

The Library Place

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A NEW INTERFACE FOR THE LIBRARY CATALOGUE

Students returning to the Library after the Christmas break will notice a completely new look to the Online Library Catalogue. The SIRSI UNICORN system, which will be replacing the Library's old LIBCAT system will have a graphical user interface. A Windows-based screen, complete with icons and mouse will be used to search for books and other library materials. The new catalogue, which has been named CAROLIN, is easy to use, even for those with little computer experience, and should make the process of library research a little easier.

The new catalogue will be the most noticeable change for library users. Although the implementation of the UNICORN system will affect all library functions, most of these changes will occur behind the scenes and students will borrow and return library materials in the usual way. More features will be announced as they are implemented and staff are trained. Workshops will be offered next semester to students, faculty, classes and other library users.

Michael Coyne

From the Director

The week of December 1, 1997 is Training Week for Library staff and Computer Services Systems staff on the new SIRSI integrated library system. Once exams are over, the new system, CAROLIN, will be used to look up information in the library catalogue and to check out library materials. Workshops for library users and classes will be offered next semester.

Nancy Levesque



*Best Wishes for a
happy holiday
from all of us*



LIBRARY COLLECTIONS GROW!

Between April 1 and October 31, 1997, cataloguing and processing of books and videos for the UCC Library collection has averaged 1,120 volumes per month. As of October 31, 1997 the size of the book and audiovisual collection stood at 130,051 volumes. In addition, the library has 8,365 government documents and 6,482 pamphlets. Current periodical subscriptions total 1,746.

As a result of the *Chapter 2000* Library Campaign, the Library received about 3,000 new volumes from vendors and publishers. All of those donations have now been catalogued and processed by our hardworking technical services staff. At this time, staff are also keeping current with cataloguing and processing of new acquisitions.

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THE SERIALS CRISIS

Journals acquisition is one of the most vital functions of an academic library. Unfortunately the cost of journals has increased astronomically due to a wide variety of factors. While the effect of these high prices is most noticeable now, this trend began some time ago. Between 1963 to 1970 the prices of hardcover books and periodical subscriptions increased at a comparable rate. The pattern began to change around 1970 and since then, the price increases of periodicals have vastly outdistanced the price increases of hardcover books. Between 1963 and 1990 the price of periodicals increased at an average annual rate of 11.3% per year versus 7.2% average annual increase for hardbound books. The following graph illustrates this.

**Book and Serial Pricing
1963 to 1989**

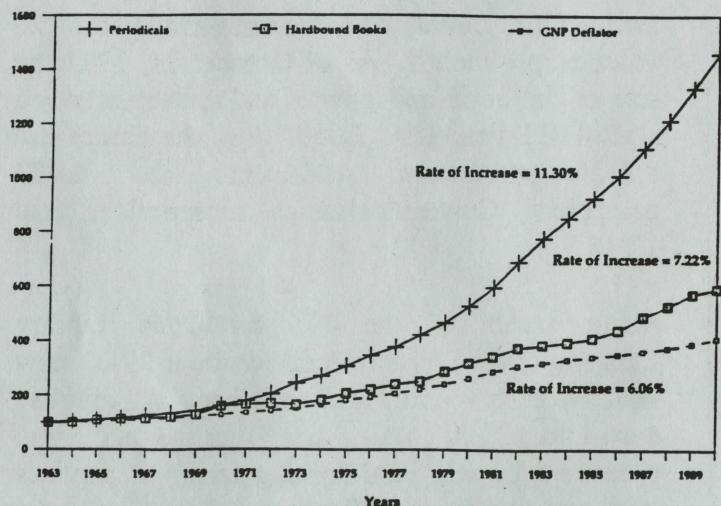


Figure 6.1
Increases in average price per volume, periodicals and books, 1963-90 (Index: 1963=100)

(From: *University libraries and scholarly communication: study prepared for the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation by Anthony M. Cummings...[et.al.], Andrew Mellon Foundation, November 1992; Page 85)*

Since 1990, increases have continued but budgets have remained stagnant, creating a crisis in academic libraries. At UCC, the base budget for journals has not increased in the last five years, although new degrees and majors have been added. In 1990, UCC's journals budget was only \$50,000. In 1991, it was increased to \$75,000. As more degrees were added, the lack of journal resources became apparent and the journals budget was increased to \$145,000 in 1993 and has remained at that figure.

Next issue, examples of rising costs at UCC.

Jim Dupuis

INTERESTING WEB SITES

CIA World Factbook

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/nsolo/wfb-all.htm>

This annual publication published by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency covers facts and figures about world countries.

CD-ROM DATABASES

BC Tel White Pages Listings on CD-ROM

- This CD-ROM contains all the BC Tel White Pages listings for the entire province.
- You can search by name or number, and limit results by street or community.

Did You Know? (questions from UCC Library users)

- Ponderosa Pine needles can induce abortion in pregnant cows that ingest them.

(From: Gardner, Dale R. "Ponderosa Pine Needle-Induced Abortion in Beef Cattle: Identification of Isocupressic Acid as the Principal Active Compound." *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*, March 1994, p. 756-61.)

Peter Peller