

The Library Place

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From the Director -

After a long hiatus, we felt it was time to revive the Library newsletter. We have been busy! – providing services to students and faculty; building collections, both print and electronic; and planning for a new library integrated system.

There have been some staff changes with the retirements of John Weller, Val Carey, and Rose Delap. **Penny Haggarty** is now Technical Services librarian. Her position of Collections librarian was not renewed. As a result, I now liaise with departments and faculty planning new courses and programs, reviewing with them library resources and support.

Michael Coyne, Williams Lake Campus librarian, has moved to Kamloops for this academic year to work as Systems librarian. **Lisa Ryan** replaces Michael in Williams Lake. Lisa formerly worked at the Alberta Vocational College Library.

Nancy Levesque

Introducing CAROLIN: Cariboo Online Library Information Network

The UCC Library is part of a BC College Consortium that has purchased an integrated library system from Sirsi Corporation. Much planning and preparation work has been done by the UCC librarians, Computer Services staff, and Sirsi personnel over the past several months to ensure a smooth transition to the new system which we at UCC are calling **CAROLIN**.

The library newsletter, and eventually our home-page (in development) will keep our users informed of details and new initiatives.

Our plan is to have a week of staff training December 1, 1997. Because we do not want to disrupt service to students and make changes during the semester, the old Libcat system will be used until the end of the exam period to sign out books and reserves, pay fines, and search the catalogues.

When students return for Winter Semester in early January '98, the new system, **CAROLIN**,

will be the way to access the library catalogue and other services and materials.

The UCC Library has had an automated library system for 15 years. We've used computers for all library functions – ordering, cataloguing, interlibrary loans, book circulation, journals check-in, etc. But information technology is expanding rapidly and we have long needed a library system that provides better access to and management of a variety of information resources.

An Integrated Library System is comprised of various modules built on a library's core database of materials. The modules are seamless and allow authorized users access from multiple points.

The SIRSI system is Unix-based, uses client/server technology, and is Z39.50 compatible.

What this means for users is easier and better access to the library catalogue of materials and databases. A Z39.50 compliant catalogue uses one search language to search the UCC Library catalogue and other Z39.50 compliant library



catalogues and databases. CAROLIN will be a ready access to UCC holdings and a true gateway to external sources of information. Workshops will be held next semester to orient UCC users to the new system.

The BC Colleges SIRSI Consortium is working with the BC Electronic Library Network to use Z39.50 technology to access the reference databases we share with the other colleges.

An integrated library system is the infrastructure that makes possible enhanced access to data, databases and multimedia. In the months/years to come, the Library Management Group will take advantage of the opportunities to develop access to digital resources.

One of the first things users of CAROLIN will notice is that it is a Windows-based system. From across campus and throughout the UCC region, access to CAROLIN will be through the Web.

The first modules to be installed at the end of this semester are the online catalogue, circulation, cataloguing of new books, and audio visual bookings. In mid-98 the acquisitions module and serials control will be added.

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CD-ROM Databases



The library has recently added two new CD-ROMs to our collections: *Social Work Abstracts* and *Encyclopedia Britannica*. *Social Work Abstracts* is an indexing and abstracting tool that contains information on the fields of social work and human services from 1977 to present. To access these disks please enquire at the Information Desk.

Did you know? (questions from UCC Library users)

☒ The phrase “Fifth Estate” originally referred to the British Broadcasting Corporation but can also be used to describe broadcast media in general. “Estates” in this context refer to those groups which have a recognized share in the body politic: clergy, nobility, commons (3rd), press (4th), and the broadcast media (5th).

(Source: Rees, Nigel Brewer's Quotations.)



“Guard donkeys” are sometimes used to protect sheep and goat herds from predators. Unlike dogs which must be trained, are costly to feed and sometimes wander off, donkeys need no special training, can live on vegetation and graze alongside the herd they are protecting. Llamas and burros are two other animals that can also be used for this function.

(Source: Country Journal, N/D 1990, p19-20)

Interesting Web Sites

National Atlas of Canada
<http://www-nais.ccrs.nrcan.gc.ca>

This site offers all sorts of interactive geographical resources. You can make a map; take an interactive geography quiz; learn Canadian geographical trivia; discover the origins of geographical names, etc.

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