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DEAR AACL NEWSLETTER Readers

True to prediction, our name has changed and to celebrate that fact, we have a new masthead.

Despite the problems your editor created for herself by requesting contributions no later than September 28 when the letter only arrived on the September 29, I have sufficient contributions to publish the Fall newsletter.

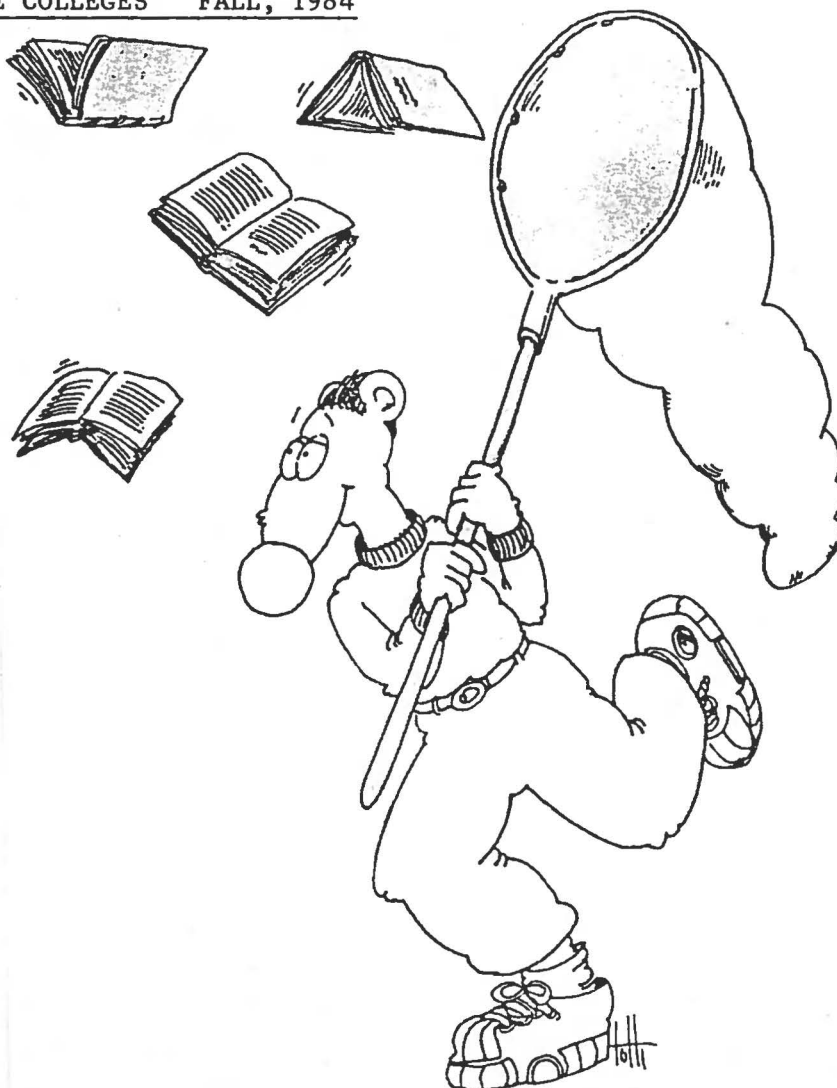
I have enjoyed editing this newsletter for AACL but now would like to invite other interested parties to take up the challenge. A good plan for transition would be to have the new editor work with me on the Spring edition. Please let me know directly, or raise the issue at the Fall meeting. Thank you for your help.

Speaking of the Fall meeting, mark November 16 at Mount Royal College on your calendar. We will be convening at 9:30 a.m. with lunch that day supplied courtesy of Mount Royal College. See you there!

Kathy Lea

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Editor

REPORTS FROM THE COLLEGES FALL, 1984



From: Quill and Quire, December 1982, p. 1.

LAKELAND COLLEGE, RESOURCE CENTRE

There have been a number of personnel changes over the summer months. Diane Rhyason was appointed Director of Student Services in June. Heather Gordon was promoted to Librarian and Wanjiku Kaai has accepted the position of Reference Librarian.

Currently, we are in the process of conducting Library orientation seminars for first year students on both the Lloydminster and Vermilion campuses. Random classes will be pre- and post-tested in our efforts to evaluate our bibliographic instruction. The results of the evaluation will be published in the faculty newsletter to increase faculty awareness and support for such instruction.

In July and August, the library in Lloydminster was re-located to accommodate the discards received from the University of Alberta. The discards are a welcome support for such instruction.

Plans are for the library to acquire ENVOY 100 this fall. When the College has its new telephone system installed, on-line database searching on DIALOG will be available for students and faculty. Costs will have to be charged back to the users this year.

Heather Gordon

FAIRVIEW COLLEGE, LIBRARY

"What do you do in the Library in the summer time? You must be having a relaxing time now that the students are gone!" Does that sound familiar? From the time the students left in May until their return in the fall, we had one of our busiest summers ever - putting the entire inventory into the computer. We were definitely not basking in books or sunshine. There was lots of sunshine outside but we were too busy to notice. Deadline day was September 4.

A lot of planning and coordination was necessary but with the help of three Summer Works students and the regular staff, we managed to meet that deadline. We now have a computerized circulation system up and running as well as a recently installed Security System. We hope that by introducing the two of them at the same time it will take the students a little longer to figure out what triggers the security system.

We are using the Book Trak On-Line Circulation System operating on the Apple with 2 disk drives. It is a little slow with a collection our size but it is already available with four disk drives and we plan to update this in the very near future. That should speed it up some, but we adopted this particular system because it is in the process of being converted for use with a hard disk which would speed it up considerably.

Our Security System is Checkpoint MkIII which seems to be serving our purpose well. We were able to install the 'teeny beepers' at the same time that we were adding barcode labels for the Circulation System. One thing in its favour is that A/V software and Computer disks can pass through it without damage.

This new system also adds a little spice to life in the library. More than one instructor has deliberately picked up a book and walked through it just to see what would happen. One of the Agriculture students was overheard to say "It's like walking through a pig squeeze." Other comments include: "It's just like being in an airport.", "It's about time.", and "What next?".

Other happenings around Fairview College include: Our efficient secretary, Gloria Chorney, left in June and was replaced by Agatha Fife who

is proving to be another efficient secretary. The College President, Dr. Fred Speckeen, left the end of September to take up his new post as President of AVC, Calgary. Our new President is Dr. Neil Clarke from Advanced Education in Edmonton.

Are you the classifier in your library? If so, when you sit down to read a good book for relaxation do you find yourself automatically turning to the title page? Classifiers are conscious of titles, I have discovered. Here is a title tale from Reader's Digest:

"A conference at an Episcopal cathedral was brainstorming a new name for the Diocesan newspaper. They wanted something with a serious side, befitting a church publication, yet with a light touch. One young woman's inspiration was 'Prayboy'."

THE KING'S COLLEGE

During the past summer the library was able to employ two students through the Summer Temporary Employment Program (S.T.E.P.). The projects involved the development of a Curriculum Resource Centre and preliminary work on the tedious task of integrating the two card catalogues we currently have.

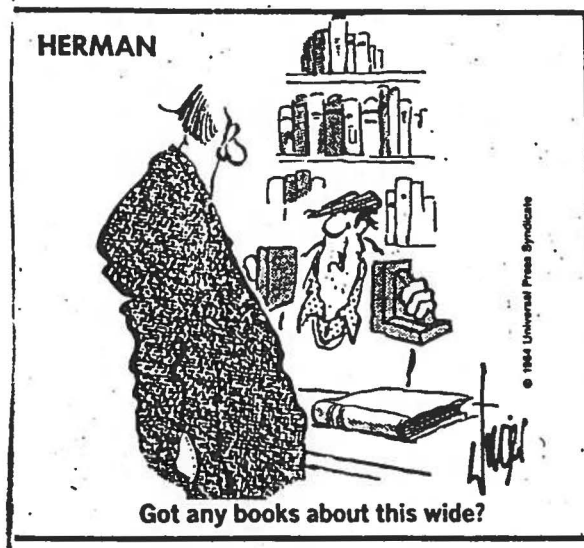
And after two years of waiting, the college is thankful to have filled the position of library technician. On September 1, Paula Mardo joined our staff. Paula received her training at Grant MacEwan Community College. She also has a BA and a Certificate of Education from Darwin College, Cambridge (England).

Because of a backlog of books, Paula's duties will include a great deal of cataloguing. She will also be working on the integration of our card catalogues.

We look forward to a very productive year in the library.

Simona Maaskant, Librarian





From: Globe and Mail, August 22, 1984.

GRANT MACEWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Joanne Kemp, Section head of the LRC, is currently on a work exchange with John Pinson of the Warrnambool Institute of Advanced Education. Joanne seems to have settled into her work very nicely and is seeing as much of Australia as she can during her stay there. John is also playing the tourist in Canada including visiting relatives in Red Deer.

The introduction of the ULISYS automation system into GMCC is continuing. The reserve book room collection at the Mill Woods campus has been put on the system. Other projects are in the planning stage and will be announced when underway.

R. G. Rowswell

KEYANO COLLEGE, LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

In early November, Keyano's LRC will be welcoming a librarian to the newly established position of 'Librarian Information/User Services' to assist in expanding reference and information services, develop bibliographic instructional programs, participate in collections development, and focus on applications of computer technology.

In addition to an accelerating pace of activity within the LRC with the start of the Fall term, members of the LRC staff were to be seen at noon hours and after work throughout the month as regular walkers, joggers,

and 'turkey trotters' in pursuit of rejuvenated physical and mental frameworks as part of a college-wide team effort to chalk up a designated mileage or 'kilometerage' to qualify for an after Thanksgiving 'turkey'. P.S. The LRC team made it!

Other staff highlights have included the appointment of Chris Chesterman, Coordinator of Media Services within the LRC to the College's Board of Governors, and the election of the LRC Director as Chairman of Academic Council.

Elsewhere in the College, construction is to commence shortly on a new Trades - Power Engineering Wing. Overall registration was up by four percent in September.

Bryan Husband, Director, LRC

NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Library, in conjunction with NAIT Computer Systems and Services Division, is currently conducting a feasibility study for increased use of automation in the Library. It is anticipated that the results of this feasibility study will be incorporated in the Library's budget submission for the 1985-86 fiscal year.

Several personnel changes have occurred. Keith Walker is now Reference and Audio Visual Librarian, Ann Shubert has been appointed Cataloguing Librarian, and Eileen Boisvert is in the recently created Processing Clerk/Public Services Float position.

Helga Kinnaird

CAMROSE LUTHERAN COLLEGE

I had my regular share of conventions, LAA in Jasper and CLA in Toronto. After CLA, I spent a week in Montreal with my daughter, sightseeing and getting a feel of the French reality in Canada.

This year the College has started teaching German and German literature. We were offered a collection for sale by a retiring professor of Germanic languages at the U of A, which we bought. The collection consists of 900 monographs and long runs of periodicals, mostly on the German language and literature. Most of the collection is still uncatalogued.

A library technician, Linda Harke, was a welcome addition to the staff in August. She is this year's graduate from Grant MacEwan.

The architect has begun on the working drawings of the new library. We will be ready to go as soon as we have the money to build. The building will be 36,168 square feet, plus a link and bridge to existing buildings 750 square feet and the cost of the total project is \$3,445,000.

We cannot expand in our present location. Automation is not a priority for us at this stage. Our priority is stack space, study space, and a good collection of books and periodicals.

Asgeir Ingibergsson

BANFF CENTRE

The last several months have been quiet for the library. This summer was the first full summer in our new facility. By all accounts the space was a success. It seems that circulation and in-library use is up about 20 percent.

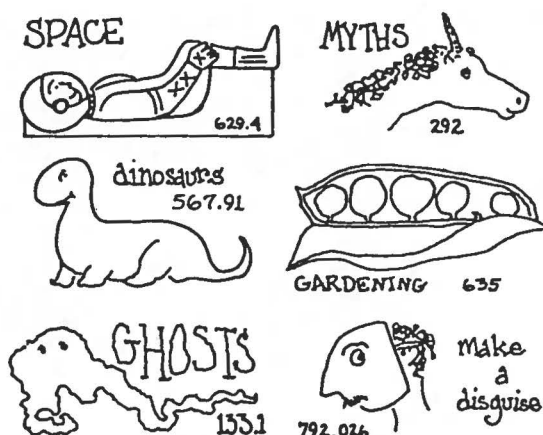
The staff has undergone quite a few changes in the past month. The library clerk, Joan Weir, has departed to Toronto to resume her art career. Joan was a three year veteran of the library staff. Chris Robertson has been appointed into the clerk position. Chris is a recent graduate of the creative writing department at the University of Victoria.

Robert Rosen, the music librarian, has accepted a promotion as the Professional Development Officer for the School of Fine Arts. Robert's new responsibilities will include assisting musicians and artists to tour, helping to plan exhibitions, guiding artists in self-promotion, setting up small businesses, and placement. Debbie Rosen is the new music librarian. Debbie has been with the library in several different capacities since 1979.

The library secretary, Teri Jakubiak, a two year veteran, has accepted a promotion as the audition tour coordinator for the School of Fine Arts. she will continue to do some contract work for the library in the archive area. No appointment to replace Teri has been made at this writing.

That's all ... best of luck with this issue.

Bob Foley



These are Jeannie Cockrum sticker designs. They come in pressure-sensitive labels, 1" x 2" in size for 75¢ each. Mentioned in: Wilson Library Bulletin, May, 1981, p. 710.

MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE

Mount Royal College established a Microcomputer Instructional Centre during the past academic year. The purposes of the Centre are to increase effective use of microcomputers among faculty and staff and to assist in the education of students. The Centre has run more than thirty workshops and will continue to offer more to meet the high demand. Microcomputers can be borrowed for a month at a time with renewal possibilities. The M.I.C. is under the administrative wing of the College Librarian, so if you have questions about micros, hardware, software, etc., tackle Elaine and she will give you the lowdown.

Speaking of microcomputers, we will shortly be acquiring one of our own in the LRC. We are currently accessing vendor data bases such as ORBIT and DIALOG through a 300 BOD Digital Decwriter II. Desirous of a much faster method of access we will soon be in receipt of an Apple IIe micro, a printer and modem through which we will access the external data bases, hopefully at 1200 BOD. We may be able to find a few other things for the micro to do.

During the summer, testing was done in the LRC to establish whether the floor was strong enough to bear stacks as a structural component of the new library. The engineer's report is in, we've seen it, but we're still not sure whether the answer is yes or no. It seems to be yes, if ... Since we are not thrilled with the current proposal for structural stacks, we will be pursuing the if ... to see if alternatives are possible. Stay tuned for further interesting developments.

Pay Taylor, Public Services Librarian

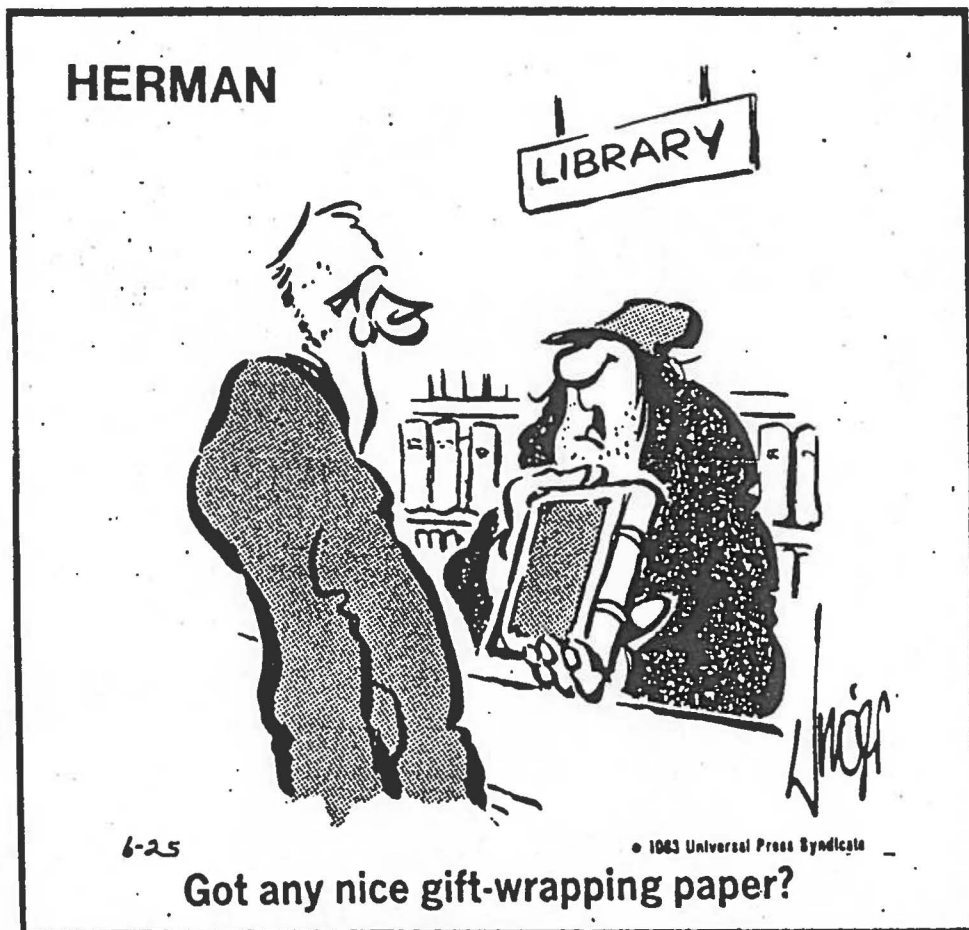
FOOTHILLS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Momentous things have happened since last we met. The college has moved to a new facility, leasing one of the schools closed by the Calgary Public School Board this summer. Newer classrooms, a gym, and a much finer library location are just some of the benefits.

The new library is centrally located in the college, carpeted, and boasts standard library shelving for all materials for the first time. Library use is expected to rise because of these new amenities.

It was not achieved without blood, sweat, and tears. The college moved itself in more than ten truckloads. The library was packed in cartons, moved down some stairs and to the new building. Since this occurred in August, there was a tremendous investment in "Big Gulps." The new shelving arrived after classes had already started. This has meant that the library has been offering only skeletal service until now (September 28). But the future looks bright with more space, more staff (I now have an assistant), and maybe some day, even money (?).

Ray Doerksen,
Director of Library Services



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AVC, LAC LA BICHE - LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

I greet you midst the clamor of our new shelving. It has arrived and is being installed. Happy days!

I have been at AVC Lac La Biche for a year now, having started last October. A lot has happened, and I have had a busy and interesting time.

During the month of August, we (AV technician, Dave Winger; Clerk-typist, Janice Tichonuk; myself) packed our bags, plus many, many boxes of books, films, videotapes ... and moved over to the new Learning Resource Centre. Packing, moving, and unpacking took us about a month - and we had a little help from our friends (Hey, anyone out there need to move their library?). We are now located on the lower floor, Block B, of the new AVC campus.

Some of you may have visited the old AVC campus - a conglomeration of trailer units linked together to provide classrooms, hallways, offices. Many at AVC - both staff and students - are already wistfully remembering the old place! It will be missed - but this one year veteran resists such sentimentality in favor of the wide open space of our new LRC!

The plant man has just left - all librarians should receive such a visitor. Decisions were made on appropriate places for greenery. I modestly suggested a few plants. He kindly considered, checking his brochure on available plants. He shrugs, and I retreat, happy to leave the choice up to him. The main thing is - greenery!

Plans are underway to computer automate our circulation system. We will be utilizing the computer program, 'Circulation Plus', which is produced by the Library Software Company. I hope that, with a PEP assistant, we can complete our conversion over the winter months. The first step!

I hope to attend the fall meeting, and to meet with some of you and share experiences. In the meantime, the shelving crew is waving an end panel treacherously close to our aquarium. Catch you later!

Colleen Swift, Librarian

SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - LRC

A revamped liaison system has resulted in increased instructor interest in LRC collection development. The Technical Services Department has just completed a very busy year, with demand for collection development in 1983/84 up 100% over the previous year, and prospects are good for similar successes in 1984/85.

Our online cataloguing systems are in the final testing stages, with retrospective conversion scheduled to start in mid-November. Major modifications to the acquisitions system are now being designed. Initial systems design will begin early in 1985 for the LRC's online public access component. No date has yet been scheduled for the official card catalogue burning.

The entire library contributed to our first full inventory of several years in June and July. Loss rates were only 3.2% overall, remarkable in view of the long time lapse.

One major staff change is of note: Jim Armstrong has departed for the Calgary Public Library. May Chan, former cataloguing librarian at the University of Calgary Medical Library, has been appointed as the new LRC Cataloguing Librarian.

LRC Circulation staff contributed many hours to the recent student registration process. New cards issued this year are a great improvement and working well.

Use of the 2nd edition of the Library Skills Workbook is well underway thanks to the excellent cooperation of English instructors. This was a large, complicated printing job handled perfectly and on time by Graphic Services.

The LRC has been working with University Microfilms staff from Ann Arbor, Michigan who are planning a 'model library' project for our Serials Department. This includes space planning and a large equipment donation - if all goes well by summer '85 when Calgary hosts the annual conference of the Canadian Library Association. (Many LRC staff members will be involved in conference planning, etc., Christine Sammon coordinating volunteers.)

SAIT II carpentry instructors met with LRC staff for a library orientation/discussions in June. Mutual concerns were shared and useful contacts made. One of the LRC display cases has been moved to SAIT II as a result and will be changed monthly by LRC staff.

In the past year, demand for Information Services increased 62%, online searches (for SAIT instructors, managers and students) increased 52% and interlibrary loan transactions increased 54%.

Online search staff are now able to offer some full text data bases, ie., not only citations but full articles may be obtained online. The list of such data bases are limited at present but is expected to grow. Please contact Joe Hill at 284-8432 for more details

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 13 - 18, 1985

The CLA Conference Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to work primarily during the week of the conference next year. You do not have to be a CLA member to volunteer!

If you or your friends would like to participate, please fill out the following form and mail it to:

Christine E. Sammon
Alberta College of Art Branch, LRC
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
1301 - 16 Avenue NW
Calgary, AB
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VOLUNTEER FORM

NAME: _____ LIBRARY: _____

TELEPHONE #s: _____ (B) ADDRESS: _____
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I AM INTERESTED IN: _____ WORKING DAYS ONLY
_____ EVENINGS ONLY
_____ OTHER (WORK BEFORE CONFERENCE...)

Special skills I have to offer are (typing, language skills [bi-lingual],
have worked at a conference in a similar capacity before ...) _____

LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BUCHANAN RESOURCE CENTRE

Construction started in May on a major expansion to be our new central core. It is exciting for the library because plans call for a new library within that expansion. I can see my new office taking shape outside the window, progressing from a hole in the ground, to a concrete slab, to a defined perimeter with walls. In between now and the glory of more space is lots of planning, two moves (one in April, probably to the gym so they can join the old building to the new one, and then the final move in August into the new library), and equipment purchases.

The Library is also involved in College Centennial plans. Library staff are helping select a suitable sculpture for the new core, working with the publicity committee, and assisting with the centennial float.

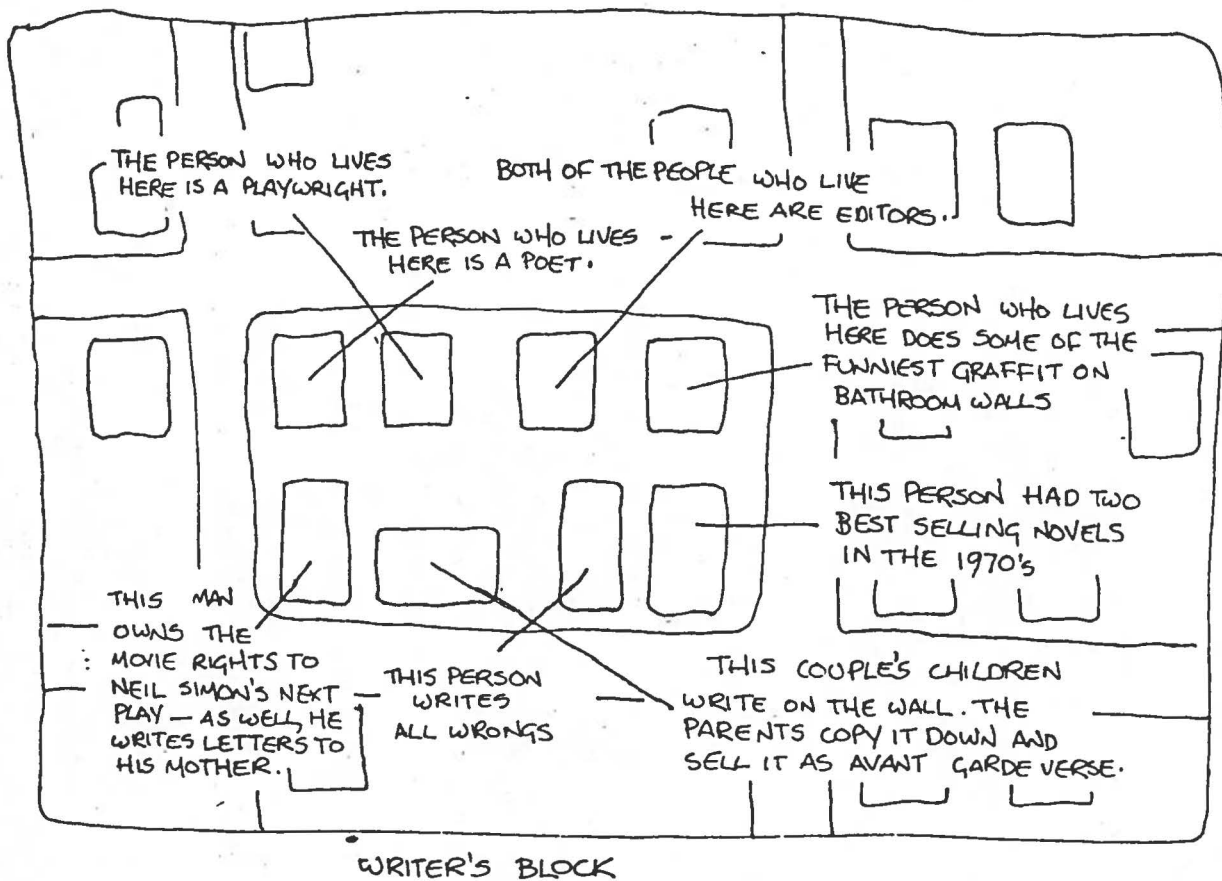
College enrollment is up 21 percent over last year at this time. To help us with the extra workload we have additional reference help from a library technician, Linda Lupak, three hours a day, Monday through Friday. We also have extra hourly clerical help in Technical Services and part-time cataloguing assistance. The A/V Delivery position left the Library's supervision and is now under the Audio Visual Coordinator. The Library no longer delivers equipment. Students working for the A/V Coordinator do that function.

In the way of professional development, our Library was represented at the Spring AACL meeting by one of our support staff. We found this to be a productive experience for the person involved and our Library as a whole. We were also represented at the Jasper LAA conference, CLA, PNLA and the recent CLA seminar in Calgary. K. Lea was invited to be part of the ALA Accrediting Team for the U.B.C. Library School this Fall. We hope to again have a support staff member at either the Fall or Spring meeting this year as well as Barbara Marshalsay and myself.

We now have a VT100 terminal at the circulation desk connected to the College VAX. We can use word processing and data management software to help us produce automated products the College needs. For example, we now have updateable lists of all the maps we have, plus an automated list of all Canadian college calendars on microfiche. Then our cataloguer has developed a system for keeping track of where books on order are in the system (such as on order, being received, being catalogued, being processed, etc.). We also can tell faculty on-line what computer software is owned by the College, who has it and when it is due back. This has taken quite a bit of negotiation since most of the software is not property of the Library, but rather owned by the divisions departmentally. Other new services this Fall are that one of the multiform parts of the book order is now filed by author in the author-title card catalogue, and a dark blue card for every audio visual software item ordered is filed by title also in the author-title catalogue. These two new services should prevent duplicate orders; alert all interested, not just the person who ordered, to the item's existence; and give the person ordering another way to discern if an item has been ordered besides the photocopied order slip

sent back to them. We also have a new list by broad discipline of the periodicals for those subject areas, and work is almost complete on a new serials list and student KARDEX as well as a new a/v catalogue.

Our budget for books, periodicals and a/v software is up this year over last, which is very encouraging. We are awaiting with great interest Olga's survey results about how other college libraries are dealing with budget plans for next year.



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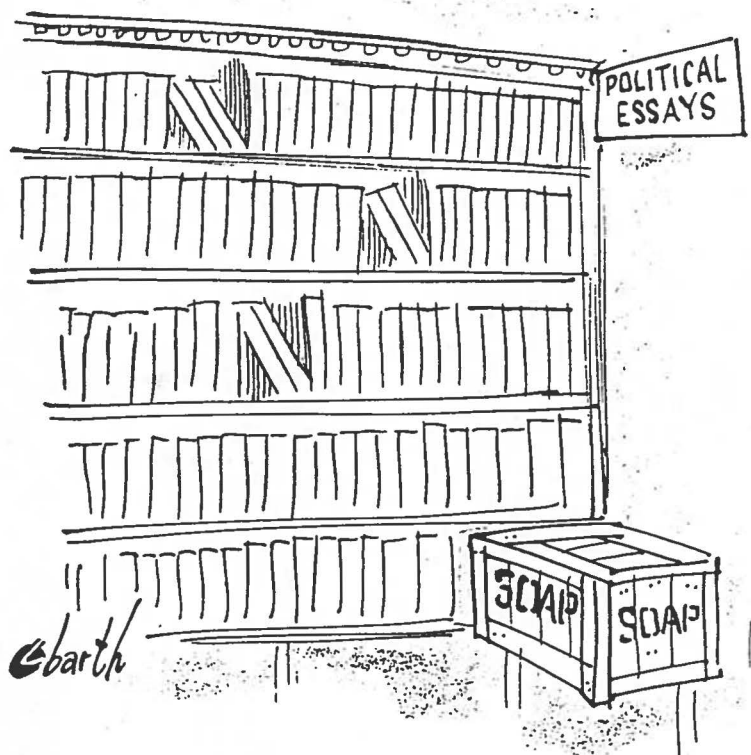
F A L L M E E T I N G

WHEN: Friday, November 16, 1984 at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Mount Royal College

Lunch will be provided courtesy of Mount Royal College.

A detailed agenda will be distributed shortly. For any additions to the agenda, please call RON PETERS at (403) 284-8647 (ENVOY 100, RF.PETERS).



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GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

We are still holding our heads above water, but are very busy just now setting up a branch LRC on our Industrial campus.

We employed five students on Summer Canada Works Project and catalogued all of our individual slides on the VAX by artist, title and subject. They are classified according to a self-indexing system which we copied and/or adopted from the University of Georgia.

We also produced a computer printout of our sound recordings and phonotapes but did not have time to do a subject classification.

Our retrospective collection is fully coded for conversion into UTLAS as funding becomes available. We hope to have all converted by Sept. 25.

We also participated in a campus committee for copyright policies and procedures. A copy of the document is available to anyone interested.

Olga Anderson

AVC GROUARD - LRC

Are we doing something wrong? Our September circulation is down from that of last year - by three times. We are consoling ourselves with the thought that our students may be leading the country in returning to the work force. We also hear that some have gone on to other academic challenges at G.P.R.C., N.A.I.T., and the U. of A., which will undoubtedly explain any increase in circulation at those locations. Nevertheless, our school is still operating at capacity and we are looking forward to the day, perhaps 15 months off, when our Centre expands into the former Northlands school building. On that happy day we hope to double the LRC floor area.

Our major project this past summer was a complete inventory which revealed a loss rate of .36%. Perhaps we do not have anything worth stealing.

In our last note we mentioned that Debbie Errington would be our new film clerk. Unfortunately, Debbie Errington decided she did not like library work(?) and left. In her place we obtained the services of Debbie MacDonald who joins our longtime clerk, Debbie Mastervick, in keeping things running smoothly. Confused?

Bob Bruce

RED DEER COLLEGE - LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE

LRC + LAC = DER (Translation: This past August our Learning Resources Centre joined with Red Deer College's Learning Assistance Centre to become the Division of Educational Resources.) Prior to this change, both the LRC and the LAC reported to the Director of Student Services. This new academic division, under the chairmanship of Joanne Bucklee, reports directly to the Academic Dean. Eventually, the new division will include the departments of Instructional Design and Educational Technology.

In anticipation of these future additions, the division, or rather, Joanne, has been given the responsibility for coordinating teleconferencing courses for the College. So far, knock-on satellite dish, all is running smoothly.

Naturally, the beginning of the academic year has been rather hectic. The librarians are up to here with library orientations (if they do not know where the card catalogue is by now - tough luck) and the LAC made presentations to and/or oriented about 1/3 of the student body in the first two weeks of classes.

Paul Boulton
Technical Services Librarian

CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE - LIBRARY

Our Summer activity was punctuated by two significant happenings. The first event was the official opening and dedication of the Logan Curriculum Centre within the Library building. Since 1980, we have been developing a curriculum resource collection to support our campus teacher training program, and in this we have received significant financial assistance from two retired educators, Doctors Virgil and Lillian Logan, now living in Brandon, Manitoba. The Logans have also donated most of their personal collections, which emphasized their interests in elementary language education and in speech.

During an Alumni Homecoming weekend in June, the Logan Curriculum Centre was dedicated and a brass plaque unveiled. The collection at this stage consists of a little more than 2000 items, including various audio-visual resources. There are also collections of posters, testing materials, and microcomputer software.

The second event this summer was our acquisition of an IBM PC-XT microcomputer to handle most of our acquisitions and cataloguing. The software is the new "Bib-Base" program developed by Bob Kepple of Small Library Computing Inc. in Pennsylvania. The program accepts entries at the request stage, and from that point handles order selection, printing of orders, budgeting, arrival and accessioning, cataloguing, production of cards and labels, and production of our monthly accession newsletter "Growth." Input of data utilizes MARC tags, and special formats such as Music Scores, Audio-Visuals, Maps, Manuscripts, and Serials are recognized and handled by the system. The program has involved a complete reorganization of our processing department, and we are enjoying the benefits and efficiency which it is bringing us. Stop by sometime and see it in operation.