LIST OF ATTENDEES

NAME	INSTITUTION
Susan Brayford	SAIT
Bob Bruce	Northern Lakes
James Carter	Portage
Fiona Dyer	Lethbridge
Brad Fawcett	Northwest Bible
Norene James	NorQuest
Charlene Jones	RDC
Helga Kinnard	NAIT
Sona Kothari	RDC
David Larsen	Keyano
Nicolle Lemay	Lakeland
Debbie McGugan	GMC
Alice McNair	RDC
Dan Mirau	Concordia
Carol Nicks	CUC
Mircea Panciuk	Lakeland
Helen Prosser	Northern Lakes
Yvonne Rezek	GMC
James Rout	Banff Centre
Margaret Russell	Concordia
Christine Sammon	ACAD
Linda Scott	NorQuest
Barbara Smith	Olds
Jennifer Thomas	Grande Prairie
Ross Thrasher	MRC
Keith Walker	MHC
Katherine Wiebe	RDC
Wayne Wicks	Prairie Bible

MINUTES
of the
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION
OF COLLEGE LIBRARIANS
Fall Meeting
Held at Grant MacEwan College
Thursday, November 15, 2001

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

1.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of the AACL Meeting of April 5, 2001 be approved.
MOVED: R. Thrasher
SECONDED: K. Walker
CARRIED

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved with the addition of introduction of attendees.

3.0 CHAIR'S REPORT
(Mircea Panciuk)

Mircea gave a summary of the changes in personnel at Alberta's colleges since our last meeting. He also reported that he had attended CLA in Winnipeg, including the CTCL meeting, which was well attended by Alberta college librarians. He also attended the School of Library Science, University

of Alberta Evening, hosted by Ernie Inglis at Fort Edmonton. He has received a request from ALC to host a session at next year's conference.
MOTION: That AACL give $500 to ACL for sponsorship of a session at the 2002 conference.
MOVED: B. Smith
SECONDED: A. McNair
CARRIED

Another request has been received for a donation to University of Alberta's Partners in Education, to be held January 25, 2002.
MOTION: That AACL give $150.00 to support the University of Alberta's Partners in Education.
MOVED: B. Smith
SECONDED: S. Brayford
CARRIED

As Mircea is already serving on three TAL committees, he also asked for a volunteer to represent AACL on the TAL Advocacy Committee. Helga Kinnard (NAIT) volunteered and was appointed.

4.0 Secretary/Treasurer's Report (James Carter)

A balance of $1,676.23 was reported for date of 31 October 2001. It was pointed out that The MultiLis Users Group had disbanded, and Susan Brayford, as sole signing authority, had transferred the balance of the account ($481.71) to the AACL account. A thank you letter from ALC 2001 was received for our $500 sponsorship of the session "Bibliographic Apartheid or Reconciliation".

5.0 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

5.1 Newsletter Coordinator

(Keith Walker delivered for Joyce Van Scheik)
The Fall newsletter will be published in early December. Deadline for submissions will be November 23rd. Print copies will be made available for distribution upon request.

Susan Brayford suggested that the website address for AACL be included in the newsletter bibliographical heading. There was general consensus.

5.2 CCTL Report (Keith Walker)
Keith pointed out that CTCL has good representation from across the country, with M. Young from Halifax as the new Chair. He then mentioned that nominations for the 2002 Micromedia Award should be submitted from Alberta colleges. It was decided after some discussion to put a nomination in on behalf of AACL, stressing the education value of our meetings. Keith Walker and Alice McNair were asked to submit nominations. Keith pointed out that he is on the CTCL committee to revise the 1992 standards for college libraries. The revisions will be submitted at the Halifax meeting.

5.3 Director-at-Large (Keith Walker)
Thanks were expressed to NAIT for continuing to host the AACL website. Keith would appreciate any news items for the Alberta Library Association and CCTL newsletters.

5.4 Yearly Statistics Coordinator (Susan Brayford reported for Tom Skinner)
The working group of Charlene Jones, Nicolle Lemay, Christine

Sammon, Susan Brayford, and Tom Skinner will continue to meet regarding changes to the survey form. Input measures regarding technology and electronic resources will be added.

6.0   BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 AACL: Where are we going? (Mircea Panciuk)
Mircea pointed out that there seems to be confusion in our business plan as to what AACL stands for: "Libraries" or "Librarians". Discussion pointed out that this had been discussed several times in the past and the decision had been made to stick with "Librarians".

The current business plan covers 1998 – 2001. Mircea suggested the executive review and update the business plan and bring revisions as a discussion item to the Spring 2002 meeting. Discussion focused on emphasizing connections with TAL, local initiatives and the educational aspect of our organization, and whether the workshop component is being satisfied by Netspeed.

6.2 TAL
(Lucy Pana)
Lucy wanted to know what the relationship was between AACL and TAL and wondered if Knowledge Network was a duplication of AACL functions. She pointed out that there is a blurring of lines between types of libraries, giving Alberta Online, AAQ and ILL software as examples where all types of libraries are involved. In future, digital art collections, metadata, sharing of web resources (such as pathfinders) and standards and performance measures are examples of projects

in the works. Mircea thanked Lucy for her presentation.

7.0   DATE, PLACE, AND WORKSHOPS FOR SPRING MEETING

The Spring meeting will be held in Lethbridge in conjunction with the Spring TAL meeting.

8.0   OTHER

Round table of news from colleges.

9.0   ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

BITS 'N' PIECES:

Banff Centre
- "First Chapters" book launch; a copy will come to each Alberta library

Canadian University College
- Wireless access to campus network

Concordia University College
- Statistics workshop will probably be held in January or February
- Information Literacy workshop

Grant MacEwan College
- Expansion at Mill Woods campus
- AAQ partnering with APLEN

Keyano College
- Decline in AU enrolment and has had some internal computer downtime

Lakeland College
- New website

Lethbridge Community College
- Renovations very successful; extended invitation to have AACL Spring meeting

Mount Royal College
- Renovation project completed
- 50 new computers for students
- Added 100 study seats and two small meeting rooms

NAIT
- Renovations due for completion in summer 2002

- 110 computers in new Computer Commons – will have library drop off point

NorQuest College
- Jim Martin is the new Director of the Learning Centre
- Review of all job descriptions
- Increased services to outreach programs

Northern Lakes College
- Investigating new library automation system
- Expanding programs to Athabasca

NorthWest Bible College
- 230 students, investigating NEOS

Olds College
- 10 new computers, new computer lab, and a new vice-president in charge of library.

Portage College
- New website
- New computers for students
- New reference librarian: Catherine Cheng
- New Circulation Assistant: Marnie McFarland

Prairie Bible College

- ATLA database – theological database
- Collaboration with University of Calgary continued
- Establishment of College Library Committee

Red Deer College
- Library Literacy Instruction workshop
- Building is progressing – walls are up; aim is to open in July 2002
- Partnership with Red Deer Public & Parkland Regional Library in one-card system

SAIT
- Impressive new library

MERRY - GO – ROUND

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

During the first two months of the summer break we moved the complete collection. We had anticipated that it would take most of the summer but we were able to hire an extra student who made the move his first priority. Moving the periodicals and curriculum section earlier had been relatively simple because the move was all on the basement level. Moving the entire collection involved a flight of stairs. Our ingenious student worker rigged up a slide down the back stairs, which greatly speeded up the process. We were able to get the new signage up in time for the main summer school sessions.

The library now has wireless access to the network. This means that students with a wireless card in their laptops can access all the programs available on the campus network, including the Internet, from anywhere in the library.

For the past year and a half, Carol has chaired a committee of the NEOS Library Consortium, working on a document outlining the process to start using the acquisitions module of the DRA system. On October 11, the final draft of the Acquisitions Implementation Guidelines was passed.

Carol Nicks

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Concordia welcomed visiting librarians to its TAL card inauguration ceremony on November 15. Representatives from a range of libraries were on hand, including the Edmonton Public Library, Portage College, SAIT, and Medicine Hat College. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and faculty who now have walk-in access to the resources of Alberta's libraries and we look forward to serving TAL member libraries in return.

We greatly expanded our electronic resources with our license for EBSCO's Academic Search Premier database this fall. Purchasing access has brought with it the challenge of promoting access. Charlotte Bourne, our Administrative Assistant, is completing a comprehensive list of full-text journal titles and formats available in our library. Our current holdings, stored in a Procite database, were successfully merged with the database title lists from all of our full-text database vendors, allowing users to check the date and format for all our journal holdings. This information will be made available both in print and online.

Margaret Russell

FAIRVIEW COLLEGE

NEOS and TAL membership have given Fairview College Library an opportunity to offer to its clients the same services that are provided to patrons in larger colleges. The staff continues to work towards integrating these new capabilities into the normal day-to-day operations of the library. As with all changes, some are embraced and others are viewed as complications. The focus in the next year will be training for both students and staff so everyone will be able to understand and make use of the many new services and resources offered.

Two new people joined our staff since September: Dennis Sheppard and Karen Workun. Dennis is replacing Amber Zary, who left us for greener pastures as head of the library in Vegreville. Dennis came to us from Calgary and seems to be adjusting well to life in a small town in Northern Alberta. He will have a slightly different job focus than Amber had. His responsibilities will include an expanded training component because there is a need to let customers know how to access the many additional resources that are available. Karen is helping out with periodical maintenance and circulation.

This fall the library was assigned responsibilities for CANCOPY and GED, including external exams. Thankfully some funding came with these responsibilities. Karen was hired for sixteen hours per week from September to June. This freed up the regular staff, Monica Macdonald and Dennis Sheppard, to look after the CANCOPY and exam duties.

The library is getting busier everyday as students discover that it is the most convenient place to complete their assignments, whether that involves computers or just the use of study space. Although many of our programs don't have a large research emphasis, students are realizing that the library is one of the best places to be after classes and in the evenings. Statistics prove that there has also been a major upswing in the circulation of library materials. This is putting some pressure on the library staff but it is a trend

that we all hope will continue on into the future.

Anita Luck

GRANT MACEWAN COLLEGE

The LRC has received funding from TAL's Knowledge Network Steering Committee to continue to administer the Ask A Question Virtual Reference project until December 31, 2002. Yvonne Rezek will continue in her role as coordinator of the project. In addition, the LRC's Information Technology department has received funding from APLEN to develop the AAQ software for the public library sector who hope to have a virtual reference service based on the AAQ software in operation by Spring 2002.

The newly renovated and expanded LRC at the Mill Woods campus opened in late August. Currently there are approximately 900 FLE students at this campus and we expect enrollment to increase to about 2,400 FLE's over the next few years. Most of our Community Studies programs will be relocating from City Centre to the Mill Woods campus for September, 2002. We anticipate busy times ahead as we work with programs to identify collection items to be moved or duplicated. Grant MacEwan College continues to grow with the enrollment projections for 2002/3 at 8,847 FLE's!

Grant MacEwan College played host to the NEOS MiniConference which was held October 26. Over 80 staff from NEOS libraries attended the conference. Karen Hering, a member, and LRC reference staff member, gave a presentation on AAQ at the conference. John McGrath, from our Information Technology Department, also gave a presentation on AAQ at Netspeed. Joanne Kemp, LRC Director, recently completed the program requirements of the European Leadership Academy held in Nottingham England. Debbie McGugan, Chair, LRC Instructional and Reference

Services, attended part one of the Leadership Academy held in Banff in May. We found the Leadership Academy to be a worthwhile experience and if anyone is interested in further information, contact us.

Debbie McGugan

KEYANO COLLEGE

The most significant changes we've experienced have been in the way of staffing. Susan Brayford surprised us all by announcing in September that she would be starting her new position as Director of the SAIT Library in October. With the Director of Library and Media Services position open, I decided to throw my name in the ring, and came out successful (after a rather vigorous interview process), assuming the directorship at Keyano in November. This now leaves our Information Librarian position open, which I have posted to a number of websites (including the CLA, FLA, and BCLA websites) and listservs. Pass on the word to all who may be interested (the posting closes December 14, 2001). We will also be having a fulltime Serials Technician position coming open January 1, 2002, which I will be posting then.

Over the summer we completed our inventory, utilizing a cordless scanner, laptop computer, and the SIRSI system to generate the reports. It has turned out to be quite successful, saving a lot of time and paper compared to our previous process of checking the shelves with printed lists. We learned a lot about the different reports needed to inventory the items. We are now in the process of replacing the materials lost over the previous year.

Our library has played an important role in helping instructors and students with the

MLA and APA styles of citing sources. With the release of the 5th edition of the Publication Manual of the APA, and the associated changes from the 4th edition, it became necessary to update our handouts. We have created new handouts for both styles, and placed them in .pdf format (to ensure consistency in formatting) on our handouts webpage (http://www.keyano.ca/library/handoutlist/.htm). Many favourable responses have been received.

Capital funds have been allocated from the college's year-end surplus and other sources toward improving the library's print collection. This presents us with a great opportunity and a great challenge as we need to be ordering new books, while ensuring we have enough shelf space to house them. Staff time permitting, substantial weeding will be undertaken to improve the overall health of the collection.

David Larsen

LAKELAND COLLEGE

The library at Lakeland College has a brand new website! Please check it out and watch for regular updates. Comments and suggestions about the website are greatly appreciated: write Nicolle at nicolle.lemay@lakelandc.ab.ca

Nicolle Lemay

LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

We've had an eventful six months. In May, we took the 2001 upgrade for Voyager and saw the full implementation of all modules with the exception of Media Scheduling. Geoff Owens got our OPAC to look and feel just the way the patrons like it and we've enjoyed the benefits of the upgrade. In June, it was decided that a modified renovation to the library would take place over the summer. To create a learning

commons in what was once the periodicals room necessitated weeding over half of the back issues and generally re-thinking our whole periodical retention policy. To create a space to put the periodicals we then had to weed the AV software collection. All summer we were contacting faculty about which discards were available to them for retaining in their offices. We also sent out letters to their homes and contacted them via e-mail. Lists of discards were created as links on our website. In addition, we contacted library listservs and many items were given away to other libraries, including U of C and U of A.

Then, rather than manually move everything around, we borrowed the Lethbridge Public Library's stack mover which, once we adapted it for our size of shelving, worked marvelously. Then the workmen arrived and demolition began. Basically, the Test Centre was removed from the library facility but Distributed Learning moved in. The art collection had to be housed in a new area and the old halogen fire protection system trashed because of new environmental legislation. The front half of the old circulation area became a meeting room external to the library. In return, we got the AV equipment delivery area and so our area goes deeper rather than long ways.

While this was occurring, Geoff Owens accepted a great job at Mount Royal College and we said goodbye in August. Fiona Dyer from Chinook Arch right in our own city was the successful candidate in a competition that involved resumes from South Africa and China, among other places. Interesting that some of the candidates gave our HR department viruses in their attachments. Not a way to endear yourself to the management! Fiona joined us November 1st, which meant that I assumed a prominent role in tours and electronic demos all throughout September and October.

Now that the dust literally has settled, we're enjoying the feedback from patrons about the changes. The students like all the

computers in one spot but they don't like the instructional area in one corner that creates a lot of noise and distraction. Overall, they find the multiple uses happening in the room and the noise level problematic. As of November 1st, we also
hired a roster of student proctors on two-hour shift rotations to be a resource to other students. They have proven invaluable because of their computer information technology and/or multimedia backgrounds. They can change passwords, help with software, and do minor repairs or maintenance on equipment. These proctors will be on the scene until the end of April. Also, the equipment in the Learning Commons will be upgraded to Pentium 2s before Christmas.

Over the Christmas holidays the lighting will be changed in the circulating collection and the laminates on service desks will be updated. Next summer, if there is money, we will be renovating the second half of the library and most likely asking to borrow that stack mover again.

Kathy Lea

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

This fall we have focused on a few new marketing initiatives as a way to make the students and faculty aware of our services. One of the newest and most popular is the "Library User of the Month", where we develop a poster with a photo of the "User" and a blurb that they have written about why they value the library. This has been very popular with both students and faculty lining up to be the next month's feature. And those who aren't keen to be seen on display are eager to see who will be "Mr." or "Ms." December!

Some other promotional ideas include a draw for a dinner out for the faculty and staff who sign up for a TAL card. We are including those who signed up before the promotion began but the dinner has been a draw for those who weren't aware of the

card. Every semester we host a "Student Appreciation Day" (SAD for short!) which the students look forward to – since we shut off the coin ops on the photocopiers and they copy the rest of the semester's work.

We have draws for prizes and supply treats as a thank you to the students for providing us with such fun jobs! We are also involved with the campus life initiatives, serving as the host site for the campus life events, telephone hotline, and distributing bookmarks promoting activities on campus. In September, our division hosted the new student orientation breakfast.

Have our efforts been successful? The 30% increase in attendance in the library during the month of October certainly must indicate that we are doing things well. The number of instructional classes and workshops is also up and the numbers of audiovisual setups done by the library staff are at the highest levels ever. Interest in the TAL cards has increased due to the dinner draw and other forms of promoting it. We are now working on letting people know about TAL Online and to further promote the Ask A Question service – to see if we can get some more Southern Albertans to use it.

We are looking forward to the winter – that's not something we say every year – as the construction will begin on the superstructure for the new three-storey "tower" that will house the new library. On a very hot day in August, 92-year-old Vera Bracken, for whom our library is named, turned the sod on the construction site; over 400 people attended the ceremony. We are now into the picking carpet colour stage – which could be a bit stressful! In October, Joanne Mokry and Keith Walker did a

presentation at a local session of the Alberta Association of Library Technicians where we outlined the planning involved in getting the new library; our session was called, "MHC's Field Of Dreams". We look

forward to seeing the dream become a reality over the winter.

Keith Walker

MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE

The big event at Mount Royal College this year has been library renovations. $1.7 million was budgeted in 2000-2001 for a reconfiguration of the public areas of the library (first floor) and the staff office area (second floor). A Library Renovation Planning Group, with representation from all library departments, met weekly throughout the year with the college's facilities planners and the design consultants from Hutchinson Architects. The detailed plan and budget were approved in April, 2001. The plan called for:

- more transparency between the library and Main Street
- a reconfiguration of service desks around a new library entrance/exit
- rearrangement and modest expansion of bookstacks and seating areas
- the addition of three group study rooms, a reserve reading area and an alcove for media carrels
- an improved technology infrastructure – more computers, wired study tables, better lighting
- expanded and upgraded library staff offices and work areas.

During May the library was vacated and all staff, collections, and services were moved to other temporary locations on campus. Finding enough storage space for all our stuff was a huge challenge. For example, most of the book collection was sequestered in the Auxiliary Gym for the summer. Library renovations began in late

May under the direction of CANA Management. The project went relatively smoothly, except for some delays in electrical wiring and furniture delivery. The transformed library reopened in September.

We are happy with the results and celebrated with a Grand Re-Opening Party in early October.

In staffing news, Pearl Herscovitch has been appointed to a new tenure-track librarian position. Geoff Owens, formerly of Lethbridge Community College, has also joined our professional staff. Ross Sherwin has returned from leave and Ian Watt is on a self-funded leave during 2001-2002.

In terms of collaborative activities, MRC Library is now a participant (finally!) in the TAL Card program. We sent two staff members to the ILS Symposium in October and six MRC library staff attended Netspeed 2001. MRC will be a charter member of the Subscriptions Alberta Universal Pool in January 2002. We are working with our IT department to set up a secure Z39.50 server that would allow us to link up with TAL Online. And of course, I have been kept busy as a new member of the TAL Executive.

Ross Thrasher

NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

- Check out our new website at www.nait.ab.ca/lr/library, which has an SQL database back end. (Note: the website is still under construction, so the Help and Index functionality may not be operational yet when you visit.)
- The library's involvement continues in an Argentina-based international education project. As well, work has begun on a project with a technical institute in Cuba with Pat Waterton continuing to provide the lead role in the library's international education endeavours.
- The library has had some staffing changes since June. Carole Mills retired after almost thirteen years of service, which resulted in Cindy Thierstein assuming Carole's audiovisual duties and Andrea

Klymchuk coming to NAIT to take on Cindy's previous role in information research. We welcomed Cory Stier as instruction and collections librarian, replacing Val Footz and Sue Colp, who left to join other libraries. Connie Cournane retired from her interlibrary loan role after more than twenty years of service and we welcomed Roberto Pellegrino to lending services. When Darlene Weber left to have her baby, Jennifer Innes joined us to complete our final Knowledge Network-related project.

- Instruction librarians are implementing an integrated curriculum model of information literacy instruction, which includes WebCT classes.

Helga Kinnard

NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE

The good news at Northern Lakes College Library is that we now have administrative funding and support to upgrade our library software system. We are busy with tours around the province to various educational institutions that are kind enough to give us a hands-on introduction to their systems, as well as feedback vis-à-vis their satisfaction or lack thereof.

The bad news is that, like other educational institutions in the North of Alberta, we are experiencing a decrease in student enrolments at the moment. But with an adjustment in course content to respond to the current climate we are hoping to see an improvement in the not-too-distant future. Another piece of bad news is that our much-needed wireless project has been shelved because ultimately the company that the wireless was contracted to could not provide the necessary funding. The college is now looking for alternatives and looking with hope toward the Supernet project. In short, there are obstacles to surmount, but the college will overcome as it has in the past.

Helen Prosser

OLDS COLLEGE LIBRARY

In June, Agnes Chan, our library clerk, retired after twenty-two years of service. In this past year she had been job sharing and her partner, Clara Leischner, has gone to full time, filling this vacancy. This helped make the transition a smooth one, but we still miss Agnes' expertise and knowledge of the collection.

There also have been changes in the college executive. Tom Thompson, from Grande Prairie College, began as our new president in August; Bob Wilson, who had been Vice President, Business and Student Services, became the new Academic Vice President; and Rob McKenzie, from Keyano College, will be starting in January as our new VP of Business and Student Services. With this complete change in college executive, the college's strategic and business plans are being revisited meaning many, but interesting, meetings as we go through this future's planning process.

Late in the spring, the first year of the Animal Health Technology program was transferred from SAIT to Olds College. This was a program that the two institutions had been sharing, with SAIT offering the first year and Olds College the second year. Our concern over getting resource material in the library in time for our first intake of students in the fall was solved with the cooperation of our colleagues in the SAIT

library. They provided our instructors with a bibliographic list of supportive material in their library, our instructors selected the material they wanted from the list, and SAIT then donated these items to us. It was all done in such a timely manner we were able to process the items and have them on the shelves in time for the program start. All of us in the library, and the staff and students

of the AHT program, really appreciated the support we got from the SAIT library.

We have added ten new computers to the stations available to students in the library to accommodate the demand for the technology. With the increasing number of electronic databases we're purchasing, these computers are in constant use. We've broadened the responsibilities of our audio visual technician to include computer maintenance, and to this end he has now been given more system rights and is receiving some training from the Information Systems Department to improve his skills. This is our strategy to improve our ability to handle computer problems in-house and reduce our dependence on the I.S. Department.

Although our student population has not increased significantly this year, use of the library has increased. It's been a busy, challenging, and exciting fall.

Barb Smith

RED DEER COLLEGE

This semester is going by in a flash! We're keeping very busy on many fronts including: our Library Information Common building project, training and integrating new library staff, researching and implementing innovative technologies, measuring and harmonizing our procedures and those of Parkland Regional Library and the Red Deer Public Library in anticipation of launching collaborative services next year, and all this as we continue to focus on

providing relevant and timely information literacy services to our students and faculty.

Our new library building is coming along nicely – the cement was poured recently for the second floor. We eagerly anticipate moving into our "new digs" this summer.

Five new staff members joined us in time for the Fall semester and we've enjoyed

mentoring them along the way as they take charge of their new responsibilities. Linda Sawula is our cheerful and oh-so-efficient administrative assistant, and Anne Marie Watson and Leslie Beattie head up our reference services. Sona Kothari, our Web librarian, and Katherine Wiebe, coordinator of library instruction, attended their first AACL meeting on November 15 and thoroughly enjoyed getting acquainted with so many of the members.

We are currently coordinating the provincial implementation of RSS (Resource Sharing Software) – a tracking and management software for interlibrary loans – demoed at the recent AACL workshop. We are also implementing GODOT, which is a holding/requesting software that will allow users to identify and locate/request full-text articles and books by searching a single online source rather than having to search several databases.

We are very busy nurturing our relationships with Parkland Regional Library and Red Deer Public Library in preparation to provide an open and more seamless service to the entire community once we're in our new building. We have contracted with Parkland Regional Library to house it's reference service and collection at RDC. We are also in the midst of formalizing our relationship with Red Deer Public Library with the creation of a Library Council with equal representation from both institutions streamlining library services between our two institutions.

September through mid-November were hopping with library instruction classes and our statistics indicate that we've instructed 130 classes, totaling almost 2100 students so far this semester. A healthy increase over this time last year, we are pleased to observe the growing awareness among instructors regarding the importance of information literacy among their students.

Wishing everyone a warm and toasty winter season from Red Deer College Library!

Charlene Jones

SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The completion of a $176 million campus expansion project has transformed the SAIT campus. Three new buildings have been constructed over the past two years. They include the Clayton Carroll Automotive Training Building, a new 459-bed student residence, and the Heart building. Heritage Hall has also been restored to its 1921 glory. The Heart building has become the hub of the campus with a new two-floor library, bookstore, food court, four-floor glass atrium, and over ninety electronic classrooms.

The SAIT Library move from the Senator Burns Building to the Heart Building was completed on August 13. We are located on Level 1, and Level 0 of the MC block. We opened amidst a team of painters, plumbers, electricians, and installers who were completing the final touches to the facility. Each week since then has seen steady progress in service levels.

As with classrooms in the Heart Building, the library offers the latest in electronic access for students, staff, and instructors. Over fifty desktop computers are available on wave tables on Level 0, and Level 1. All study carrels, seminar rooms, and wave tables have data ports for lap top computers. The library also has a thirty-seat classroom with student lap top ports, instructor desktop computer, SMART Board port, data projector, ELMO video projector, and VCR.

Library staff and our clients are making a successful adjustment to the new facility. Everyone will see significant changes to the new library over the next few months. New signage, elevator service, and workstation installations should be completed.

Dave Weber

…AND COMING UP…
The Augustana University College Library, in conjunction with the libraries of Canadian University College, Concordia University College of Alberta, and The King's University College, **are pleased to present:**

"INFORMATION LITERACY IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES: An Introduction"

December 9-10, 2001

Presenter: Tom Kirk, Library Director of Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana

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