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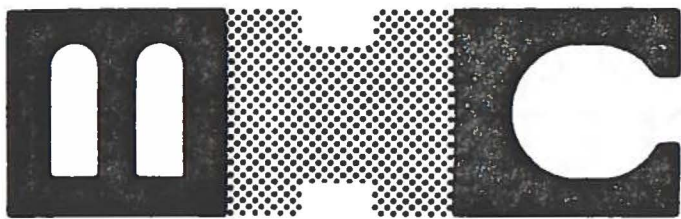
The staff remains the same in the library this year (so far, so good).

Periodicals and study space on the mezzanine have undergone rearrangements to allow for more breathing room on that floor, and we have actually managed to expand study space rather than decrease it as was earlier feared. Display space for current periodicals has also been increased as a result of the changes.

The crash-bar alarm system was installed in the library in November, 1986, thus limiting access to one door and it has proven to be a security bonus as was hoped.

Talk is now in the works to change the library access door from the ground floor up to the mezzanine but quite a bit of forethought and planning is going to have to flow openly before this brainstorm will be able to be put into effect. I'll keep you posted on developments.

-- Paula Sheedy
Librarian



MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

Has your library ever received a ransom note? In early March I was the lucky recipient of a colorful note made up of letters cut out of LRC magazines - just the kind kidnappers send! The reason for this correspondence was the mysterious disappearance on the evening before of 57 directional signs throughout the LRC. No further communication has been forthcoming, we've replaced the signs, and someone has a nicely decorated bedroom!

Despite the confusion while the signs were disappearing, the year went by relatively well..."8 new employees" was always a good excuse whenever something went wrong. To quote our notorious statistics, circulation increased by 44% in March to reach record numbers - always an encouraging, if hard to cope with, sign.

Some projects of note include signing on to OLAM for on-line search bills and to take advantage of the discounts offered by the service; involvement in the College's Writer-in-Residence Program, where an LRC-sponsored bag lunch special drew a record crowd to hear Monica Hughes speak about censorship - a good form of publicity for the LRC; and a just recently concluded film and video showcase for the business and nursing departments proved popular (or was it the chocolate donuts and the popcorn?).

We've also worked on a major weeding project, not, unfortunately, in direct anticipation of automation but any preplanning certainly won't hurt. We're also preparing to manage with an increase in AV set-ups with a new prefabricated classroom building under construction, scheduled for use in the fall.

Hope you all enjoy the summer.

Keith Walker
Chief Librarian



We're all happy to see Spring after what turned out to be a very busy year for our Library! Compared to last year, we answered more reference questions, loaned more materials and involved twice as many students in library instruction.

Keyano moved into the new multiplex in Fort Chipewyan in the fall, which meant both expanded space and programming. To support this growth, the Library received funding to establish a core collection at this campus. Resources were identified and ordered, and are now being received, catalogued and processed before sending on to Fort Chip.

Another new initiative that we are excited about is the Centre for Entrepreneurship. This is the fourth such Centre to be established in Alberta and is scheduled to open at the end of August. We are participating in this project by acquiring, cataloguing, and processing the resources for the Centre's library.

Canadian Job Strategies sponsored two students in a seventeen week Library Aide/Instructor Aide programme at Keyano. These students are not only acquiring clerical skills but are also spending time daily with us learning about the many facets of libraries. The objective is to give them some basic training so they may return to their communities more adequately equipped to find employment with Northland School Division in their local schools.

ENVOY is now a fact of life in our Library. It's being used for interlibrary loan requests (address is ILL.AFMK) and for sending orders to Coutts. Our other new ENVOY address is KEYANO.LIBRARY so please "talk" to us anytime!

This summer we are going to make one more move and add the last possible stacks to our reference and circulating collections. As in so many other libraries, lack of space is becoming a serious problem.

All of us from Library Services at Keyano wish you a safe and happy summer vacation.

Marylea Jarvis
Coordinator
Library Services
Keyano College



As a result of the relocation of the English as a Second Language (ESL) Department to larger off-site quarters, the LRC/Library opened a new "branch". It is staffed by a library technician and a clerk. We are now in the process of cataloging the new collection of approximately 5000 items.

Some progress is being made toward automating our catalog (Ocelot software received!). As a summer project, we will begin inputting our catalog records. As we proceed, the collection will also be evaluated.

Over the past school term, we have had the opportunity of accepting four work experience students from the Business Careers program as well as a student volunteer and a field placement library technician from Grant MacEwan. These placements proved to be mutually beneficial as the students were offered a variety of experiences and we were able to complete 'extra' projects.

Our library instruction/orientation sessions continued to increase in numbers and diversity. We have been fortunate in having 'great' public relations with the academic staff and appreciate being consulted and given the opportunity to try a variety of presentations - very much a 'team' approach.

-- Vickii Nicholson

AVC Lac La Biche

Our winter was very accommodating, but still, it does drag on. Praise be for spring! What news have I for you? Over the winter, we have been preoccupied with the production of a new audio-visual catalogue. Fellow Alberta Vocational Centre libraries will be sent copies when it is completed. I would also like to thank those same libraries for so faithfully sending us copies of their media catalogues.

Next in line will be a computer software catalogue. This project will hopefully be completed over the summer months.

Our summer STEP project will involve a literacy assessment of the LRC collection. While I have been contemplating this project for some time, I found the Alberta Library Conference session, 'Breaking the illiteracy barrier', very helpful.

Other projects are 'stewing', but as they have yet to be worked out, I will not be 'hasty' and mention them here. Hope everyone came through the winter alright and that your libraries are thriving. Am looking forward to seeing some of you at the spring meeting.

--Colleen Swift

NAIT Library has just experienced a record breaking year of activity. During the period July 1986 to April 1987, circulation in the Main Library increased by 17% and user assistance increased by 34%, compared to the same period the previous year. Staff were hard pressed but survived the challenge!

A "Bucks for Books" campaign was launched recently with the distribution of promotional brochures to students and staff. We anticipate that matching grants received from the Alberta Endowment and Incentive Fund for the book donations will be applied towards library automation.

The Library is now using Envoy 100 (NAIT. Lib) to obtain interlibrary loans from the University of Alberta. Previously, a NAIT staff member retrieved books from the University of Alberta twice weekly, borrowing the books through regular circulation procedures.



**Grant MacEwan
Community College**

The SUNWAPTA Record Collection consists of approximately fifteen thousand original 78, 45, and 33 rpm records from the 1920's to the 1950's. Donated by Dr. G. R. A. Rice of CFRN (Sunwapta Broadcasting), many of the records were actually from CFRN Radio's original working collection. These records are housed as a special collection at the Jasper Place Learning Resources Centre and are accessible on the ULISYS on-line public catalogue. Since the collection is an archival one, only cassette copies will be lent for a period of one week. Contact John McGrath or Pat Lloyd at 483-4415 for further information.

The Learning Skills Centres and the Learner Centres, which recently became part of the LRC, have been heavily used by the students. A common question amongst the LRC staff is 'how can I get more micro's for my learner centre?'

The on-line media catalogue is in the last stages of production. All audio-visual materials in the collection had their subject headings duplicated with the format in front, eg. a videorecording with the heading 'Canada - History' had an additional heading of 'Videorecording - Canada - History'. Thus, it will shortly be possible to answer the question of 'what videorecordings do you have on ...?'

-- Ron Rowswell



Southern Alberta
Institute of Technology

Our OPAC is up and are we enthusiastic! All the time spent worrying about teaching users has proved to be unnecessary in most cases. The morning it arrived students started using it and ignoring the cards. Refinements will come later as will total integration with Circulation, Remote access here we come!

SAIT's library is actively participating in a partnership with a nearby elementary-junior high school (Rosedale). Activities to date have included use of athletic and computer facilities, library instruction and issuing of borrower cards to the school and a very successful Student-for-a-Day whereby the entire school spent a half day touring and using our campus centre.

Our workbook is being prepared in a Computer Managed Learning (CML) version for students taking courses in that format for the fall.

We have completed a small survey of off-campus students and their instructors to see what they perceive as library needs. Tabulation and follow-up planned for the near future.

Our Audiovisual Department will be undergoing a major renovation soon with our playback facility (campus-wide service) coming to that area from another floor.

**FAIRVIEW
COLLEGE**

Once again we have to report changes on our staff. Anita Luck joined us the end of April, replacing Carol Fowler, in our classifying department. Gloria Chorney, previously in the audio visual department, has returned to the library to take care of ordering audio visuals and computer software and various other duties. After sixteen years as head librarian, Olive Lancaster has tendered her resignation and is heading for a well-deserved retirement. We will certainly miss her guiding hand. Truly, the place will not be the same without her.

Last fall, the computers that were located in the library, were moved to the C. M. L. lab. This not only helped to make the library a much quieter place to work, but eliminated endless requests for help that could not be satisfactorily handled by the "non-computer-expert" librarians.

As usual, we are looking forward to the summer and hoping to get some of our backlog caught up, with the help of summer students. By fall we will have a new computerized classification and circulation system installed and operating.

BEV PETERSON



LIBRARY

CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE

In February we added Bibliofile (The MARC data-base on CD-ROM) to our previous Bib-Base program. It came with a special program module from Small Library Computing which has several excellent features. One of these is a merge feature which allows us to locate a MARC record on the disk, then add it to our own data-base and merge it with any previously created record of our own. This enables us to preserve important budget and acquisitions information while taking complete advantage of the MARC cataloguing data.

Although we have only had Bibliofile for three months, we are already enjoying the substantial benefits in terms of time saved and improved quality of our cataloguing. As we select books or receive faculty requests for purchase, we locate the appropriate MARC record from Bibliofile and transfer it to our disk for ordering. Only minor changes are later required for the production of catalogue cards and labels.

Our original cataloguing has been further reduced this year through the use of DOBIS searching, both for inter-library loans and cataloguing of items which are not in Bibliofile.

After a record-breaking year in acquisitions and cataloguing, the summer is shaping up to be a busy time as we employ two students on STEP grants to assist with reclassification of older materials from the Dewey collection. A trip to Vancouver for the CLA Conference will help to break the monotony!

Keith Clouten
Library Director

Buchanan Learning Resource Center
Lethbridge Community College

BiblioFile arrived in November and it has been generating a lot of excitement here. Our Data Center is in the process of getting all the equipment assembled for the various functions we want BiblioFile to perform for us, such as making card sets, book cards and pockets, and spine labels as well as giving us electronic bibliographic records. At the same time we have a STEP position approved to go all summer to convert records. We hope to employ a library technician. We are in the process of considering bar code labels. We have already talked with suppliers, other libraries, etc. and a plan is formulating in our minds.

Our Canada Works native bibliography project ended in December. Since that time we have been researching which items are available for purchase and filling out order slips to start buying them.

We have two workshops planned in May for off-campus instructors who recieved a mini-reference collection from us this fall. During the workshop we will explain what items are in the collection and how they work. We will also be discussing what other services the library can provide such as recent acquisition lists, data base searches, ILL's, a library orientation videotape, tours, etc. At both the workshops (one on campus, the other at Pincher Creek) we will work from the mini collections and get participants to use the card catalogues we will have set up for them.

We have a Canadian Jobs Strategy project employee working with us until July. She has worked on pathfinders and is now at the Circulation Desk and will be moving on to Technical Services in May.

News from CTCL includes a really exciting day for college librarians planned for CLA, the striking of a subcommittee on standards, a role statement from the librarians at Vancouver Community College further to CACUL's draft policy statement on "The Role of Academic Librarians". Directory sales are slow so if you are considering buying a copy, now is the time. We need your support! Actually people who have bought the directory find it invaluable. We will have a copy for you to peruse at CTCL Day at CLA. Also, through CTCL we have been contacted by an Australian librarian interested in an exchange. News of her arrangements will be mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter and in the CTCL Spring Communiqué. CTCL needs a spokesperson at CTCL day to highlight what is happening in the Alberta College Library scene for the round table reports in the afternoon. I need a volunteer please.

Other news from LCC reported at our spring meeting in Edmonton.

See you there!

Kathy Lea



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Ms Kathy Lea
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Dear Ms Lea,

I have been directed to you concerning the possibility of organizing an exchange with a Canadian Librarian by Margaret Wilkes, Secretary to the Executive Director, Canadian Library Association.

I would like very much if you could have my work details which were forwarded to you by Ms Wilkes inserted in the Alberta Colleges Newsletters.

Please find enclosed details of my position that I currently hold at the Pirie College of Technical and Further Education and information concerning housing etc.

I would like to thank you for your assistance in this matter, and if you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Janette Burke
Janette Burke
Librarian - Port Pirie Campus

Through Principal.

SEE KATHY LEA FOR DETAILS

THEY HAVE TO CALL IT SOMETHING, or,

A ROSE IS A ROSE IS A ...

Having a subject heading in LC is a sure sign that a subject has 'made it' as part of the Anglo-American culture. Some of the 'hot topics' as covered by LC are:

- Adult children.
- Combustion, Spontaneous human.
- Diving for men.
(and as LC is all for equality)
- Diving for women.
- Drug abuse - Programmed instruction.
- Feet in the Bible.
- Impurity centers.
- Lord's Supper - Reservation.
- Low German wit and humor.
- Running races in rabbinical literature.

Of course, the 'hot topic' may not be obviously apparent and so the cross reference is needed:

- Beehives.
see Honeybee - Housing.
- Henkersmahl.
see Last meal before execution.
- Standing on one foot.
see One-leg resting position.
- Stupidity.
see Inefficiency, Intellectual.
- Thumbing the nose.
see Shangai gesture.

What would the world be without the buzz words of the 'hot topic' that you can casually slip into your next conversation.

I thank Pamela Cundy, editor of the "ULISYS Messenger", who thanks Alan Carlson, editor of the Fresno County Public Library's "Impulse", who thanks "American Libraries", who thanks LC, who thanks ...