: Where and when would you like to have the Spring meeting and the "winner" was March 25, 1988 at Olds College. More information on this will be forthcoming.

For those who might have received conflicting information the present Executive is as follows.

Chairman	Mircea Panciuk	Concordia College
Secretary/Treasurer	Peggy White	N.A.I.T.
Director at Large	Paul Boulton	Red Deer College
Auditors	Helga Kennaird	N.A.I.T.
	Keith Walker	Medicine Hat College

Union List of Serials Committee

Chairman	Keith Walker	Medicine Hat College
	Linda Robinson	Grant MacEwan
	Tom Skinner	S.A.I.T.

Keith Walker is the person who should be receiving all the coding sheets and updates of periodicals for the Union List Serials. Paul Boulton is no longer responsible for this.

Keith Clouten is the "Fall Editor" and Ron Roswell is the "Spring Editor" of the AACL Newsletter.

Bob Wilson of S.A.I.T. will again be requesting information for the survey on library statistics. Peggy White will have a survey out in the new year. Look out for these information gathering vehicles.

If you have any items or ideas you want to put on the agenda, for the spring meeting, please let me know.



EDITOR'S PREVIEW

Being editor of a newsletter such as this one has a few, but very few, compensations. One gets to read everything that is submitted for publication and forms an interesting total picture of what is happening, and about to happen in the college libraries of this province.

Just in case you consider the AACL NEWSLETTER rather dull fare, let me whet your appetite a little for the reading that awaits you in this particular issue. (And remember that there isn't a meeting of AACL this Fall, so unless you indulge a few minutes with this periodical, you may be hopelessly out-of-date by the time we meet at Olds in the Spring.)

People are always interesting, especially so when they wear fresh faces. We welcome at least three newcomers to the Alberta library scene this year. Anne McGillivray is the new librarian at Mountain View Bible College at Didsbury. Also in from Ontario is Marina Englesakis to take up the challenge at AVC Lac La Biche -- that's a long way from Sudbury! And to Mount Royal College has come Madeleine Bailey from Okanagan College in B.C. In case you wondered, Elaine Boychuk has moved to Dalhousie University in Halifax. Doubtless there are other "new chums" to the Alberta college library scene whom I don't know about. Whoever you are, welcome!

Librarians are not a dull bunch of stay-at-homes, either. In these pages you will read of one who recently spent a month tripping around the Soviet Union, and incidentally visiting libraries in Leningrad, the Ukraine, and Poland - enough detail to hint at a fascinating report at a future AACL meeting. Another librarian must be spending his summers in the Bahamas, judging by his recently signed contract to prepare a bibliography of those islands for a reputable publisher.

And if your stamping ground is Edmonton or Calgary, spend a moment contemplating those lucky ones who get to visit their campuses in places like Fort Chipewyan (Marylea Jarvis makes it sound like the tropics), Paddle Prairie, Tall Cree, and High Level.

Even at home, we get involved in some quite creative activities. You will read about the Media Librarian at Mount Royal who has produced a video program specially for distance education students who need to know how and why to use a library. You will discover that the NAIT library staff have been offering in-service training in "dollar-stretching" -- no doubt encouraged by their successful campaign in raising over \$30,000 in student and faculty donations for their "Bucks for Books" program. Yet another library has geared library orientation seminars for secretaries and (soon) managers and their assistants. PR takes an interesting turn at one college where the library runs a trivia contest in the campus newspaper, with publisher-donated books as prizes.

Enjoy your reading!

Keith Clouten, editor



NOTES FROM NAIT

Helga Kinnaird reporting ...

The "Bucks for Books" campaign described in the Spring 1987 Newsletter has been a great success. Students and staff have generously donated books and periodicals. More than \$30,000 worth of donations have been added to the Library's collections to date and we eagerly await the matching grants from the Alberta Endowment and Incentive Fund. Our "rejects" (not suitable for our collection) are being made available to libraries in developing countries through the University of Calgary Overseas Libraries Committee.

Budget cutbacks have touched us all. Our mandate at NAIT has been to maintain existing service levels with fewer resources. Library staff have pulled together to make this happen and one outcome has been increased staff flexibility and cooperation. However, the spectre of more cutbacks next year is unsettling.

Library staff offered two sessions during the In-service Training Program, which is offered to all NAIT staff. One session, "Stretching Your LRC Dollar" was a joint effort with the Media Production Services section of the LRC. Harriet Judge in cooperation with Program Development Services focussed on the use of on-line searching to facilitate the acquisition/development of instructional materials.

Diane Reid-Perri is currently on maternity leave (she had a boy in June) and we are pleased that Alison Nussbaumer has joined us during Diane's leave.



SELECTIONS FROM SAIT (... or more accurately, from Bob Wilson's notes)

SAIT has recently made some staff appointments: Maureen Mackie as Technician in the Audiovisual Department; Joyce Chester as Circulation Clerk; Mary Elrick has been transferred from Circulation Clerk to A/V Preview and Rentals Clerk; and Heather Cowie has gone from A/V Preview/Rentals Clerk to Library Secretary.

Video playback is now located in the renovated Audiovisual Department whose staff is being trained to process bookings and operate the equipment. Paul Krysak and Sandy Wilson, the full-time operators, are now library staff and becoming oriented to some of our other services.

Two years ago, we offered a library orientation seminar to secretaries in hopes of making them more effective and able to utilize library services more efficiently. The seminar was well attended and highly rated. We are about to offer another round for secretaries and administrative assistants, yet another one for managers, and some sessions on specific topics which may be of interest. We will gladly share our experiences with anyone interested and welcome suggestions from those who have done something similar.

Our old exam file is very popular with students - especially before exams. Does anyone have some tricks or suggestions for encouraging teaching departments to contribute and/or update such files?

SAIT System is up and running (on-site and remote) with prototype OPAC soon to be replaced by full version linked to circulation. For further information contact Tom Skinner (284-8701) or Gary MacDonald (284-8370). Our system is again capable of producing listings of acquired materials on a particular subject over a specific time period. Quarterly lists are being provided to several academic departments.

The annual AACL library survey has been mailed to all institutions. Bob Wilson will again tabulate the information and send it out to participating libraries before the year end. (Have you sent your survey form back to Bob yet?)

RED DEER COLLEGE

Joanne Bucklee reporting ...

It has been an uneventful fall at RDC. Enrollment is up slightly but after the record setting use of the LRC last year, this year everything seems relatively calm. Some students are saying it is too cold to study in the LRC. I think it is too cold to work in my office so I sympathize. With the U of A decision we are contemplating the impact which the offering of third and fourth year university courses would have on the LRC.

The Dean of Student Services is on leave this year so Counselling and Health Services were moved into the Division of Educational Resources, to accompany the existing LRC, LAC, and Instructional Design. It makes for interesting divisional meetings.

We did get agreement from the Board in June that funds will be made available over the next three years for library automation. We are using Bibliofile to build the database. Only 98,000 records to go!

Paul Boulton has signed a contract with ABC Clio to compile one volume of their World Bibliography series on the Bahamas. This summer Paul attended the two week Archives Institute at the Library of Congress. He is now attempting to collect information on college archives in Alberta to help him prepare a proposal for the development of an archives at RDC.

For those of you who remember Sandie Bradley from Mount Royal, she recently spent a week at RDC as a consultant on consulting business in Vancouver.

A couple of years ago a group of faculty and administration, known as the Group in Support of Excellence, suggested the the LRC establish a Red Deer College authors collection. We did, with the understanding that items would be donated by the authors. The group also suggested that faculty nominate exceptional student writing for inclusion in a bound volume also to be highlighted in the LRC collection.

And that's it, unless anyone is interested in discards from our arts and education collections - let us know.

Happy Fall Semester!



CONCORDIA COLLEGE

Mircea Panciuk reporting ...

On July 16, 1987 the minister of advanced education, Dave Russell announced the Concordia College had been designated by the Government of Alberta as an institution that may grant baccalaureates in respect to the three year Bachelor of Arts program and the three year Bachelor of Science Program.

With this announcement came a lot of exciting times. We will be looking at an expanded library facility by August 15, 1988.

We began automating more functions in the library. Bibliofile was purchased from the Library Corporation and it works from an AT & T micro. All are excited.

Lynn Rodgers has joined the library staff as cataloguing library technician. Jean Haigh-Walker has retired to the east coast of Vancouver Island and we are now in the midst of hiring a new Technical Services Library Technician. Of course there are always the students that make the ups, downs and the downs, ups.

Can't wait for good fresh crisp weather. See you on the slopes sometime.

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Robert Bruce reporting ...

The past summer was a busy one for the library staff here at AVC Grouard. At the end of June we moved everything in the library including all furniture and shelving into temporary quarters in two classrooms across the hall from the library. During July and early August the library was completely renovated and expanded to double its former size by incorporating the former General Office area into the library. Renovations were completed by the middle of August and we were able to move into the new library in time for the start of the fall term. We were very pleased at how smoothly the whole operation went. Centre staff were very helpful in assisting library staff with the moving and we were able to continue offering library service without interruption throughout the summer. Our hats are also off to the contractors who completed the renovations when they said they would.

The General Office staff are at present located in a trailer complex and are hoping that funds will be forthcoming for a new academic and office wing. Unfortunately it does not appear that may be very soon. At least everyone is very pleased with the new library. As one visitor recently remarked-it must almost seem like having a new job-and he was right.

We are pleased to say we have a new library staff member. Shirley Anderson, who is probably the most avid reader in the school, is our new circulation clerk.

We hope everyone has a good winter. Although we are enjoying the beautiful late fall weather it is very dry here and we need lots of snow.

The first news is that my colleague of long standing, Barbara Marshalsay, has taken a position at the University of Lethbridge. Instead of holding a competition at a rushed time, we came up with a job sharing arrangement with the two librarians who previously held the position both of whom left to raise families. Shauna Shaw and Kristine Carlsen Wall share some duties and divide up others. Shauna comes in Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesday mornings when she overlaps with Kristine. Kristine comes in Thursdays and Fridays.

In the way of services, the Library now oversees media distribution and repair, instructional facilities for faculty, production equipment, and graphic art. This arrangement is temporary until a decision is made about how things will run permanently.

We are up and running with **BiblioFile**. We have a printer that can produce card sets for us. In September we had Pat Waterton down to advise us on how **BiblioFile** could be set up to run most efficiently. She also helped me get my order for 42,000 bar codes ready. We are expecting these bar codes before Christmas. We still are thinking about what bar code reader to buy. Meanwhile we have been at numerous demonstrations of systems -- Sydney, Sobeco, Dynix, Ullisys, SAIT. We hope to make a selection by Christmas.

In the way of PR the library is running a trivia contest in the College newspaper with the prizes being books requested from publishers.

We had Kathleen DeLong down in early November to run a BRS/DIALOG/CANOLE training session for us.

We renovated a bit and moved a bit. The reserve section expanded out to take over the old government document section and government documents moved down beside the 16mm films. Different lighting was put in the serials reading room which increased overall luminescence.



MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

Keith Walker reporting ...

No, Medicine Hat is not in Saskatchewan! Yes, there are multiple daily flights which service the city. We are disappointed that the fall meeting, scheduled to be held in Medicine Hat, was cancelled and also disappointed that the decision was made not to come here in the spring either. We do look forward to the possibility of visiting the new library in Olds but it will require 2 days travelling time...time is money.

Last year was an extremely positive one for us according to the wealth of statistics which we compile. Every statistic is up over the previous year, which pleases any librarian, but also shows the stress experienced by the staff and the physical facilities. Our renovations of last year certainly contributed to the positive image of the LRC in the College community, but we such as the Writer-In-Residence program go a long way in developing the image of the LRC.

We are fortunate to have had a very low staff turnover this year. Holly Nimz has joined our AV department, and Karen Baldwin has joined the Brooks branch staff. Training two new staff members is a small challenge compared with the eight changes that we experienced last year. Instruction on routine job responsibilities and tasks has been supplemented by skills in customer service.

We are at the extremely early stages of surveying vendors of automated systems, and have already received a mountain of promotional and informational brochures. We are pleased that the College administration considers library automation important. Hopefully their support will progress to include financial support for inspection tours, system selection and implementation.

Membership with OLAM (now a service of CLA) has proved beneficial. Discounts for on-line searching fees have helped our budget, although the high yearly deposit for use strains our budget planning system. We recommend membership with OLAM regardless of your amount of on-line searching. We also took advantage of the Micromedia discount on microfiche back issues of Canadian journals. Our growing microform holdings warranted the purchase of a new reader/printer in 1986. The CANON microprinter is extremely reliable and easy to operate and maintain. It uses regular photocopier paper and the ink cartridges eliminate the hassle of adding ink manually.

As we continue to "enjoy" the crowds coming in for tours, the ubiquitous lineups, the continuing project of FC conversion...we wish you all a successful term. Maybe we'll be able to convince you to visit Medicine Hat next year?



KEYANO COLLEGE

Marylea Jarvis reporting ...

Once again a busy academic year is underway. The new Centre for Entrepreneurship was officially opened August 24 and we did our best to have at least a few materials on the library shelves in time. The collection is growing and students are using it quite intensively.

Like everyone else we are striving for ever more economy as a result of reduced funding. Thank you to everyone who responded to my questionnaire on funding - I am in the process of pulling it together and will let you know the results shortly.

Wilma Macfarlane, Supervisor of Technical Services, left us at the end of October to return to Vancouver. We all miss her energy and enthusiasm. At the moment I am screening applications and hope to have the position filled as soon as possible.

A Library Committee is being formed at Keyano which will act in an advisory capacity and provide a formal link between the Library and the college community. This group should meet for the first time in the new year.

One of the highlights this September was a trip to our campus at Fort Chipewyan. We flew on a beautiful fall day and the colours were spectacular. Fort Chipewyan overlooks Lake Athabasca and slightly to the south there are sand dunes - yes dunes in northern Alberta! It is quite scenic and if you are seeking a vacation spot... Evelyn Graham, Technical Services Clerk, and I spent the day meeting people, and doing some organizing in the Library. Thanks to the P.E.P. program a person has been hired to work in the Library on a regular basis.



From the dusty halls of Mount Royal College

Top of everyone's list at M.R.C. is the expansion program. The pace is furious as the contractors try to meet pre-Olympic deadlines. The library itself will be undergoing its major facelift next summer. Late in January, however, we shall have to move our Media Department, which is currently on the site of a cartlift shaft. Construction of the cartlift, which is made necessary by a planned move of Technical Services to a mezzanine level, will involve drilling through concrete. Anyone who persists in the stereotype of silent libraries with shushing librarians is welcome to experience the work in progress. If the budget would run to it, I would issue each staff member with a Walkman and some Vivaldi tapes, as a method of stress control.

I suppose the major staff change this year is me. Elaine Boychuk went to Dalhousie University in February, and I arrived in April from Okanagan College. Next year, we begin a succession of leaves by librarians on the College Four For Five scheme. Carol Sinanan, Instructional Services Librarian, will be away 1988/89; Ching Fu, Media Librarian, 1989/90; and Pat Taylor, Circulation Librarian, 1990/91.

We are still planning towards an integrated VAX-based system. Funding is still not forthcoming, although I feverishly hope to see it in place before Pat Taylor, who is the Project Manager, goes on leave.

My personal interest in microcomputers and CD ROM is taking the library very slowly in that direction. I certainly hope that from next year's capital budget we shall be able to buy Compact Disc players and ERIC on CD ROM. My plans, though, come down to earth when I hear the clattering of our elderly 16mm projectors which sorely need to be replaced.

We now have two new Resource Islands, and expect the third to be completed in the spring. By late summer, we should have a much expanded main library, with new counters, shelving and carpeting.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION WORKSHOP IN FLORIDA THIS WINTER

Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, will host a Bibliographic Instruction Workshop on February 4 and 5, 1988. The workshop will be conducted by Evan Farber, Head Librarian at Earlham College, with support from some classroom faculty from that institution.

This year, in addition to discussions of traditional methods of bibliographic instruction, the workshop will place increased emphasis on the role of collection development and the use of CD-ROM technology in bibliographic instruction.

If you would like to take in this excellent two-day workshop (or even if you like the idea of a couple of days in Florida in early February!) write for a brochure to:

Dr. Larry Hardesty
Director of Library Services
Eckerd College
4200 South 54th Avenue
St. Petersburg, FL. 33711



STAFF CHANGES

BRENDA DUNCAN, formerly at the University of Alberta Education Library, is now a term librarian (September through April) working at the Seventh Street and Mill Woods Campus LRC's.

SERVICES

The LEARNER CENTRE services are experiencing a much greater demand as more students are taking computer managed learning courses through the terminals that the LRC has linked to the VAX. Two new programs in the independent study mode, Voluntary Sector Management (started October 1987) and International Business (starting January, 1988), will even increase this demand.

The more microcomputers that are placed in the Centres to satisfy student needs, the greater the demand. The greater the demand, the more microcomputers are supplied. It is uncertain when, if ever, this circular effect will level off.

The incorporation of the LEARNING SKILLS CENTRES within the LRC's at Seventh Street and at Jasper Place has increased the level of remedial assistance that the instructional assistants within the Centres are asked to supply.

The AUDIO-VISUAL ASSISTANTS have taken over some of the responsibilities formerly belonging to the Media Services Department, a department outside of the LRC's organizational chart. The AV Assistants now provide centralized repair, selection advice, and inventory listing services for the LRC's audio-visual equipment and growing number of microcomputers.

The FUNDRAISING RESOURCE CENTRE (FRC) was opened in October 1987 on the third floor of the Seventh Street Campus. In addition to items within the Centre, the LRC has received donations from the Junior League of Edmonton and the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy to purchase items to be placed in the LRC's collection. The LRC produced a bibliography of materials in the LRC which are related to 'voluntarism'. The Centre itself is staffed by volunteers who will assist the public.

The INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PROGRAM has donated its collection of books, serials, and pamphlets to the LRC which will be using these items to form a special business vertical file. The LRC is also preparing a guide to locating materials within 'international business'.

The LRC will be working with the COLLEGE FOUNDATION to promote and publicize the donation of materials to the LRC. The LRC has written guidelines which are to be used for the acceptance and the evaluation of donations. The matching grants received because of these donations, will be used to bolster specific parts of the LRC collection.

The LRC's REVISED POLICY under which it operates was sent to Academic Council and received final Council approval on November 3, 1987. The policy will now go before the Board of Governors.

The LRC received over \$150,000.00 over two years to acquire materials to support the newly added UNIVERSITY TRANSFER COURSES. This has placed an added strain on the acquisition and cataloguing components of Technical Services. First and second year Arts students are now at the Mill Woods Campus and first year Commerce students are at Seventh Street.

A look at the work load of Joanne Kemp is indicative of the things going on within the LRC. Besides being LRC Section Head, Joanne within GMCC serves on Academic Council as well as its Subcommittee on Outreach, International Education Committee, Fundraising Centre Committee, and Voluntary Sector Management Committee and outside of GMCC on LAA's Continuing Education Committee. The other librarians are similarly committed.



ALBERTA COLLEGE OF ART

Christine Sammon reporting ...

It feels as though it has been a very long time since I've written.

Library automation is still on hold at the ACA. The tremendous initial outlay still finds our administration in shock. In desperation, I have worked with our Manager of Computer Information Services, to come up with an in-house PC based acquisition system. Unfortunately, the terminal is a 'shared' one which is housed in our administration wing...

Our slide collection has had awkward access to it for some time now. Last year after much discussion with borrowers we decided on an Artist Name Authority card file for patron use. We completed this task with the aid of a PEP grant this past summer. The next step for us will be to load the entire file onto a terminal to allow for automated access to the collection. Pray for terminals for the library!

Our big news is the arrival of a security system this past August. It is a 3M 'Tattle Tape' Book Detection System, Model 1850. To date we have been extremely pleased with it.

Library expansion is slowly becoming a reality. This past year we were given funding to have architectural plans drawn up.

Staff wise we have a new addition: Lowell Brendan Evans arrived on Feb. 10, 1987 wrighting some 8 pounds! During his mothers' temporary absence we hired Joseph Hill, a former book store employee from Edmonton. Irene Nasserden our long time Saturday Clerk left us for full-time employment at the U of C and Mr. Hill stayed on to become our new Saturday Clerk and floater after his 'maternity leave' position expired.



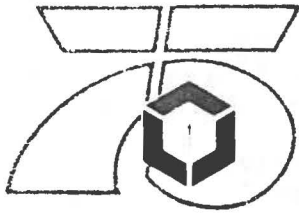
Wanjiku Kaai reporting ...

LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE LAKELAND COLLEGE - VERMILION

The library has experienced some changes in the past year. Officially, the library is now the Learning Resources Centre. We have had a few staff changes as well. Yvonne Larson, Serials Technician joined the library in May and will be with us until November 20th. Yvonne is replacing Marilyn Bryden who is on maternity leave. Marilyn resumes her duties on November 23rd. In September, Sherie Wiebe was hired to man our Fort Kent Library. Francine Powers, Library Clerk has joined our Lloydminster library staff. Francine replaced Elizabeth Baron who has moved to Saskatoon. We wish Elizabeth Godspeed in her future endeavours. Our farewells do not stop here either. At the time of this writing, we are also bidding farewell to Heather Gordon, our chief librarian. Heather is leaving to head the library at Consumer and Corporate Affairs in Edmonton. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

As reported during our Spring meeting, the library initiated a current awareness service to all faculty in the 1986-87 academic year. To solicit feedback on the quality and usefulness of the service, a questionnaire was sent to all faculty at the end of the 1986-87 academic year and 42% responded. The respondents felt the service was worthwhile, informative and prompt. The service was resumed in the 1987/88 academic year. It has proven very popular with those instructors who use it and instructor comments and suggestions have helped in such matters as Journal cancellations, retention and additions. The service has also served as a useful PR tool for the library.

Over the summer, the staff completed an intensive inventory of our Vermilion and Lloydminster collections. Another major summer activity that was completed was processing government documents so that they can be more accessible. Alumni Hall is progressing smoothly and the contractors hope to have the building completed and ready, Summer 1988. For the library, this means a lot of preparation before moving the library into the new building. Stay tuned!!



Camrose Lutheran College

Asgeir Ingibergsson reporting ...

The Library has now about 55,000 volumes that have been catalogued. Sound recordings are about 2,000 and about the same number of scores. We received a very notable donation of books and papers during the summer, the library of the late Lorne H. Russwurm, PhD, Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Waterloo.

We are still in the process of unpacking and sorting this collection, which amounts to about 1,000 monographs, long runs of periodicals, maps and vertical files that Professor Russwurm had collected in his subject areas. He collected extensively in his field, urban geography, over a number of years, books, articles, conference reports, etc. In the collection there are a number of books that are out of print now and would be hard to acquire at this time. Unfortunately, we will not be able to give the public access to the collection at this time due to lack of space.

We are very grateful to his widow, Louise Demers of Waterloo, for donating the collection to Camrose Lutheran College at a time when we are starting our Geography Department.

It is superfluous to mention the lack of space for stacks as well as for study. The financial means are lacking to build what we know is needed so we still have to wait till "next" spring to break to ground for the new Library building, which is already designed, ready to be built as soon as we have the money to do so.

We have had some turn-over of staff members lately. Lila Majeski, who has been in acquisitions for a number of years, went on permanent sick leave last summer and was replaced by Rita Roste for the time being. Rita left at the beginning of September to pursue another career. She has not been replaced yet, but the position has been advertised. Linda Harke, cataloguing, will be resigning at the end of the year for personal reasons. Although we are short-staffed for the time being, this has also given us the opportunity to enhance the qualifications for the positions as we make replacements. We are advertising for a technician for the acquisitions position and a cataloguer/reference librarian to replace Linda Harke.

Students appear to be making more use of the Library this year than ever before. Since the beginning of term, we have had 464 persons going through the turnstiles each day on the average, including Sundays and Saturdays.

I had made plans to be in Iceland this year and had been granted a leave of absence to work in the University of Iceland Library for the year. These plans changed at the eleventh hour, due to illness in the family. So here I am, still at my desk in the CLC Library. The idea of going to Iceland has been shelved for the time being at least.

The priorities for the future are getting a new Library building built and secondly to automate. The new building is my first priority, because our users suffer more from inadequate space than from whether the Library is automated or not.



Anita Luck reporting ...

Fairview College Learning Resources Centre has begun another busy year. First year student orientations went well and we hope the students will feel comfortable enough with the library to become regular users.

Some major staffing changes have taken place. Olive Lancaster, former head librarian has retired and Bev Peterson is our new LRC manager. Bev brings with her a wealth of experience. She has been with the College Library for fourteen years. Gloria Chorney is in charge of AV and computer materials; Anne Fredelle looks after the mail and circulation; Peggy Simpson is our cataloguer and Anita Luck is our classifier. Our new staff member, Jean Sideroff, is our clerk and general jack of all trades. We all work with staff, students and the public to provide the best library service possible.

Our struggle with the Book Trac circulation system seems to be coming to an end. Bev and Anne went on several investigation missions and have seen both Circulation Plus and the update of Book Trac in action. Either of these systems would solve our snail-paced circulation and banish error messages from our lives forever. We hope!! Complete library automation still looms in the future. Our investigations are continuing into the various systems both for recon and eventual total automation. Other small college libraries have been a great source of information for us. We've also kept in close touch with the Peace Regional Library System automation committee.

Our staff has a rotating schedule to look after displays and we've had some beauties. Our Thanksgiving layout complete with "real" food was fantastic. What a bright array of fall colors! Peggy Simpson is spearheading the Christmas display and it promises to be the best yet. We can see dancing ladies, maids a'milking, French hens and lords a'leaping taking shape before our eyes. It's wonderful to have such artistic talent in our midst.

Bev and Anita made the annual trek to the Fairview College Northern Campuses just recently. They visited libraries in High Level, Meander River, Paddle Prairie, Fort Vemillion, LaCrete and Tall Cree. It was gratifying to see how the instructors are able to fulfil their many duties and still keep their small libraries in reasonable order. We hope the support services they've received from us have helped them with their difficult tasks.

With all the activities that lie ahead of us we shouldn't be in for any winter blahs or cabin fever. Let the snow come, we won't have time to dwell on the weather anyway.



Using Keith's suggestions as a springboard, I regret to report that we haven't added any new staff and we haven't added any new services. On the contrary, budget cutbacks have necessitated a reduction in hours of service and the need to second a staff member to act as part-time systems operator, has reduced our staffing of traditional services. On the positive side, we haven't suffered any staff turnovers and we are managing to maintain all user services at last year's levels. A small drop in overall college enrollment has helped us in this respect.

The implementation of the CLSI system and continued planning of layout and furnishings for the new LRC continues to occupy more than an average amount of our time. Groundbreaking for construction of the college expansion begins in the spring with full occupancy of new quarters scheduled for 1990.

In preparation for CLSI, we completed barcoding this summer. Unfortunately we were unable to begin online circulation in Sept. but hope to do so in January. Our Bibliofile and UTLAS interfaces are not quite operational but should be soon. We hope to obtain most of our cataloguing records from Bibliofile and use UTLAS for A/V software and Canadian titles. We will probably not be able to use the Book acquisitions module until July and our on-line catalogues are scheduled for next summer also.

We are now acquiring and cataloguing computer software for individualized instruction. Talks have begun to acquire and catalogue instructional software used in lab settings. Some departments want the LRC to handle this. Others are opposed. The debate continues.

I am also participating (as a non-voting member) in the discussions for automated systems for the newly established Peace Region Library System whose headquarters are in Grande Prairie. It is nice to have more professional librarians to join the public library and college staff. There are now eight librarians in the city.

On the "almost anything" topic suggested by Keith, I returned from a one month trip to the Soviet Union in June. I met my son, who was studying (with a Dalhousie group) in Leningrad and then visited some distant relatives (cousins twice-removed) in the Ukraine. Since part of my trip was on an individual, rather than group tour, basis I managed to visit some libraries. In Leningrad, through my son, I received a personal tour of the 3 million volume Lenin library conducted by a reference librarian in perfect English. In Chernivtsi (near the Hungarian border), I visited the Ukrainian university library and in Ternopil (near Poland), I visited a public library. My impressions in brief - there is no automation, card catalogues are massive (though neatly typed), shelving is usually by size of book and accession number (to save space). Stacks are closed. Access must be by written slips and by admission, not all books can be consulted by undergraduates. Some books are restricted for research purposes only - among these are those of M. Hrushevsky a famous Ukrainian historian cited in the Encyclopaedia Britannica but declared a "bourgeois nationalist" by the Soviet Encyclopedia and one librarian.

BANFF CENTRE LIBRARY

It's been a busy year for the folks here at the Banff Centre Library. We opened the year by implementing a PC-based acquisition system. It was developed by Debbie Rosen on DBase3+ and so far, works very well. We churned out approximately 2600 orders to date. It is safe to say that testing has been completed.

We have also implemented a batch-based envoy messaging system on the big computer this year. It has really been a big boost to our interlibrary loan capability. So far, since April, we've completed over 400 outgoing requests.

We did a little bit of conferencing this Spring. Debbie went to Hamilton to attend the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Music Librarians. While there, she sat on a panel discussing music library design. Bob visited the Canadian Library Association Meeting in Vancouver. Bob did a brief presentation on RECON for small art libraries for the CARLIS interest group.

Later in the summer Bob wrote architectural program for ART METROPOLE, a Toronto-based art documentation centre, publisher, distributor, archive and library. Bob will remain on the advisory board to oversee design implementation and other projects.

Back on campus, we have been lobbying very hard for an addition to our existing facility which is becoming more cramped daily. At the Centre's management retreat it was decided that this project will be the number one priority. It will be some time, however, before any renovation will occur.



Nancy Jones reporting ...

Rereading the last submission to AACL newsletter, I realize the optimism with which we entered the year. A year later, we are still open and operating, but directing our energies internally to the maintenance of existing services.

As you all may know, Westerra has undergone significant reorganizing and restructuring. We are now beginning to stabilize under the leadership of the new president Stuart Ross.

For the resource centre, this has meant a regrouping into a larger organizational group along with computing services, educational technical services, and several other groups. Our function continues to be unchanged and the Fall has been spent heavily involved with student orientations. We have also been working more directly with our computer engineering technology students in teaching them basic library skills, and with the gas technicians in using the online public access catalog.

I have also been involved in the instructor orientation program, and staff development workshops. Our computer managed learning area, and exam room are well used. If there has been any change at all, it is a subtle one, not accurately reflected in our statistics, but certainly a reflection of our developing role. This can be found in the increased demand and use of the library for reference and study purposes. This is one of the few encouraging factors in a difficult year.

The library staff remains the same again this year although more help has been requested in order to maintain the present level of services.

Talk of moving the access to the library from the main floor to the mezzanine has been put on the back burner due to the fact that it would create more problems than it would solve at this stage of the game.

The Library Committee is in the process of recommending and reviewing changes to the current Library Policy Statement for ratification by the Faculty Assembly. This is supposed to be done periodically and this is the year to do it.

Budget deliberations are in the offing for the upcoming academic year 1988, so I am up to my financial digits in ciphering figures which will allow for some room to breathe in the spending category.

Work on a union catalogue of religion materials in all University-affiliated colleges and the University itself is underway at present, with all the meetings and visits associated with such a project.

Other than the above happenings, work at St. Joseph's College Library goes on ... and on ... and on ... as usual.



Keith Clouten reporting...

Our best news this year is a welcome to Joyce Van Scheik, filling a new full-time position on our staff as Assistant Librarian in charge of Public Services. Joyce joined us on July 1st, soon after graduating from U of A with her library science degree. She is enjoying the challenge of her new job, and is encouraged by the positive reaction of both students and faculty to the new reference office and its services.

Already Joyce has spent time preparing a series of "guide" leaflets to the library, covering such specifics as the card catalogue, periodical indexes, reference collection, research strategies, and on-line searching. All three teachers of first-year English have invited her to introduce their students to library research skills, and the follow-up assignment is graded jointly by teacher and librarian. We look forward to increased co-operation between teachers and library staff as time goes by.

In conjunction with the new appointment, the library has commenced offering On-Line bibliographic searching, utilizing the OLAM discount membership with DIALOG. Several successful searches have already been conducted for both teachers and students, and the good word is spreading.

We have now had BIBLIO-FILE with BIB-BASE in operation for one year, and are delighted with the efficiency of the system. The proportion of successful "hits" with Biblio-file is around 80%, and the figure would be higher if we excluded our audio-visual cataloguing from the total. We are now looking toward going Multi-user with BIB-BASE, initially with the three work stations and a file-server.

AN INNOVATIVE VIDEO PROGRAM FOR THE DISTANCE STUDENTS

A new video program on library research produced by Mount Royal College is now available to both on campus and off-campus students. It is an innovative solution to a problem created by distance delivery education.

In 1980, the Alberta Department of Advanced Education gave Mount Royal College the mandate to offer the Post-Basic Mental Health Program province-wide. By 1985, all the Post-Basic Mental Health courses were offered via the distance delivery mode. It is a combination of independent study, print materials, teleconferencing and computer-managed learning.

Since many of the students enrolled in the program live outside Calgary, they do not have access to many of the support services and facilities available on campus. Library instruction class is one of the services these students miss. Yet they need to learn how to use their local libraries for their course work and for their continuing education. They need to learn how to use the catalogues, which may differ in appearance and format, ranging from the traditional card catalogues to on-line computer display. The students also need to know the periodical indexes, the variety of periodicals and media available in their subject area.

In an attempt to reach these distance students, Yuen-ching Sin Fu, Media Librarian and Subject Librarian of the Nursing Department received an Innovative Development Committee Grant from the College to produce an 18-minute video program on library research. The dramatized program entitled The Academic Edge: Learning How To Use Your Library is the first and only audiovisual program of its kind available on the market to date. It shows the five basic steps of library research; it emphasizes that research materials include more than books; it introduces the various formats of catalogues found in both academic and public libraries; it compares the two basic library classification systems; it identifies the different parts of a catalogue card and a journal entry; and it points out the importance of note-taking and compiling references and bibliographies.

The program has been in use at the College since March of this year. The viewers' response was very positive. Some of the comments are quoted as follow:

"Every new student should have to see this as part of orientation - if I had it would have saved me a great deal of time - well worthwhile and overdue..."

"Extremely all-inclusive introduction to Library. Feel it will be most useful - particularly to returning adult students."

Anyone interested in previewing the video program can write to Mrs. Yuen-ching Sin Fu, Media Librarian, Mount Royal College, 4825 Richard Road S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3E 6K6.

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PAIS ON CD - ROM NOW READY FOR USE

Librarians attending professional meetings and keeping up with articles on optical publishing have been told by savvy colleagues in library management, reference, selection, and acquisitions that they must come to grips with the exciting potential of the CD-ROM. These experts are urging publishers of optical technology reference tools to understand information needs and users as librarians do. This message has great significance; publishers need the librarian's point of view if they want to publish good reference tools.

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