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### NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

FALL MEETING (HaHa!). I hope everyone who attempted to get to, or made it to, the Red Deer fall meeting made it home safely. If you can't meet in Red Deer in May or November because of blizzards, we may never have another meeting here. The sessions that were held were informative, and our thanks to those who participated in the planning and who put together presentations. From AACL these were : Carol Sinanan (Mt. Royal), Harriet Judge (NAIT) and Nora Robinson (AVC Calgary). As there appeared to be no urgent business, the meeting portion of the day was cancelled so people could hit the road.

### COMING SOON!!

1. A Nominations Officer will be appointed soon to conduct the nominations and election for the Chairperson, Secretary, and Director at Large. Since the meeting was not held, we will also have a postal election of two members for the audit committee.
2. By-law Review. Could everyone review the By-laws of AACL and submit proposed changes to me by March 30. Recommendations for changes will be brought to the spring meeting.

COMING LATER. It was decided by the group that attended in the fall, that the spring meeting should be in Edmonton. Any volunteers in Edmonton, please let me know.

UNION LIST OF SERIALS. Updating for 1986 has been completed. Medicine Hat is a new entry into the project. Foothills Christian College holdings have been withdrawn. As of 30 September, the ULS lists 11,709 unique titles, of which AACL holds 4776 unique titles.

AACL members on the ULS committee are : Paul Boulton, coordinator (Red Deer), Asgeir Ingibergsson (Camrose Lutheran College), Linda Robinson (Grant MacEwan), and Tom Skinner (SAIT). A new contract for 1987 will be signed soon.

Joanne Bucklee  
President

## CUSTOM DUTIES ON COMPUTER PREVIEWS

In the spring Medicine Hat College LRC was required to pay a \$753 duty on a preview of computer software discs from an American Company in Kansas. As this was a preview, not a rental nor a purchase, MHC is now waiting to receive a refund of this charge.

According to the Canada Customs department in Edmonton, this is legitimate following the Order in Council, PC 1985-277. All materials which are accepted by libraries are considered by customs to have been purchased. If they are subsequently returned, as in the case of previews, duties paid can then be reclaimed by filing for a refund (or 'remission').

The alternatives are to use a "temporary permit basis" form which still requires paying a tariff deposit and filing for a refund or to have the distributor break down the invoice by the price of the actual item vs. price of the information contained. In other words, the invoice should list the price of an empty, or unused, piece of media.

The process for claiming refunds is time consuming and has resulted in MHC having to pay the duty out of last year's budget while the refund will appear this year.

If this all sounds confusing, it was even more so to just find this much out. Canada Customs has a toll free number for the Edmonton office: 1-800-472-9719. Contact their office if you run into this same problem. Further information is also available in the Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 119, No. 4 "Computer Carrier Media Remission Order".

## NEWSLETTER FOR SINGLE-STAFF LIBRARIES

Opal Resources Limited of New York announces publication of THE ONE-PERSON LIBRARY, subtitled "A Newsletter for Librarians and Management". It is an eight-page monthly publication created specifically for the librarian who works alone.

Regular features of the newsletter include interviews with librarians and their managers; book reviews of reference and information science titles of interest to librarians working alone; and a time management column. As one-person librarians are often unable to take the time to attend conferences, the newsletter also provides detailed coverage of selected meetings and conference on subjects of special concern to them.

An introductory subscription of \$40 Canadian is available from the publishers : OPL Resources Ltd., Dept PRL, P.O. Box 948, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

## CENTRAL ALBERTA BIBLIOGRAPHY

Red Deer College Press has recently published A Central Alberta Bibliography edited by our own Paul Boulton. The book lists all items by Central Alberta authors, or about Central Alberta that could be identified. The area covered is from Edmonton to Calgary (excluding the cities themselves) and from border to border. Every Alberta Library should have a copy! It's \$5.00 from Red Deer College Press, P.O. Box 5005, Red Deer, Alberta. T4N 5H5.

### GRANT MacEWAN ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN INTERLIBRARY LOAN

The Interlibrary Loan Service of GMCC has been relocated at the Cromdale Campus. Please forward all requests on standard interlibrary loan forms to the following address :

Bev Lidster  
Grant MacEwan Community College  
Cromdale Campus  
8020 - 118 Ave.,  
Edmonton. AB T5B 0R8

Requests may also be transmitted by ENVOY message system. The ENVOY access code is ILL.AEGMMW.

As of November 1, the college will be charging the following rates for interlibrary loan services :

Journal Articles	\$3.00 per photocopied transaction up to ten pages and .15¢ per page after that.
Books	No charge
Audio Visual Materials	No charge

An invoice will be included with each requested article.

Requests to borrow Grant MacEwan Community College 16mm films should be forwarded to :

Carol Gardner  
Grant MacEwan Community College  
Film Department - Millwoods Campus  
7319 - 29 Ave.,  
Edmonton, AB. T6K 2P1

Phone no. 462-5527

### LIBRARY NETWORK DISCOUNTS WITH DIALOG

Some users of DIALOG may not be aware of substantial connect-hour discounts available through subscription and commitment agreements.

A new flyer from DIALOG describes the levels of connect-hour discounts that are available with an annual subscription or a commitment to use a certain level of connect-hour usage per year. Discounts ranging from \$4 to \$15 per hour are available through subscription agreements. A popular file, such as ERIC, can be searched at half the standard connect-hour cost, under this arrangement. And the \$25-per password annual service fee is not incurred under a subscription or commitment agreement.

Libraries whose level of connect-hour use is below the threshold to benefit from DIALOG contracts may still benefit from discount alternatives available from library networks. Enquiries to : DIALOG Marketing, 3460 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94304.



## Grant MacEwan Community College

'DOWNTOWN BOUND': GMCC has just added a new campus in the downtown area and has reshuffled some of the programs at the other campuses.

The Communications Division that was at the Cromdale Campus was dissolved and its programs were split amongst the other three campuses. The Community Education Division took over the Cromdale Campus. The Business Division moved from the Jasper Place Campus to the new Seventh Street Plaza North Campus.

In addition two new services (which are described below) were added to the LRC.

Thus the spring and summer were spent looking at blueprints, setting up purchase requisitions, packing, unpacking, waiting for things to arrive, moving things that had arrived, and other small things guaranteed to test the variant systems. About 1/2 of the staff, collection, and furniture seemed to have been moved.

Among the 'things' that happened were that the cafeteria on the floor above insists on washings its dishes which causes 'rain drops' to fall on the Seventh Street security system. Not to be outdone the Jasper Place campus roof above the Apple and IBM computers decided to leak whenever it rained. I will not even mention the fact that the fire marshall insisted that there be an additional fire escape on the building forcing an additional external corridor right down the middle of the Seventh Street LRC. Minor things like that aside, it was a good move as offices were renovated and new furniture and equipment arrived.

NEW SERVICES: The LRC's at JP and at SS, have recently expanded their services to include the Learning Skills Centre and the Learner Centre.

The Skills Centre (formerly called the Student Study Skills Centre) helps students with remedial learning in writing, reading, and math and with computer managed learning.

The Learner Centres will deal with independent study and computer managed learning and will have both Apples and IBM's as stand-alone micro-computers, tutorial centres, teleconferencing and telecommunications facilities and the LRC's audio-visual equipment. The emphasis will be to accommodate the College's self-study and distance education. As the LRC will be supervising the taking of CML exams in addition to the above, additional staff was hired.

NEW STAFF: Sylvia Flood has been hired as the Mill Woods Campus librarian as Joanne Kemp moved to the new Seventh Street Campus. Joanne will be assuming the Section Head duties for the LRC. Bev Lidster is the new library technician for the Cromdale Campus as Karen Hoskins moved to the new campus. Ron Rowsell also moved to the new campus which now houses the College VAX cluster. Anne Lavoy is the new library technician for Jasper Place.





We returned from our respective summer vacations to welcome two new staff members. Wanda Philipow has joined us as Circulation Clerk and Wilma Macfarlane is the new Supervisor of Technical Services. Part of their 'orientation' over the summer months included shifting the entire collection as we squeezed in some extra shelves.

Our new president, Gerry Raymond, was also busy over the summer creating the Plan for Renewal which he introduced in September. In this Plan the Learning Resource Centre became two divisions - Library Services, headed by Marylea Jarvis, and Media Services with Chris Chesterman as Coordinator. We said farewell and good luck to our former director, Bryan Husband, as he assumed the newly established role of Director of Planning and Research.

In addition to all these changes College enrollment was up and we in the Library were kept busy with ever increasing circulation and library instruction. We're also planning to fill the last possible spaces with more shelves and to acquire mobile shelving for the video and art print collections.

The Library and L.A.C. collaborated on a workshop in October and hope to do more in the future. No doubt the workshops in Red Deer will provide us with some ideas.

-- Marylea Jarvis



The Banff Centre

The machines have been coming to visit ever so gently. ENVOY service has been pending for some time at the Centre. Finally it has arrived in the disguise of our mainframe computer system. Our new ENVOY address is LIBRARY.BNFCNTR. We like it. We hope you will too. Please call.

We have enlisted the mainframe in the war against overdue books this summer. We now put our overdue notices on the guest messaging system of the Centre. When students pay for meals, or check in at the control desk of the pool, the computer screen reminds them that their materials are overdue. It has been very successful. Fine revenues have been cut in half.

We have had a few staff changes. Kathleen Sacht, who arranges interlibrary loans with many of you, will be taking maternity leave in January. In September, Ariane Jones returned to theology studies at McGill. Amy Maggaicomo and Viola Rochefort have recently joined the staff.

-- Bob Foley



There is not much new to report. Our biggest change since the spring newsletter has been the departure of Joyce Jones, our cataloguing technician, and the frantic arrival in early September of her replacement - me. Allow me to introduce myself : my name is Carol Fowler. I graduated from the library technician program at Grant MacEwan Community College in 1984, completing a total of five years of post-secondary education.

Prior to her departure, Joyce undertook the recataloguing of our computer materials and software with the new Dewey 004-006 schedule. The task was formidable, but was completed by the time she left the college.

As a result of the library survey done last spring, more study space was made available to students by removing the computers and typewriters from the library and placing them in a lab off the Atrium. Due to the removal, the library is quieter; so quiet in fact, you can hear the snow hitting the roof.

Telebook and BATA SYSTEMS, our new ordering system and electronic mail service are now operational and have been an asset to both the library and the bookstore.

Not looking forward to winter at all! See you after the spring thaw.

-- Carol Fowler



#### CONCORDIA COLLEGE

I was one of those who did not go to EXPO. I spent the summer completing my MLS and I now feel as good as, if not better than, if I had gone to Vancouver. I also saved all that money.

As most of you are aware, Concordia purchased a complete library collection last summer. The collection is housed in two closed-stack storage trailers on campus and has now been checked for duplication. We found that of the approximately 30,000 volumes purchased, approximately 4,000 have been found to be duplicates. MARCIVE of San Antonio, Texas, will supply us with all the hard copy cataloguing products for the recon project at .65 cents per record and at no extra cost will create a data base which we will be able to purchase at a later date. The collection is accessible to the patron through the card catalogue in the library. There is a delivery service three times per day for the requested books.

We have been studying automated library systems and hopefully we will begin the process of automating the library functions in July of 1987.

Student enrollment is at the highest we have ever seen, and because of this, our circulation transactions have reached 30,000. Needless to say, these numbers are keeping the library staff well "worn".

-- Mircea Panciuk



## Grande Prairie Regional College

Big news from Grande Prairie! \$30.5 million for college expansion was announced by the Minister of Advanced Education, Dave Russell, on October 27, 1986. Although somewhat less than requested, the budget provided will allow programs which are currently housed off-campus to move to main campus and facilities strained to the bursting point will be expanded or relocated. The expansion is expected to comfortably accommodate 1600 students by the 1990-91 academic year. The next few months will see a review of the functional plan, preparation of final architectural concept and drawings. Construction will start by fall, 1987.

Needless to say, the LRC is one of the areas most in need of expansion. We have resorted to renting off-campus storage space for little-used material. (Question of the day: What do you find you need as soon as you have stored it? Right -- Hitherto little-used material!)

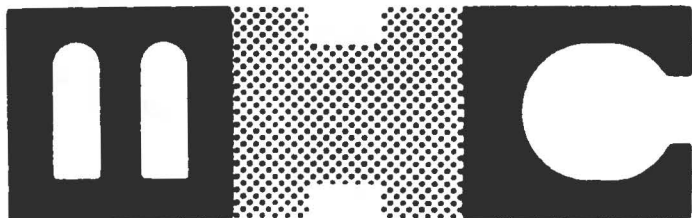
All areas of the LRC are feeling the stress and strain of increased demands for service. However, other than a few additional student hours added two years ago to cope with increased hours, our staff has not increased.

We have combined two part-time positions to create the sessional position of Circulation Supervisor. Sandra McLean, formerly Wishard, who left the periodicals position two years ago to move to B.C., has returned to supervise circulation staff, look after overdues, reserve, and film bookings. We hope to increase the position to year-round next year; also in our budget wish-list: more AV assistance, and another librarian.

In addition to the usual hectic pace of the fall semester, we have been busy preparing a recommendation for an integrated automated system which will stage in over three years, circulation, acquisition, periodicals and a public access catalogue making use of our existing UTLAS database. We sent out a Request for Proposal to a number of vendors which generated several detailed submissions. In October we participated in two demonstrations (having previously seen three others). After extensive evaluation, consultation with the College Data Centre Manager, and checking with other libraries, our recommendation to administration was to purchase CLSI. (The other top contender was the ATLAS system provided by Data Research Associates.) While there are a few more steps in the approval process, the major part seems to be done. (What the heck, now we just have to implement!) Olga's time has been totally devoured by the whole RFP process; she has done a very thorough examination of the systems under consideration. No wonder she had no time to write a news column for AACL!

Looking ahead ... (we never look back except when the people from the President's office need material for the annual report which is special this year as we mark our twentieth anniversary) ... there will be no end to the fun as we set about implementing our automated system. Next fall we can send in a report on "The summer we barcoded" -- more SEED and/or STEP applications. Plans for the "new" (i.e. renovated) LRC will take shape. Oh yes, plan to come to Grande Prairie for AACL in 1990. We'd love to have you.

Hazel Kellner,  
Public Services Librarian



## MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

Greetings from rattlesnake country! Although this is one of the more common tourist "attractions" of Medicine Hat, the only rattlesnake I've seen here is the new \$6000 mascot which walked across the stage in the middle of my presentation on library skills during orientation!

The LRC was closed for the month of July to allow us to undertake renovations. although the new carpet and fresh paint belie all the hard work that was involved in the rearrangement, we do have a video to prove to disbelievers that moving 60,000 books is a big job! The new circulation desk, realigned LC arrangement, and the organization of a quiet study area have certainly proven popular with the staff even if most of the students seem to have taken it all in stride.

The LRC also has new staff to go along with the new look. The 8 new people have certainly allowed us to get our training schedules in line! We have a new reference technician, Cindy Venhuis, who transferred from our Brooks campus. The maternity replacement for Barb Banasch, Head of Circulation, is Melinda Schneider. We have new clerks in circulation, AV, and at the Brooks library where, with the addition of a new position, we have been able to extend our hours. Some of the new openings were created by staff becoming new parents. There seems to have been an awful lot of "baby talk" in the office lately!

Some new services were also added this summer, including the addition of the Infoglobe database to our searching service and the completion of our first edition of the AV catalogue on our PC. Next summer we hope to add annotations and our record collection. We also finally joined the Union List - as Paul Boulton certainly knows!

Dave Weber attended the fall meeting WESCAN ASIS in Regina and came back enthusiastic about automation. Now we just need to send the administration to such a meeting. I attended PNLA in Vancouver where it was interesting to meet some of our American counterparts - even if one librarian asked me if Alberta was anywhere close to Toronto!

Best wishes for the upcoming Christmas.

Keith Walker  
Chief Librarian





75th Anniversary, 1911-1986

## MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE

### Expansion and Construction:

This summer was truly a moving experience. The new Arts wing was opened and, as a result, one Resource Island was moved to bright, new quarters. Another two were amalgamated into one in order to accommodate renovations. Two more wings will be ready for occupancy by April. Again, Resource Islands will be moved and recombined. Renovations to the Main Library will begin once space is freed up from other departments.

### Automated System:

Requests for proposals for a new automated system were sent to DEC Computer based companies last year. Demonstrations by SOBECO, ULISYS and Data Research Associates have been held for staff and a final recommendation will be made by November 28, 1986. Details concerning progress can be obtained from Pat Taylor.

### Services to Off-Campus Students:

A statement of principle has been drafted concerning what services we hope to be able to provide for our students. Now all we have to do is write procedures and find the money to implement them!

Yuen-Ching Fu received an instructional development grant last year to prepare a videotape designed to teach basic library research skills to off-campus nursing students. The videotape is almost complete and inquiries can be directed to Ching.

### Library Instruction:

Carol Sinanan and Margot Millard prepared and distributed a faculty survey concerning student needs for library instruction. A preliminary analysis has been done; in-depth analysis should be completed by April.

-- Elaine Boychuk





## LAKELAND COLLEGE - VERMILION

In September I returned from a six month exchange with the Dookie College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Victoria, Australia. Am I glad to be back? - not since it started snowing I'm not. Seriously, I had a very enjoyable time. I certainly enjoyed the climate, the Aussie lifestyle (laid-back doesn't begin to describe it) and the slang, fair dinkum. The library that I worked in for six months was interesting. It was open virtually 24 hours a day. Circulation was unsupervised, based on a self-serve honour system (it didn't work). Interlibrary loans, because of copyright regulations, were not encouraged. The book collection was poor because acquisition funds are low and books are very expensive. The journal collection was quite good, supplemented by CAB abstracts.

While in Australia, I visited a number of libraries including : Deakin University; University of Melbourne; RMIT; Badham Library; the National Library; Riverina Murray Institute; and the State Libraries in Victoria and Tasmania. I conducted a survey of 26 institutions known for providing library services for distance education. As of yet, I still have to compile the results but this will be a good summer project.

Besides the work, I travelled throughout Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii, but I missed EXPO.

Back at Lakeland College, we are still going over plans with the architects for our new library for the Vermilion campus, completion date spring or fall 1988. Last month the government announced that funding would be available to construct a new building including a library for the Lloydminster campus. The tentative date for completion is January 1989. Resource Centre personnel have been busy this summer. Inventories were completed for each regional library. An IBM-PC was used to produce corporate author, title and subject cards for the federal document collection. The Resource Centre lent technical assistance to the establishment of the Learning Assistance Centre and the Business Resource Training Centre.

Wanjiku Kaai, Public Services Librarian, attended the national conference of the ACRL this past spring. Her report is elsewhere in this newsletter.

== Heather Gordon

## ALBERTA VOCATIONAL CENTRE, CALGARY

Library-Media Services at AVC, Calgary, is busier than ever this year. Our reference, circulation and student registration statistics are up by 25% for the first third of the year (July to October). In October alone, the statistics were up by over 40% from October, 1985. This means we're very busy with public services and falling behind with technical services!

We have received extra staff this winter : 2 PEP employees started work as library technicians at the beginning of November. Grant Janzen will be redoing our media catalogue (which is hopelessly out-of-date) and Christine McAstocker will be helping "eliminate" our backlog of cataloguing. She will be updating our card catalogue by removing cards for the 2000 volumes we weeded out this summer. Christine will also be updating our periodical files and we will then be able to update our Union List of Serials contributions.

-- Nora Robinson



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

In May of this year, Fr. John Janisse left the employ of the library in order to move to Vancouver. He is now in hospital ministry.

Ms. June Plach joined the staff as our only full-time library technician. Mr. Michael Collins (a student) has been engaged to hold the fort in the evenings and on Sunday when the library is open. Hours have been changed so that there is someone on duty at all times rather than relying on the "Honor system" as we have been doing in the past. Mrs. Maggie Flaman continues to work part-time on a permanent basis which keeps the total staff composition at four still.

The stairwell which Fr. Janisse mentioned in the Fall 1985 Newsletter has been built and at present services three floors : the classroom wing, the mezzanine and ground floor of the library. A crash-bar alarm system is in the works to be put on the classroom wing door in order to cut off access to the library. When this is done, there will be only one way in and out rather than two and hopefully this will be a bonus for security.

All current periodicals which used to be displayed in the Student Lounge and the Basilian Community Room were moved down to the mezzanine this summer, also in an effort to beef up security and better enable staff to preserve the materials. One bank of sloping shelves was erected to display some of the lighter reading whereas the bulk of the periodicals are filed directly on the shelves.

The library space is getting progressively more cramped and talk is starting about expansion by 1988. None of us in the library are holding our breath in the meantime though. If worse comes to worse, study space will have to be sacrificed in order to erect more shelves.

-- Paula Sheedy



CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE

This past summer has been a season of gifts. In May we took delivery of a collection of 725 recently published books in a wide variety of subject fields, including some expensive reference works, from an international organization, ADRA, based in Washington, D.C. Virtually all of these books had imprints of 1980 or later.

Then in August we were privileged to receive a gift of more than 700 volumes from the combined libraries of Dr. Thomas Little and his wife Helen, of Loma Linda, California. In the course of a fort-seven career in higher education, Dr. Tom Little taught English and American literature at three Adventist colleges in the United States. His wife also followed a career in teaching literature, and during nearly fifty years of married life the two scholars accumulated a substantial library books on a wide range of subjects. Early checking against our card catalogue indicates that perhaps two-thirds of the Littles books will be useful additions to our library.

To top it off, we have a considerably increased book budget this year. Needless to say, our technical services department is busy, busy, busy!



## RED DEER COLLEGE

Thank goodness the rainy season is past! We re-located the Reference area this summer -- right under a chronic leak in the ceiling! Still, we're very proud of our spiffy new custom-built reference desk.

A PEP student spent the summer with us helping to develop six new CBE self-instructional modules for use in library orientation. They have been used both in formal instruction and as Reference desk handouts, and seem to be effective.

Newest and most exciting development at the college has been the opening of our fabulous new Arts Centre. A three-week opening festival marked the occasion, with resident LRC thespians Paul Boulton and Mary Lou Armstrong involved in community and college presentations. The Centre features a beautiful theatre, rehearsal and workshop space, individual practice areas for music students, and classrooms. Be sure to see it when you visit Red Deer.



## ALBERTA COLLEGE OF ART

The major economic downturn in our province's resource industry and the corresponding reduction in government funding has hit us all hard I'm sure.

Here at the Alberta College of Art we had anticipated government funding for a new library facility. Our present area of 1538 sq. ft. serves 700 students and 60 faculty members, and has been totally inadequate for many years now. In spite of the space restrictions we are heavily used -- our circulation statistics attest to a 13% increase in usage this year.

The summer saw us travelling and working. We worked with the office secretaries to produce our card sets on a word processor. And we travelled two continents: Betty Englander, our Library Assistant spent four weeks in Europe, and I travelled Canada from "sea to shining sea" (CLA in Quebec City and EXPO in Vancouver).

We lost a long-time Library Clerk, Mary Pat Gibson, but gained a qualified Library Technician, Ingrid Kuzma, from Saskatoon.

Fall saw us on our toes as the College celebrated its 60th Anniversary. All this activity meant a great deal of extra work for the college archives. I spent quite a bit of time working with our photographers on historic slide presentations and on a project to photograph all present members of faculty and staff. During the alumni celebrations most of my time was spent soliciting items of historical value at the various social events.

That's all for now. Good luck to everyone in the upcoming lean year.

-- Christine Sammon





LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BUCHANAN RESOURCE CENTRE

We are really excited about the new Entrepreneurial Centre going in at our Deveta Place campus. The Centre will provide training for individuals who want to be self-employed. Students will learn how to develop market, operational, and financial plans for a viable business. The library has assisted the Centre with preparations for its own library by helping with the ordering of books, spatial ideas for the library, and input on the library staff to be hired.

We have a Board of Governors Tour of the library scheduled for November 12, 1986. We were all ready May 14th to offer the Board Tour then, but the elements were against us. As you recall we had a snow storm that day, which brought everything to a grinding halt. Without electricity we had to close the library.

On October 15, 1986, the Canada Works Project team put on a special Native Workshop. The team is producing a bibliography of native cultural materials to be added to the library. We had two native elders who presented their thoughts on Native Education. There were also representatives from the Blood and Peigan education committees, the University of Lethbridge, and LCC. The Canada Works Project got started at the end of March and will conclude December 19, 1986.

Distance education remains a big issue here in southern Alberta. Over the summer there have been many meetings between the Chinook Consortium, the University of Lethbridge Library, and our own library. The result of these meetings is a large infusion of book budget money into mini-reference collections to be kept at off-campus centres. Barbara Marshalsay was one of several college librarians from Alberta able to attend a distance education conference in Reno, Nevada, this October.

We are fortunate to have several people on work experience. Jill Lyver started in September and will work until March. We have another work experience person for a week in November and a Library Technician coming for a field placement in November and December. Other staff news includes new people in the positions of Reference Assistant and Reference Librarian. In addition one of our part-time positions was made full-time.

We have ordered Bibliofile and expected delivery at the beginning of September. We have news that delivery should be very soon. The staff in Technical Services are really excited about being able to automate their functions. Along these same lines, we now have our serials list on Word 11, plus we have our audio-visual catalogue up-dated and lists computer-produced that show separately our film and video holdings. We also have new lists of our serials holdings by program area.

We have applied and been accepted as a selective depository library for federal government documents. We are already established in the routine of getting these materials now.

The library has met with many important people this Fall. In September we met with the Students Council, in October we met with student representatives from Trades, and also in October we were visited by the Minister of Advanced Education while he was at our college.

In the way of professional development activities we met with Student Services for a tour on October 31, 1986, and a get-together over lunch. The staff has also received more automation training and will attend a "Telephone Techniques" seminar. There was also a local librarians meeting at which time we were told about the continuation of the Lethbridge Herald Index up to 1918.

Two of our English instructors have borrowed some children's books from the Public Library for one semester for their students. The books are called "77 Titles" and they are mostly primary readers and picture books. Each student can take out as many as they like, but must return them in one week's time. After Christmas, if the books are still needed, the instructors will contact the Public Library and see if they can borrow the books for the next semester as well.

We are trying to set up a deposit college archives. We are asking the Printing Department, for example, to forward us one copy of each of the documents we indicate should be in the archives and that they print. Other departments that issue documents we want, have been similarly contacted. We also have up-dated our holdings list on Word 11 and developed subject access. In the summer we arranged to microfilm the student newspaper up to last spring.

There is a lot of interest from many sectors in our on-line search service. We are using CANOLE whenever we can.

We have an Action Code Station set up in the Computer Terminal Room of the library for the Electronics Department. This set-up is interactive video in a CD-ROM format on laser disks. The Action Code Station is for electronics training from basic electricity through to microprocessors and robotics. Through the Computer Terminal Room students can also access EMT courses offered on a CML terminal.



#### NAIT LIBRARY

NAIT Library has experienced some recent staff changes. Colleagues and friends of Alice Lechelt were shocked to hear of her untimely death in a traffic accident on September 13. She will be missed. Kay Mulcaster was promoted to the position of Circulation Technician and Dayna LeMay has accepted an appointment as Cataloguing Support Technician.

A new branch library was opened in November 1986 in the recently established Centre for Entrepreneurship. The Centre offers a wide variety of programs and services for entrepreneurs and small business operators. The library's collections focus on issues of interest to small business and will include 90 periodical subscriptions and approximately 1000 monographs, pamphlets and statistical publications. Two library technicians have been recruited to operate the Centre library. Jane Fournier is the branch supervisor and Judy Lynn Haupt provides evening and weekend service.

And ... introducing ResourceLine, successor to the New Acquisitions List. ResourceLine features an editorial, periodical reviews, a feature article, graphics, and a revitalized format for listings of new books and audio visual material. In addition two annotated bibliographies have been produced on Home Renovations and Job Search as part of our "Winning Titles" series.

At the spring 1986 AACL meeting Peggy White raised the issue of a union list of audio visual software. The results of the questionnaire distributed to all AACL members indicate sufficient interest to proceed with plans for a union list including 16mm films and videotapes.

The NAIT Foundation has supplied 30 Xerox Memorywriters for student use in the Media Workshop.

-- Helga Kinnaird.



#### WESTERRA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Learning Resource Centre has come a long way from the room full of uncatalogued materials, stacked periodicals, and unidentified materials which faced me a year ago. Today we have a functionable centre based on the premise that self-paced learning requires easy access to support systems, materials, tutors and the benefits of technology. As a result the centre at Westerra combines a library with its traditional functions, tutorial and computer managed learning space, and an exam area.

Access to materials is through an online catalogue using an IBM PC-XT and Ocelot, with plans for remote access. The centre now makes available regular library services, reference, class and instructor orientations, interlibrary loans, bibliographies and online searches.

In addition to organizing and providing access to materials, the year has been spent in establishing procedures, hiring and training staff and planning the best utilization of available space to allow the related areas to function smoothly.

Limited funding has meant little real development in the collection. At present there are 2,500 print items, 500 AV, 235 periodicals, plus standards, reports and pamphlets. Small reference, outreach, and reserve collections are included. While currently there is no software in the LRC, we will shortly be acquiring some. (Plans include software and equipment as components of the LRC)

In addition to the basics of getting systems going and providing access, a lot of energy has been put into promoting the services available from a library which has resulted in a gradual realization of the role the resource centre can play.

On the whole, it has been a good experience to be part of a developing institute and to try to integrate plans for the future of the centre (where flexibility and distance delivery will probably be key factors) into an emerging institute.

-- Nancy Jones, Coordinator, Learning Res.



"ENERGIES FOR TRANSITION" : A.C.R.L. CONFERENCE THEME

The Fourth National Conference of the Association of College and Research Libraries was held last April 9 - 12 in Baltimore, Maryland. Among the approximately 2000 delegates from the U.S., Canada, and several foreign countries, was Wanjiku Kaai, who is Public Services Librarian at Lakeland College. The following comments on the Conference are from Wanjiku.

The focus of the conference was to explore the theme, Energies for Transition. The conference attempted to identify ways and means of responding to trends, demands, and changes in higher education in the Eighties. Research reports, position papers and idea briefs covering all aspects of library work (management, technical services, reference, online searching, bibliographic instruction, networking telecommunications) were presented. In short, the conference was what you would call a "meeting of the minds", a golden opportunity where librarians shared practical experiences and ideas of possible research. The conference proceedings were distributed at the beginning of the conference and that served as an excellent tool for background preparation for the various informal and formal sessions that were held during the conference.

I thoroughly the conference. Just one irony -- those of us from the "Great White North" went down to Baltimore donning our spring gear while those who came up from Florida donned their winter wear. The weather in Baltimore took a turn for the worse and guess who shivered in the cold and wind?



Melanie Grace

"... off-speed questions, all day long and all at once."