The Library Place

Chapter 2000
Building A Collection For The 21st Century

We are delighted that the University College of the Cariboo Board, Administration and Alumni Board have chosen the Library as the focus of UCC's 25th. Anniversary campaign. The gift of $500,000 by Weyerhaeuser is a significant contribution to the UCC Library and we applaud their commitment.

A donation to the UCC Library is an investment in the social capital of UCC. Libraries have value and impact on the quality of education offered at an academic institution. The benefits of a strong library are both immediate, and accrue over a life-time. Increased resources and improved services are the tangible outcomes of financial support to the Library. A gift today helps to grow the collection and extend the connections among yesterday's and tomorrow's scholars.

How do we intend to spend *Chapter 2000* funds? The UCC Library has immediate needs to build up the print collections in Kamloops and Williams Lake, and we hope to establish a legacy fund that can be used in future years to sustain increased purchases of new materials.

Developments in information technologies are affecting dramatically the access to and retrieval of information. The UCC Library will be well-positioned as a result of a successful fund-raising campaign to select and provide some of these new tools to students and faculty. Increasingly it is becoming easier to bring information to people rather than requiring users to travel across campus or across town to get the information sources they need. But these new technologies are not without cost. Software, licence and network fees, equipment handy and accessible, must be available throughout the UCC region. But with sufficient funding the Library can offer remote access to indexes, databases and electronic journals, an improved library management system and the appropriate library staff support to maintain systems and to instruct users on access and search strategies. These are the beginnings of the *"virtual library"* of the future! We owe much to the vision and energy, efforts and plans of those who started Cariboo College and worked these 25 years to arrive at this place we are today: a comprehensive, regional university-college. As stakeholders of UCC, we have a duty to maintain traditions, to grow in quality as a place for teaching and learning. This is our collective purpose and the mandate of the library: *to support the mission of the college*.

Ours is not a passive role - - we are active partners and providers to the education of our students. As professionals and dedicated staff, we examine, review, test, evaluate and explore new possibilities to improve services and access to information sources.

This commitment to service, this outlook and attitude, enables us to be ready for the future, adapting new developments in information technology to our work and our services. We bring a world of knowledge both old and new to students and instructors on campuses and in our region. The *Chapter 2000* campaign is a demonstration of support and recognition that the UCC Library is a place of worth and merit. 📖   *Nancy Levesque*

Jim Dupuis' **Tech Corner**

It is 'virtually' impossible to keep up with the technological innovations that are appearing in the world of information gathering. I won't even attempt to try, but with this column I will pass on glimpses of items that may be of interest.

Information storage and preservation is one of the biggest problems that libraries and many other businesses may incur. The use of micrographic media (microfilm and microfiche) for storage and preservation has been popular since the 1930's and has become the industry standard. Other options are now available, but the information world is still taking a wait and see attitude. One such option provided by the advent of computer technology is digitization. Literally, digitization means to convert data into a digital format. Scanned images can be translated into bit maps (a grid of ones and zeros, or on and off switches) which are stored on computer and CD-ROM disks. An amazing amount of information can be stored on one disk and benefits such as speed and better access of the information can be accrued. On the downside are the expense of owning and maintaining hardware to read the information, lack of longevity and ease of destruction. There is also the possibility that CD products will be obsolete in twenty years (as many are predicting).

This brings us to High-Density Read-Only memory, or HD-ROM, which is a non-magnetic, non-flammable, non-optical data storage system that uses an unique ion beam to inscribe information on pins of stainless steel, iridium or other materials that are built to last. They also tell us that it does not react easily with chemicals. Developers Bruce Lamartine of Los Alamos National Laboratory and Roger Stutz of the Nonproliferation and International Security Division claim that with HD-ROM four sets of encyclopedias could fit on an inch-long steel pin and future civilizations should be able to read the information etched on the pins 5,000 years from now, without interpretive devices that convert computer data into language pictures. An HD-ROM holds about 180 times more information than a comparably sized CD-ROM. This product is not available at this time, but it may well be the future of data storage and preservation.

In Internet news, a British Internet user left a message for his (Internet) electronic discussion group via auto-reply on his computer that he would be unavailable was he was on vacation. Unfortunately his message eventually filled up the e-mail box of a fellow user and triggered a chain reaction which filled up e-mail boxes from Zaire to the Netherlands and disabled part of the Internet. He returned home to a full e-mail box, containing irate greetings from around the world. I guess you still can't beat the old "Gone Fishing" sign. 📖

Interlibrary Loan Arrangement with Royal Inland Hospital

Royal Inland Hospital has a small library which provides information to RIH staff and physicians. They have, as a courtesy, allowed UCC Health Sciences students to use materials on-site. Due to their heavy course loads and RIH Library's limited hours (8am-4pm), some students have complained that they were unable to access that collection in person. In order to accommodate these students, UCC Library and RIH Library have collaborated and set up a system whereby RIH Library provides copies of articles from journals in their collection to UCC library. Turnaround time is 7 days and the fee per article is $7 (student only pays $1). To check what journals are available at RIH Library, please consult the RIH Health Sciences Library Journal List which is kept by the CD-ROM workstations in our Library. 📖

Peter Peller

Library Orientation Sessions

This September has seen the start of changes to the library orientation program. Initial responses from staff and participants have been positive. Instructors have been asked to fill out an orientation form and attach a copy of an assignment that requires library research. The use of the form has resulted in more lead time to prepare for these sessions; they are no longer a spur of the moment decision. The assignment has allowed library staff to customize the sessions to better meet the needs of each particular group rather than doing generic sessions. We have basically eliminated the "tour" portion and replaced it with an introductory handout which includes a map of the library, basic LIBCAT instructions and a page on hours, fines, policies and services. This has allowed us to concentrate our time on relevant research tools. Any instructor wishing to book a session for their class can pick up a form at the Information Desk or call the Library secretary at 5300 to have one mailed to them. *

Peter Peller

Changes to LIBCAT menu

Over the summer the LIBCAT menu was changed slightly to better organize access to the various databases. The main menu contains 5 items:

1. UCC Library Catalogue - this provides access to the main UCC catalogue which contains records for books, AV material, government documents, pamphlets, titles of periodicals, and the holdings at Williams Lake.

2. Periodical Indexes - this leads you to another menu where you can choose between three items: the Online Article Ordering Service, ELN and CARL Uncover.

a) Online Article Ordering Service - this connects you to the SFU Library system from which you can search a number of periodical indexes (ABI/Inform, Art Index, Canadian Business and Current Affairs, Education Index, Humanities and Social Sciences Index, Microlog, Reader's Guide and Science Indexes) and directly order articles that are not available at the UCC Library.

b) ELN - this connects you to the Electronic Library Network from which you can search a number of periodical indexes (Psychological Abstracts, Canadian Education Index, ERIC and Directory of Statistics in Canada).

c) CARL Uncover - this is a database containing the tables of contents for 16,000 journals from 1989 to the present. Faculty may directly order articles from this database using the UCC deposit account.

3. Gateway to other Libraries - this leads you to the UBC, SFU and Outlook (union catalogue of B.C. colleges and public libraries).

4. Other UCC Library databases - this leads you to the Reserves file, On order/in process file, New Titles Consideration File and some electronic publications.

5. UCC Library Information - this leads you to information regarding hours and policies, LIBCAT instructions, and past issues of the Library Place newsletter. *

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Faculty and Staff cards

Just a reminder that the Library no longer produces staff and faculty cards. These cards are free and can be obtained at the Campus Cashier outlet in the Old Main Building. These cards MUST be presented when borrowing library materials.

Uncover Reveal/Alert

This is an electronic mail journal article alert service. Faculty, staff and students need to create a personal profile with CARL Uncover before you can use this service. After creating your profile please wait 24 hours before using it. Do NOT answer "yes" when prompted for payment; UCC has a site license that covers all users at our institution. After waiting 24 hours you will then be able to attach journal titles to your profile and when the next issue of any of those titles is entered into the Uncover database, the table of contents will automatically be e-mailed to you. You may also store search strategies which will be run automatically against new articles added to the database on a weekly basis.

Ordering Articles from Uncover

As previously mentioned faculty may order articles that they find in the Uncover database. This service is expensive and users are asked to use traditional interlibrary loan if not in a hurry. Users are also asked to please check the UCC Library Catalogue to ensure that they are not ordering from a title available in our Library.

New CD-ROM Database

The Library has just recently acquired a new CD-ROM database called Contemporary Authors. This database offers biographical and bibliographical details on nearly 100,000 modern authors (since 1960). Major authors who were active prior to 1960, but whose influence continues to be seen in contemporary literature, are also featured.

Dial-up Access to Public Library Catalogue

The TNRD Library system now offers dial-up access to their catalogue. This service is available 7 days a week, except from 3:30-4:30am daily and 11:30pm-1:30am Friday. You need a personal computer with a communications program and a modem. You need to set your terminal emulation in order of preference to: VT200, VT100 or ANSI. Set your COM port to: 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. In Kamloops you connect by dialing 374-7042 or 828-7136 (modem speed up to 14,400).

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Microfilm Purchase with UCC Alumni Donation

UCC Library used $10,000 of the generous donation from the UCC Alumni Association to purchase microfilm back issues of journals. A significant proportion of our subscriptions started up in the last five years and lack back-runs. In addition, there are some gaps in coverage for other journals. Criteria for journal selection such as relevance to UCC courses, indexing and suitability for undergraduate use guided us in choosing titles for purchase. Usage of the journal issues on hand at the Library, and demand for journal articles through interlibrary loan were very important. The choices made are our best attempt, with the funds available, to make the journal collection more useful and relevant for students and faculty.

Penny Haggarty

UCC LIBRARY CLOSED FOR COLLEGE WIDE IN-SERVICE DAY OCTOBER 20