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SPRING MEETING 1991

The Association's 1991 spring meeting will be held in conjunction with the Library Association of Alberta conference in Jasper in May, 1991.

The business meeting and "round table" library reports will be held as a pre-conference event on Thursday afternoon, 2 - 5 p.m. AACL is sponsoring a session on Friday with Gwen Zilm from Okanagan College speaking on the concerns of libraries when the colleges offer upper-level university courses or new programs. AACL is also working with the university library group to ensure sessions are offered which will be of interest to academic librarians. Ideas are encouraged; contact the Chair.

In times of economic restraint it is important for AACL to rejoin LAA and work together with our colleagues.

Please plan to attend. A bargain: two conferences for the price of one: AACL with LAA in '91!

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The current executive of the Association has made it a priority to increase our involvement with the Library Association of Alberta. We have submitted reports to the *Letter of the LAA* and distributed the AACL bookmarks at last year's LAA conference. I have been working with Karen Harrison, the LAA conference coordinator, to finalize our plans to be involved at next year's conference. As per the Association's recommendation at the May 25, 1990 meeting in Red Deer, the AACL spring 1991 meeting will be held in conjunction with LAA in Jasper.

The AACL meeting will be scheduled as a pre-conference event on the Thursday afternoon; the regular conference begins on Friday. AACL will sponsor a session with Gwen Zilm from Okanagan College, speaking on the impact on libraries of new course offerings, specifically the experience at the Okanagan Library when that institution began offering the third and fourth year university program. We will also participate with the university librarians in two proposed sessions: an informal meeting and sharing of ideas with all academic librarians; and a reception or dinner with the Minister of Advanced Education, if he can attend.

The LAA representatives are pleased that our group is going to be involved. I certainly hope that we will be well represented. I know people will appreciate our response to the concern of the lack of travel funds; you can now attend two professional development sessions for the price of one: AACL with LAA!

The summer period was relatively slow for AACL activity but I know that members of the Copyright Committee and the ULS Coordinator were involved in completing their assignments, as their reports will show. The executive members responded to recommendations from the last meeting, including completing the revised form for reporting the annual statistics, and working on the history of the Association. We have also examined the by-laws of the AACL and will make recommendations for updating them.

The Chairman sent a letter to the Minister for Culture and Multiculturalism, on behalf of AACL, expressing concern regarding his comments during the summer about recreational materials in public libraries. He was quoted as saying that public funds should not be spent on best sellers, cassettes, and videos. His letter in response is attached.

The National Library's Document Delivery Working Group sent their final report on June 28, 1990. After comparing the costs and services of the couriers which responded to their RFI, the Group concluded that least cost is incurred by continuing to use the existing system. The Chairman has a copy of the report. Anyone interested can contact me.

The Standards for College Libraries proposal has been distributed by CTCL. I recommend that these be examined carefully and responses sent to the committee by the deadline date. I also recommend that response be sent by AACL to thank the committee and offer the Association's input.

I wish to thank Marylea Jarvis and the staff of Keyano College for hosting the fall meeting. In the past two years the meetings have been held from one end of the province—Medicine Hat—to the other—Fort McMurray. Everyone is invited to attend the spring meeting in Jasper next May.

Keith Walker
Chair, AACL

**** Please take a moment to check your library's entry in the most recent AACL directory circulated by Marylea Jarvis earlier this fall. If there are any changes to personnel, phone or fax numbers, etc., please notify Marylea as soon as possible. Her phone number is 791-4800, or you can send copy on Keyano's fax line, 791-4868.

REPORT OF FALL MEETING AT FORT MCMURRAY

The fall meeting of the Alberta Association of College Librarians was hosted by Marylea Jarvis at Keyano College in Fort McMurray. Meetings of the Association have spanned the province from Medicine Hat to Fort McMurray in the past year. Travelling to the smaller colleges will hopefully strengthen the membership's affinity with the association.

This fall's guest speaker, Rhys Williams from the University of Calgary Library, delivered a presentation on balancing growing workloads with diminishing resources. The choice of topic was ideal considering that most college libraries are experiencing staff shortages and the September - October period is the busiest time for library skills instruction. Many innovative techniques for coping were outlined by Rhys and the attenders. For example one librarian combines regular staff meetings with regenerative exercise by scheduling walking meetings. Also, librarians often participate on campus committees or other external activities with the intention of raising the profile of their library. But extended absence from the library's frontline can result in feelings of neglect and even declining morale amongst staff. Rhys closed his presentation by emphasizing that we can cope with enormous workloads if good organizational skills are developed, strict time management is maintained, and a positive attitude concerning accomplishments is promoted.

The informal lunch in the well-appointed staff dining room allowed members to reacquaint themselves with colleagues, and to meet the staff at the Keyano Library.

The afternoon business meeting included reports from the President, the Treasurer, the Committee for the Union List of Serials, and the Copyright Committee. Madeleine Bailey, of the Mount Royal College LRC, reported that the government (acting with advice from an advisory committee on which she serves) is preparing for a December 5 meeting with the Copyright Cooperative called CANCOPY. Because agreements between CANCOPY and other provinces are secret, negotiations are extremely challenging. Several attenders stated that they have successfully instituted local copyright clearance procedures. Instructors have been given the responsibility for contacting copyright holders. Madeleine provided some helpful tips for managing copyright. They include: the formulation of an institutional written policy, making library material with warnings, and always contacting the copyright holder before copying.

To foster closer relations with the Library Association of Alberta, the spring meeting of the AACL will be scheduled as a pre-conference event at the annual Jasper conference. The Association will participate in several academic library sessions during the regular conference program.

The executive of the Association hopes that scheduling the spring meeting at Jasper will provide the general membership with a convenient central location and an opportunity to combine two conferences into one.

Dave Weber
SAIT Library

CTCL STANDARDS FOR LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRES

A copy of a preliminary version of the *CTCL Standards for Learning Resource Centres: the Canadian Context* is being circulated with this Newsletter, one copy to each library.

At the fall AACL Meeting it was agreed that the Chairman would respond on behalf of the Association to the CTCL Committee's *Standards*. You are invited to examine the document carefully and give your feedback to Keith Walker at Medicine Hat College by December 7, 1990, as the deadline for feedback is January 1, 1991.

Members are also encouraged to submit their own responses to Judith Stonehewer through CTCL.

AACL FALL MEETING

Keyano College, October 26, 1990

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12.50 p.m.

CHAIR'S REPORT

A copy appears in this Newsletter. Some discussion followed concerning CTCL's proposed standards. Mircea Panciuk moved that AACL respond to CTCL standards, and all were in agreement. We are to send a copy of our individual institutional response to Keith Walker who will summarize concerns, and forward to CTCL. The proposed standards are being circulated as a supplement to this Newsletter.

The group reaffirmed the need to meet on a regular basis. All felt that meeting in conjunction with LAA permitted us to attend two events while only incurring travel expenses once.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer distributed details of AACL finances. At present there is a balance of \$1922.01. It was moved by Olga Shklanka and seconded by Alice McNair that the report be accepted.

UNION LIST OF SERIALS REPORT

A copy of the report follows the minutes in the Newsletter. This year no one was hired to input the revised data; Eileen Cardy was responsible for this work. The new Union List will be available in November. A volunteer is required to be the Union List representative. Olga Shklanka agreed to fill this position.

COPYRIGHT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Madeleine Bailey presented several recommendations. Negotiations are proceeding slowly with CANCOPY. The next meeting will be held December 5. Phase II of the legislation has been postponed until possibly June 1991. Concern was expressed that there should be no negotiations until Phase II is in place.

UPDATING THE BY-LAWS

Marylea Jarvis agreed to review the by-laws and note any subsequent amendments. This package will be brought to the spring meeting for discussion.

VOLUNTEERS

Workshop Committee:	Susan Brayford and Alice McNair volunteered.
Statistics Coordinator:	Someone is still required.
Election Officer:	Mircea Panciuk offered to fill this role.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDITED

Mircea Panciuk and Maureen Toews will act as auditors. Marylea Jarvis will forward the statement and supporting documents to Maureen.

OLDS SALARY SURVEY

The information concerning salaries was interesting, but difficult to compare as job responsibilities were not included with the job titles. Perhaps some questions could be added to the AACL survey in future.

SPRING MEETING AT LAA

The business meeting will be held on the Thursday at 2.00 p.m. On Friday there will be a session for academic librarians presented by Gwen Zilm, Chief Librarian of Okanagan College. The university librarians are also planning a session which would be of interest to us as well. A meeting may be arranged with the Minister of Advanced Education.

ROUND TABLE

A representative from each college gave an update on events in their library and institution.

OTHER BUSINESS

Madeleine Bailey is co-convening a workshop at CLA on "What's New in Academic Libraries?" The intent is to highlight new initiatives and projects in academic libraries, and is a follow-up to last year's session. Madeleine is looking for any submissions (each presentation would be about 10 minutes).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned and everyone was invited to tour Keyano's library, and the new arts centre.

Marylea Jarvis,
Secretary

UNION LIST OF SERIALS REPORT

The 1990 edition has been delayed due to the enormous number of changes arising in the government holdings list due to amalgamation and closure of many collections. An interim statistical report from CGLA is provided. An additional complication has arisen as the University of Alberta is currently reviewing the services it provides to external users. The CGLS presentation to this President's Advisory Committee is attached for your information. The ULS Committee will keep you advised of the outcome of this initiative as soon as it is known.

COMPUTER CHARGES

1990/91	\$ 349.73 to September 30, 1990
1989/90	\$1868.24
1988/89	\$1721.71

SALES

1989 version:	25 orders filled.
28 fiche	\$ 504.00
6 individual college lists	\$ 13.85
1 bill outstanding	\$ 18.00
Total revenue	\$ 499.85

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SALES (Continued)

Comparative figures:

1988 version	\$ 409.29
1987	\$ 527.79
1986	\$ 489.52
1985	\$ 615.00

(Most of the decline relates to no longer selling the much more costly hard copy listings)

REPORT FROM AACL REP VICKII NICHOLSON

A discussion between Eileen Cardy, ULS Coordinator at CGLS and Belinda Klein, our periodicals technician, who is responsible for checking the college coding sheets, indicated that:

1. CGLS have experienced much staff shortage over the past summer and therefore coding sheet entry is being done by Eileen Cardy. Colleges will be charged additional printing costs to compensate.
2. Coding sheet accuracy remains very good.
3. Only one or two libraries have not "cleaned up" their records. (No names given).
4. New ULS to be distributed in late November.

Generally, the ULS proceeds much as before with no major problems. Please call if you have any questions.

Also, a reminder that we need a volunteer to take over in the spring for a two-year stint as AACL/ULS Coordinator.

My regards to you and everyone at the meeting.

AACL VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to those members who volunteered to take some of the vacant position in the Association:

Alice McNair	Workshop Committee
Olga Shklanka	ULS Coordinator (effective July 1991)
Mircea Panciuk	Elections Officer
Madeleine Bailey	Convenor for the Jasper Workshop

Also our thanks to Madeleine and Margaret Roderman for their work on the Workshop Committee and to Susan Brayford for continuing to serve on this committee.

AACL still needs a volunteer coordinator for the annual statistics. This is not a very involved job as it entails compiling the statistics as the member libraries submit the survey and then sending out the compiled results. Please help the Association by volunteering. Contact Keith Walker at 529-3867 by November 30. The compilation should be done by early January.

Nominations for the election of new officers for AACL should be submitted to Mircea Panciuk of Concordia College. Election will take place prior to the spring meeting where the new executive will be announced. Positions open are Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and Director-at-Large. Copies of the job descriptions of these positions follow.

Please contact Mircea with nominations or to volunteer.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AACL OFFICERS

1. Chair

- conduct general meeting and executive meetings
- coordinate general meeting: contact hosting institution; ensure workshop committee has activity planned; set date and agenda items.
- co-sign all cheques
- sign Union List of Serials contract as AACL representative
- act as spokesperson when representing AACL to other associations, agencies, government departments
- establish objectives for the Association in conjunction with other members of the executive
- authorize honorariums and other expenses
- assist ULS Coordinator in hiring a data entry clerk each summer
- contact new and potential members
- call for volunteers as required
- follow by-laws of the Association
- ensure elections are carried out
- maintain necessary files

2. Secretary/Treasurer

- take minutes of meetings and distribute such to the Newsletter editor for distribution
- keep accurate records of AACL accounts
- submit Treasurer's report at each general meeting
- submit accounting records to the auditors annually and submit the audited statement to the provincial government
- maintain current membership records
- contact members to advise them of upcoming meetings
- attend executive meetings as required
- conduct general meetings in Chairman's absence
- maintain necessary files

3. Director-at-Large

- maintain liaison with other library associations, submitting news articles to publications such as *Letter of the LAA*
- act as executive representative on the AGLC/AACL ULS Committee and attend any necessary meetings in this capacity
- attend executive meetings as required

**** Congratulations to Olga Shklanka of Grande Prairie Regional College for recently having two articles published: an ERIC document # 317220 on student learning and the college library; and "Off campus library services" in *Research and Distance Education*, v.2, #4, October 1990.

**** Feeling down about heavy workloads? This should help. According to the October 1990 issue of *American Libraries*, the Library of Congress backlog now totals 38,069,000 items!



Office of the Minister

CULTURE AND MULTICULTURALISM

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September 17th, 1990

Mr. Keith Walker, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Walker:

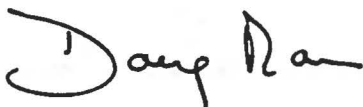
Thank you for your recent letter, which was written in your capacity as Chairman of the Alberta Association of College Librarians, regarding my comments this summer pertaining to public libraries. I would like to add a few comments to my letter to you of September 6th, 1990.

I should like to emphasize that allocations of funds for purchase of a wide variety of library materials are based on perceived community needs and are the prerogative of libraries alone. It is not the government's intention to stop supporting library operations. In fact, we will continue to do that on a per capita basis and therefore our funds will arrive to help libraries, no matter what type of activity is conducted in the library and no matter what type of materials library users choose to borrow.

As I stated in previous correspondence, I have never advocated nor would I advocate or decide what others can or cannot read and would never advocate censorship in the library.

Perhaps we will have an opportunity to discuss this issue further at the Alberta Public Libraries Conference in Calgary this October. I am looking forward to reiterating my commitment to libraries and setting the record straight.

Yours truly,



Doug Main, Minister
Culture and Multiculturalism
Member for Edmonton Parkallen

MERRY-GO-ROUND

MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE

At Mount Royal College we have entered a new planning cycle, both short-range and long-range. In recent years we have done very well in terms of renovation, refurbishment and staff growth, but our collection has deteriorated since the heady days of the Heritage Fund. If we were to apply our weeding policy rigorously, I think we would have to discard half of the collection! With the news from the Legislature less than encouraging for the next few years, collection development is going to be a difficult priority to keep. Perhaps the time is right for AACL to form a joint approach to collection rationalization, cooperation, and government lobbying.

My summer was spent planning for a brand new library in our City Centre Campus. Mount Royal's downtown presence has grown dramatically with the move to a new location (to be shared with the GST offices!) Finding out in late June that a library is to be designed and ready for a September 4 opening was a wonderful way of concentrating the mind. We are still frantically trying to stock the bookshelves from the main campus before the grand opening on November 29.

Copyright issues continue to consume a great deal of my time, and meetings of the advisory committee continue. I hope to have more to report after the December 5 meeting.

Pat Taylor, our Systems Librarian, is currently on a one-year leave, and her duties have been taken up in part by Ross Sherwin. In addition we have hired Margy MacMillan from the University of Calgary. I am pleased to report that efforts to transfer evening casual positions into the regular staff complement have finally been successful, and we have just begun the hiring process.

The biggest news (from my point of view) is that I shall be leaving Mount Royal in January to take up the exciting and challenging position of Director of Public Services for the University of Victoria. I feel obliged to follow Bob Wilson's example, and open a Bed & Breakfast, except I don't think I'm going to have the time! I have thoroughly enjoyed my stint both at Mount Royal and in AACL, even on the tough days. I have learned so much from everyone, and I shall be very sorry to say goodbye to all the good people I have come to know. I hope that if I don't see you before I leave, I'll be able to entertain you to tea among my rhododendrons (assuming I'll have some!). Keep up the good work.

Best wishes.
Madeleine Bailey

BANFF CENTRE

There have been some organizational changes at the Banff Centre over the past few months. Neil Armstrong, Director of the Centre for the Arts will be retiring early in the new year. The President, Paul Fleck, will be taking over the director's duties. Interesting changes could be in the wind.

Cutbacks haven't really come as far as the library yet. None are expected in the immediate future although there are always possibilities in the longer term. In the meantime, the new facility plans are on hold and we are running out of adjectives to describe how crowded the library facility has become.

This spring, we will be hosting the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Music Libraries and expect 100 delegates to participate. We are excited about showing our library to this group who represent both public and academic libraries. Debbie Rosen, the music librarian, is expecting her fourth child on or about the opening day of the conference. We will let you know how it works out.

The best of the season to everybody.

CAMROSE LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

The past year has seen considerable changes in staffing :

Verna Kroetsch - retired after working in circulation for 14 years.

Julie Backer - left her position as Cataloguer/Reference Librarian to take on a new challenge as reference librarian at the University of British Columbia School of Theology.

Carol Wilcox - is a 1988 graduate of the Library Information and Technology program at S.A.I.T. and is now in charge of acquisitions.

Pat Day - a 1990 graduate of Grant McEwan's Library Information Management program is now in charge of cataloguing.

Nancy Goebel - a 1990 graduate of the Faculty of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta is the new Reader Services Librarian (Reference, Inter-Library Loans, Circulation)

These new people join the rest of the library staff: Asgeir Ingibergsson, Bernice Sogge, Margaret Nelson, Meg Emmett, and Helen Reed.

With these changes and the addition of a computer (for ordering, cataloguing, word processing and maybe some database searching) the CLUC Library is an exciting place to be right now!

Nancy Goebel

RED DEER COLLEGE

We are settling into our new positions and offices at Red Deer College's LRC. Mary Lou Armstrong's retirement created a major shuffle and now we have three full time librarians and one part-time. Paul Boulton is the Collection Management and Reference librarian, Hilary Eade is our new part-time Reference Librarian, Alice McNair is the Chairperson and the Library Instruction Librarian and Maureen Toews is the Systems and Technical Services librarian. We are looking forward to the challenges of CD-ROM, degree granting and college organizational restructuring.

Our program review was completed in the spring and we are now working on the action plan and the recommendations proposed by our external evaluation team. One of the team's suggestions was to take a leadership role in the college regarding copyright. We thought we should clean up our own area first and we started with the reserve collection. The reserve collection, pamphlet files and other in-house collections which previously contained 'illegal' information now comply with the current copyright legislation. So far, very few people have voiced complaints.

In June, two members of our reference department went to NAIT and Concordia College to see how CD-ROM products, software and workstations were set up for student use. The information we gathered will help us when we get our CD-ROM workstations. This week we were pleased to learn that our RDC Foundation has given us \$10,000 to establish two CD-ROM workstations and we are looking forward to selecting appropriate programs and hardware.

The distance education component of our reference department is in full swing. The established link between off campus students and the LRC is through the Info Line, a Zenith telephone line. The Info Line has been very busy in the last two months and the students using it have been pleased with the service.

We are now fully automated. The circulation module of MultiLis was put to the test this fall and everything is going well.

Alice McNair

SAIT

There have been several staff changes over the past few months at the SAIT Library. The position of Head of Library Instruction has been filled by Dave Weber. Dave made the lateral move from the position of half-reference, half-instruction. The new librarian in the vacated position is Leslie Beattie. Leslie is a recent graduate of the University of Western Ontario and had worked part time for us as the Sunday reference librarian. Joe Hill is out there somewhere. The last we heard was that he had a trip to Turkey and the Middle East scheduled. Joe is enjoying his year off in SAIT's four years of pay reduced work for a fifth year off. We expect him back in September 1991. Dave Weber is the Acting Head of Reference during his absence. This summer the Institute appointed Reg Erhardt as President following the resignation of Gill Johnson.

SAIT is in the process of trimming its administrative structure. The Library will be directly affected if plans are implemented to unite the Information Systems Department (central computer operations) and the Educational Resources Department (media production/distribution, CML, CAL, and the Library). SAIT must cut \$2.2 million dollars from its overall 1990-91 budget. A further short-fall of \$5.5 million is expected during 1991-92.

The September/October rampage of library skills classes has passed. This year we added a new gadget to our teaching repertoire. The Library and Information Technology Program has given us access to their P.C. Viewer. We can now conduct CD-ROM index and on-line public access catalogue demonstrations for complete classes.

The library card catalog cabinets were sent to Campus Surplus in August. We now have a 100 years supply of scrap cards.

Books In Print Plus has been added to our CD-ROM subscription collection. The reference department and the acquisitions department are thoroughly enjoying its versatility.

The fall used-book sale, although better organized and more extensively advertised, earned only \$1,000. That's well below last year's \$2,000 average. There are a couple of factors that may explain the decline. Most of the books were displayed on one or both of the previous sales, and the price was reduced from one dollar per book to three books for two dollars. The price reduction did not stimulate increased purchases. But although earnings are down, we continue to successfully lessen the burden on the local land fills.

Dave Weber

CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE LIBRARY

Our summer was definitely NOT relaxed and easy! We had set ourselves the goal of having all of our LC-classified book collection barcoded and entered into our new Columbia circulation system before school opened in September. We've also dreamed for a long time of having all of our library carpeted, but a last minute announcement that there was money to carpet the main floor before school opening created a mid-summer nightmare. Within a short period of three weeks we had to move most of our collection, furniture and shelving twice, in a complicated double-shuffle that allowed the carpet layers to accomplish the job in four stages.

With fantastic help from all the library staff we did succeed in completing both summer assignments. When everything was finally completed, with a new and more attractive arrangement of furniture and stacks, it was the night before college re-opened, so we all headed to the Hong Kong Restaurant for a celebration.

During the early part of summer, Joyce Van Scheik travelled to Michigan to attend an international conference of Seventh-day Adventist librarians, while I escorted a tour group, fifty-strong, to Scandinavia for three fantastic weeks.

I have been heavily involved in a year-long academic self-study and master-plan for the college ever since it got

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started last December--responsible for editing and producing the final document as well as directing the library's own self-evaluation and plan. We finally got it into the hands of administration yesterday, so I have just come up for a large gulp of air, and discovered that it's winter again--already.

Warm wishes for Christmas.

Keith Clouten

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

Last January a new President started at Medicine Hat College and we see the effect of his management style as the institution has become much more collegial. The President is so adamant about everyone involved that we now seem to constantly have at least one LRC staff member off to a committee meeting! The staff is now involved in such diverse groups as environmental concerns, computer users, GST, and archives. The President has also made a number of organizational changes, including the elimination of the two Vice-President positions, and he is now in the midst of studying the Student Services department of which the LRC is a part. As a result the LRC may move to the academic side and we're hopeful that we will receive support for both a third librarian and the long-awaited automation.

The College has been involved in long range planning studies and the campus development proposals. The building plans call for doubling the present institutional floor space and more than quadrupling the size of the LRC, a thought that really puts our present cramped quarters into perspective! The plans for offering third and fourth year University of Lethbridge courses at Medicine Hat College are on hold this year as Advanced Education studies the proposal. So far our plans for automation and increased staffing are tied to this proposal but it sounds optimistic that some changes may occur anyway.

The walls are up at the new Brooks campus and we're about to begin the plans for actually moving into the new facility. The old furniture and shelving, unfortunately, have to move with the books so that will make the actual move a little more complicated. The new library will allow for a collection of approximately 12,000 books which more than doubles the present size. We have a staff of 4 part-time clerks which may have to be increased if the new campus attracts the numbers of students that are hoped for.

Business at the LRC mushroomed this fall with tremendous increases in all areas of services, including 20% in circulation and 40% in reference. Although we managed to be cheerful while serving the masses, it was difficult to keep up with some of the less hectic activities - like opening the mail! Our CD-ROM service is popular and should be more useful now that we have a subscription to CNI-Clips, the microfiche newspaper clipping service which is indexed on the CBCA disc.

As we continue to cope with being a popular place on campus, serving on our new committees, working with the city librarians in reviving a local organization, and dealing with changes in staffing ... we wish you equal luck in surviving another school term!

Keith Walker

FAIRVIEW COLLEGE

Our normal catch-up summer was non-existent this year as we received large amounts of materials to catalogue. We also catalogued materials that were discovered when we conducted an inventory of one of our campuses (this exercise is not recommended if you want a sane and sensible summer). We also tried to find room by utilizing the tops of our shelves—of course this meant moving all our materials. We ran out of space years ago and no amount of deselection will help us at this point. Do any of you have a recipe for shrinking a collection? We are interested in any chemical or mechanical means—even witchcraft would be acceptable.

Not all is gloom and doom however. We are nearing the end of our 3/4" tape conversion. The A/V staff and Bev Peterson, our manager, are going to have one giant celebration when this is finally completed. We have also revamped the work assignments in the A/V area. Kevin, our co-ordinator, now has Monica Macdonald as his full-time production assistant and a new face with lots of experience, Judy Clevette, is the receptionist and orders A/V materials. Monica Ralston is still in charge of the A/V equipment and of the department. In the library itself little has changed except for the addition of our new morning person, Joan King. Joan is no stranger to our college, since she has co-ordinated our highly successful regional science fair for many years now. She is also working on our 40th anniversary scrapbook which we hope will be completed by next summer.

The entire staff is looking forward to our big public relations event of the year, the Christmas open house. We plan to have a Scandinavian theme this year and the search for decorations and recipes has begun. No doubt we'll be contacting many of our Scandinavian friends in the area to help us with our lefse, sand kager and Lussekake.

The new major in our Turfgrass Management Program has kept Anne, our acquisitions person, busy ordering and processing new materials. Also new to our college is the "Independent Living Coach Program" which has also required our attention this past while. We are pleased that the production of a union catalog in our region is almost complete. Norma, who changed her name from Spence to Tindall, has almost finished inputting all the records and we'll soon see the results of her labour.

Now if we don't come up with any more bright ideas such as tape conversions, inventories in our centres and catalogue conversions we should be able to survive the rest of the year and we certainly hope that our colleagues in other colleges will manage to do the same.

Anita Luck

ALBERTA COLLEGE OF ART - LUKE LINDOE LIBRARY

Well it's been another busy year. I always think that things will slow down now that we have gone through our expansion and now that we have automated most of the collection. However, it just never seems to end ...

I returned from maternity leave in January and immediately began to investigate user fees for community borrowers. Our statistics showed that 14% of our users were community borrowers and that almost 50% of our overdue were caused by community borrowers. In June an annual non-refundable user fee was passed by our Board. To date we have had no complaints, many of our community borrowers were surprised that we did not have fees before. Reciprocal borrowing agreements have/are being reached between us and currently enrolled students of the University of Calgary, Mount Royal, and SAIT.

Two and one half years after moving into our new space the ACA library finally received a name. On November 15, the library was dedicated to Luke Lindoe, one of our founding instructors. Several other college areas were also dedicated at the same time making it a ceremony more for assorted dignitaries than for the library community. I am currently exploring automating our slide collection—once again. A partial automation was begun before my time but was abandoned as being too cumbersome and taking up too much space in the VAX.

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This past summer we experienced a minor flood in the Library. Since it occurred during working hours, we were able to contain it before any real damage was done. Nevertheless, it started me thinking about disaster planning. As a result I am trying to organize a committee on disaster planning for Calgary libraries.

We received some capital money this year and it allowed us to set up a small preview room complete with one monitor, one VCR and one projector. However we did not have enough money left for lovely armchairs a la Banff!

Other than new babies, my little Maggie and Barbara Evan's little Aaron, our staff has remained stable this year.

That's all the news from here.

Christine E. Sammon

GRANT MACEWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The LRC recently submitted engineering specifications and revisions to the plans for the new City Centre Campus (CCC) LRC. We have formed LRC "review" groups to examine the services, staffing, organization, and furnishings required in the new facility. John McGrath, our Educational Media Technician, is working on using a CLARIS CAD system to assist staff in preparing opening day layouts. We've also submitted a report outlining potential "donation" areas for use by the College Foundation.

Ron Rowsell, Systems Librarian, has started to gather information on possible new automated systems to replace Ulisys. We are working on a two-year plan aimed at producing a budget proposal in spring of 1992 with a fall 1993 implementation date. Approval, of course, is dependent upon CCC funding and/or college budgeting. Ron attended the Computers in Libraries Conference in Toronto as part of his "info-gathering".

Next spring, Pat Lloyd, Jasper Place Librarian, will be speaking on copyright at the AALT conference and on the Sunwapta collection at the Canadian Association of Music Librarians conference. Pat has also received faculty development funding to continue taking University of Victoria courses in the graduate diploma program in cultural resource management.

We are currently conducting a user survey of our Learning Skills Centres. Staff in this area will be visiting their counterparts in Red Deer and Mount Royal in December to obtain ideas for new services.

We have added (or are adding) additional Macintosh workstations and CD-ROM units in the LRC. Eventually, all our campus office Macs will be networked together. Mill Woods LRC will soon have a second CD-ROM unit to search the Nursing Literature (in addition to the Social Sciences Index); Jasper Place and Seventh Street LRCs will be getting units to search the Canadian Business and Current Affairs index. The latter project is a joint effort between the Library Information Management Program and the LRC.

We've had no major staff turnovers but do have many new part-timers this year. Staff continue to be involved in a number of college committees and associations, although the work on the new CCC LRC seems to consume more and more time and effort.

Hope to see you all at spring meeting.

Joanne Kemp

CONCORDIA COLLEGE LIBRARY

Here at Concordia we are in the midst of a search process for a new president, Dr. Orville Walz having accepted a call last spring to Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska. Professor Richard Kraemer, Vice-President for Student Services, is ably filling the role of interim president.

Over the summer there were three resignations from the library staff. Bonita Schalk, library technician in public services, resigned to get married and continue her studies. Barbara Haberstock, library assistant in public services, left to accompany her newly ordained husband to their first parish. Maureen Vandenberg, library technician in technical services, left to take up a new position. We appreciated their unique contributions to the library and wish them well in their new endeavours.

This fall we were fortunate to be able to welcome two new staff members in the public services area. Anna Kaminski, library technician, comes to us after many years at the Alberta Culture Library. Ruth King, library assistant, comes to us from Alberta Public Affairs Bureau. The library is already benefiting from their experience, organizational skills, and wide knowledge of libraries and library procedures. The position of technician in technical services is still vacant, but hopefully will be filled by the beginning of the new term.

Our CD-ROM searching instruction is increasing by leaps and bounds, so much so that staff and equipment are barely keeping up with the demand. Last year most of our use was due to an enthusiastic English department. This year we are happy to say that we are being used heavily in all major subject areas and that database searching is becoming an integral part of the total research process.

Head Librarian Mircea Panciuk and I did manage to make it to Fort McMurray (we didn't quite "paddle down the Athabasca": we drove). We appreciated very much both the extremely informative meeting and the hospitality of Marylea Jarvis and her staff. Since it will be spring before we meet again, I wish all of you, on behalf of all the library staff here at Concordia, a very blessed Christmas season.

Sandra E. Perry

ALBERTA VOCATIONAL COLLEGE

The fall '90 term came much too quickly! Over the summer months the library staff was busy barcoding the collection in hopes of having the job completed by December. But, as September drew nearer the anticipated project end date was moved into spring 1991. We continue to look forward to an automated circulation system.

In August, the Minister of Advanced Education, announced AVC's new name. We are now called Alberta Vocational College ('new name...same aim' is the slogan).

September began with a roar. From the 10th to the 14th AVC participated in READ-IN, the province-wide project to promote literacy awareness. In total 2,433 individuals lent their support at AVC. Edmonton's grand total was 442,406. We hope it becomes an annual event.

October brought The Literacy Conference '90. Vicki Nicholson as Program Chair, together with much dedicated effort, both directly and indirectly, from all library staff helped to make the conference a real success.

In addition to the various major activities taking place, there have been several staff changes and therefore training time. Everyone is on, or rapidly getting on, course. Belinda Klein has been appointed to the position of Serials Technician replacing Shannon Mills, who is now working at the Stony Plain Public Library. Kathleen Schneider has assumed the position of Media Aide, as Anne Landry has moved to Ottawa. Lori Sheen, a long time employee of the library has resigned from her position as Public Service Clerk, and moved to the Vancouver area. Joyce Foster

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has temporarily replaced her. Joyce was previously a teacher-librarian. Kathy Zarft had a baby girl, Melissa, on October 23rd - both mother and daughter are doing well. Theresa Farrell will be filling in for Kathy while she is on maternity leave.

January 1991 brings a new flurry of activity to the library. Vickii and I are preparing for a series of one-day workshops entitled 'Planning for and organizing small literacy collections'. The Library Association of Alberta and AVC Edmonton are co-sponsoring the workshops. Call Vickii Nicholson (427-5488) for more information.

Sabine Sintenis

KEYANO COLLEGE

This fall, coinciding with the start of our 25th Anniversary celebrations, an exciting new dimension has been added to the college and the community with the opening of the Keyano Arts Centre. Eleven faculty from across Canada have joined us, and are offering programming (both credit and non-credit) in music (instruments and voice), art history, painting, printmaking, drama, dance, etc. We in the library are working closely with the visual and performing arts instructors to build an appropriate collection of resources (where we will put everything is another matter - space, the eternal problem for libraries!).

This fall we introduced our OPAC's (Online Public Access Catalogue) and students seem to like using them. So far we are only using the OPAC's and cataloguing module in the main library. However circulation will be tested in the CML Library starting in November, as that entire collection is in the MultiLis system.

This past spring we were involved in a college wide survey of services. A rather lengthy questionnaire focusing on the availability of services, the quality of services, use of services, physical resources, administrative processes, and other, was distributed to students, faculty, support staff, and administration. Library and Media Services was commended for providing good service, but respondents felt that our physical space was inadequate and that we should have more and newer resources. (We agree!!)

There was a small organizational change this summer which affected Library and Media Services. We moved from the Student and College Services group and now report to the Vice President of Instruction.

Keyano has put a great deal of effort into preparing the institutional development plan required by Advanced Education. As part of the planning process a number of community groups and businesses presented briefs to the Board of Governors last January. Internal hearings were held in March for the college, and people were invited to make a submission, either as an individual, or on behalf of a department or a group. The response to these hearings was excellent! In addition, students and staff completed a questionnaire on where they thought the college should be in the year 2000. A draft document is now being circulated within the college for feedback prior to being presented to the Board and forwarded to Advanced Education.

In addition to completing questionnaires and planning, we've been busy with the usual activities we all do - lots of library instruction, reference, a/v equipment distribution, budgeting, etc..

Hope Santa is good to everyone - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Marylea Jarvis