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**of the
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION
OF COLLEGE LIBRARIANS' MEETING
Fall Meeting
held at Delta South Edmonton
Thursday, November 2, 2000**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of the AACL Meeting of April 13, 2000 be approved.

MOVED: R. Thrasher

SECONDED: M. Panciuk

CARRIED

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: That the agenda of the AACL Fall Meeting be approved.

MOVED: M. Panciuk.

SECONDED: S. Brayford

CARRIED

**4.0 CHAIR'S REPORT
(K. Plastow)**

Kristine attended an LAA Board Meeting as a liaison between AACL and LAA. Mike Perry from U. of L. will continue as the liaison between these two associations. Kristine has been acting as Chair of the TAL Task Force on ILL Management Software.

MINUTES

**5.0 Secretary/Treasurer's Report
(B. Smith)**

Barb announced that a print version of the AACL Directory will no longer be maintained and that corrections to the directory should be sent directly to the AACL web page contact, Darlene Weber, at NAIT.

A balance of \$2,803.35 was reported.

Invoices for the 2001 membership fees were distributed with a reminder that receipts will be issued only on request.

6.0 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

**6.1 Newsletter Coordinator
(J. Van Scheik)**

The newsletter will be posted electronically on the AACL listserv with print versions being mailed out to those not having access to the electronic version. Submissions for the newsletter are due November 24, 2000.

**6.2 Union List of Serials
(K. Powell)**

The Alberta Government Legislature Library, in partnership with AACL, has been maintaining the Union List of Serials since 1982. Now the structure of the Alberta Government libraries is undergoing change; the Legislature Library is no longer in a position to continue co-ordination of the Union List of Serials. The Legislature Library will do what it can to facilitate a transfer of the ULS data to another library system, should this be the wish of AACL. The Legislature Library was thanked for the significant role it played in maintaining the ULS. A decision

regarding continuance of the ULS has yet to be made.

6.3 Director-at-Large

No report available. Position vacant.

**6.4 Yearly Statistics Co-ordinator
(T. Skinner)**

A position paper regarding recommended changes to the statistics being gathered was presented (electronic copies available from Tom, on request). Tom requested input on the desire of the group to add to the questions on the form and include outcome/output measures. A working group, including Alice McNair, Susan Brayford, Mircea Panciuk, and Christine Sammon was formed to review and make recommendations for changes to the statistics form. It was recommended that the group check with APLEN and TAL to determine what statistics these groups are collecting.

Surveys for the year ending June 2000 were distributed and are to be completed and returned to Tom by December 5, 2000.

**6.5 CTCL Update
(S. Brayford)**

The deadlines for nominations for the Micromedia Award of Merit are soon approaching. Nominations forms are available on the CLA web page and in an insert in the November issue of the *Feliciter*. There has been a delay in printing the latest Communique issue, but it should soon be available. The annual CTCL meeting will be held in conjunction with CLA, which is being held in Winnipeg in 2001. The winners of last year's Award of Merit: NAIT, Grant MacEwan, and Red Deer College Libraries, were recognized.

7.0 BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Bylaw Amendments

7.1.1 Bylaws

i) MOTION: That *Chairman* is changed to *Chairperson* in the bylaws and related documents.

MOVED: A. McNair

SECONDED: J. Carter

MOTION: That the word *Chairperson* be amended to *Chair*.

MOVED: D. McGugan

SECONDED: H. Kellner

Motion and amendment

CARRIED

ii) MOTION: To approve the addition of Article 4 "Meetings" as changed at the Thursday, April 13, 2000 meeting.

("conference call" changed to "remote means")

MOVED: M. Toews

SECONDED: P. Lawless

CARRIED

iii) CORRECTIONS

a) The bylaws and supporting documents will be corrected to read *Secretary/Treasurer* throughout.

b) The bylaws and supporting documents will be corrected to read "*technical institute*" in place of "*institute of technology*", and to remove the words "*vocational centre*".

7.1.2 AACL Meeting Guidelines

i) MOTION: To approve the amendment to Article 3 as worded in ACL Guidelines March 24, 2000 e-mail attachment.

MOVED: T. Skinner

SECONDED: G. Owens

CARRIED

ii) MOTION: To approve the amendment to Article 4 as worded in AACL Guidelines

March 24, 2000 e-mail attachment.

MOVED: M. Panciuk

SECONDED: R. Thrasher

CARRIED

iii) MOTION: To approve the amendment to Article 5 as worded in AACL Meeting Guidelines March 24, 2000.

MOVED: H. Arnold

SECONDED: J. Carter

CARRIED

iv) MOTION: That Article 5 be changed to read "the general meeting is conducted by the Chair (or the *Director-at-Large* in the Chair's absence), and that the corresponding change be made to Appendix A, Article 2 and 3."

MOVED: K. Walker

SECONDED: M. Panciuk

CARRIED

7.2 ILL Management Software Task Force (K. Plastow)

With the success of the ARIEL implementation this task force was formed to make recommendations to the Knowledge Network Steering Committee regarding appropriate ILL management software. The task force has developed criteria for selection and has begun software demos. A number of questions were posed regarding the need, cost and method of delivery of the software.

7.3 Subscriptions Alberta (S. Brayford)

This subcommittee of the Knowledge Network Steering Committee was formed to develop a model for academic libraries to pool their resources for purchasing electronic databases so that we can move beyond the core of electronic resources that we have collaborated on through the Knowledge Network

Committee. Also for consideration is sustaining this venture beyond the three-year limit of the current KN funded subscriptions.

7.4 TAL Alberta Government Information Project Team (M. Russell)

The purpose of this team is to look at ways to improve access to Alberta government resources. The emphasis has been on electronic resources, but access to print information is also a concern. This team expects to submit its report by February 2001.

7.5 TAL Board Meeting Preview (C. Sammon)

The prime issue for the TAL Board Meeting will be the funding issues relating to the sustainability of TAL.

7.6 Knowledge Network Discussion with the Council of College Presidents (A. McNair)

Joanne Kemp and Lucy Pana presented a report to the Council of College Presidents on October 18, focusing on the accomplishments of libraries enabled by the Knowledge Network grants and the future direction of these initiatives. The presentation was well received by the Presidents' Council. A copy of the report was sent to all directors. Similar presentations will be made to the university presidents and later to the presidents of Alberta's private colleges.

8.0 Workshop and Director-at-Large Vacancies

Linda Scott and Geoff Owens volunteered to fill the vacancies on the Workshop Committee. Keith Walker volunteered to serve as Director-at-Large. As elections will be taking place at the spring

meeting, it was recommended that the term of the Director-at-Large continue through to spring 2003.

9.0 Date and Place for Spring Meeting

Banff was again tentatively suggested as the location of the spring meeting. It was suggested that this would be manageable if transportation could be arranged from Calgary. The meeting will be scheduled for April 5, 2001, the day before the scheduled TAL spring meeting.

10.0 Data Library at Mount Royal College (R. Thrasher)

Ross distributed information about the Data Library that has been developed at MRC to assist users with accessing government and demographic information. It was suggested that a workshop be held on the creation and use of this site, at Mount Royal College the day before the AAAL spring meeting.

11.0 University of Alberta's School of Library Science (A. Shrader)

Alvin Shrader circulated information about U of A's School of Library Science, highlighting the recognized quality of the program and the satisfaction of its graduates. He invited all to attend the Professional Development Day hosted by the school on March 16, 2001. Roma Harris will be the keynote speaker. It was also noted that space would be provided for anyone wishing to conduct job interviews at that time.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

MERRY - GO - ROUND

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

This past summer we seriously weeded our entire collection. We were, and still are, bursting at the seams and one solution has been to discard older, seldom-used books. With the approval of faculty in each subject area, we outlined criteria for weeding. A general rule was that if there were two or more editions, we would discard the older editions. We discarded duplicate copies if they were older than 1990. Depending on the subject, we discarded single copies published before 1980. The least weeding was done in religion, history, and literature. It was possible to check usage for the past six years, since being on DRA. If older books had been used, we kept them. Any books which were not elsewhere in the NEOS consortium, were donated to the BARD (Book and Record Depository for the U of A). This has solved our space problem only for the immediate future. Our users are satisfied knowing that copies of the books we discarded are available either in other NEOS libraries or the BARD.

We have tried to address the space problem in other ways as well. We purchased one new shelf for the curriculum area. This meant that one study table had to go, making the study area even smaller than it was. We plan to move our entire periodical collection into what was once a work area, thus giving more room for the main collection. This old work area was used for book storage during the retrospective conversion a few years ago.

We have benefited from our participation in TAL and are pleased with the consortium pricing on a number of the databases. Business ASAP and the Health Reference Center are used extensively.

Carol Nicks

FAIRVIEW COLLEGE

The summer months were busy with the changeover from Mac circulation to NEOS DRA circulation. The instructional staff, who had historically kept items for long terms, were required to return all library materials in order to finalize accounts in the old system and charge-out the items in the new system. This process required cajoling, bribery, and creative inducements of every kind and description. We were pleased when our students returned in September that most of the staff had cleaned up their accounts and were entered into the new system with their materials in place for the new semester.

Monica Macdonald, who assumed leadership in the circulation area, has been busy assuring that NEOS procedures are followed. It seemed that every day during September and October brought new situations to ponder and reflect upon. Now that November has arrived, most of the new procedures have been solidified and processes have been put in place to cover various unique situations that exist not only at the Fairview Campus, but more importantly at our remote locations.

Although the summer saw a sense of accomplishment in that circulation became active and the cataloguing neared completion, it was also a sad time. We bid farewell to two employees who had served us faithfully as cataloguers for the NEOS project. Tora Volkens and Christine Hansen completed their contracts in the middle of August. Christine is now employed at Grande Prairie College and still keeps in touch with the library staff here at Fairview College. We miss them both.

Linda Rondeau (DeConto), our Northern Region Facilitator, was married in the summer and decided that commuting from Peace River to High Level was a little much. She has resigned and her position has been filled by Monica Longard. Linda has

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not severed her ties completely with Fairview College. She is now the support person for Financial Aides and Awards and has taken on the Annual Science Fair co-ordination. She works at the Fairview Campus, giving us an opportunity to visit with her on a regular basis.

The summer also gave us a new look. Renovations to the library included a new and improved circulation area and an expansion of the student computer workstation area. A small computer lab was closed in the administration area and shifted to the library. It took some ingenuity and careful planning to fit the stations into the limited space that was available. The result was a series of workstations that were accommodated in a small area, retaining an open and spacious look. Some library materials had to be relocated but the result is both functional and attractive.

We continue to work on the re-conversion of the library catalogue. Most of the materials that remain are situated in the Northern Region and as such will remain non-circulating as far as NEOS is concerned. This has reduced the pressure to complete and has enabled the regular staff to work on the re-conversion as time permits. Hopefully, by next spring we will be able to report that we're all in and all done.

Anita Luck

GRANT MACEWAN COLLEGE

The LRC received funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the Knowledge Network Emerging Projects fund to expand the virtual reference service established by NAIT, Grant MacEwan, and Red Deer College to additional post-secondary institutions in the province. Participating institutions include Keyano College, University of Lethbridge, Medicine Hat College, Augustana College, Grande Prairie College, SAIT, and Portage College. Yvonne Rezek, a librarian at Grant MacEwan, is coordinating the project.

Yvonne and Val Footz, formerly the administrator of the virtual reference project, attended the Digital Reference Conference in Seattle in October at which Val presented a paper.

The LRC received LEE funding to provide instructional sessions on LRC resources for faculty at the Jasper Place LRC. More than forty instructors attended these hands-on workshops which were held in the new twenty-six- seat computer facility in the Jasper Place LRC.

In September, Joanne Kemp was appointed as College Copyright Officer. In addition, Joanne's position name changed from Coordinator to Director. With that change in designation Joanne now sits on President's Council, the chief advisory body to our president. In November, Joanne attended the week-long European Leadership Academy in Holland. She also attended a conference entitled, "Creating Libraries for the 21st Century" held in California.

In October, Joanne Kemp and Lucy Pana, Executive Director of The Alberta Library, gave a presentation to the Council of College Presidents in which they outlined the benefits to and implications of the Knowledge Network projects. The presentation was very well received and Joanne has been asked to repeat the session to Grant MacEwan's Academic Leadership Team.

Debbie McGugan

LAKELAND COLLEGE

In August 2000, Anne Warrington and Nicolle Lemay joined the staff at Lakeland College's Centre for Information & Learning Resources. Anne works at the college's Vermilion campus and is the new Serials Technician. Nicolle is based on the Lloydminster campus and is the new Systems Librarian/Assistant Manager.

In November 2000, Laura Somerville began work as the new Cataloguing Technician; she is based on the Vermilion campus.

Nicolle Lemay

LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Voyager software has garnered us a lot of positive statements from faculty and students after we figured out what was causing the response rate to be as slow as five minutes at times. The eureka moment didn't happen until Halloween (auspicious turn of events on that night of all nights!) It seems the problem was not a network snafu but rather the way the firewall routes the server. Once the server was routed through a less secure portal the problems seemed to disappear although now printing from the OPAC screen is not happening, at least not yet.

A Learning Commons that would see the library and learning centre co-mingling to serve sixty state-of-the-art PCs in a new open area with access on the diagonal rather than the current boxy spatial arrangement has been on-again, off-again all summer and fall. We got to the point of having CAD drawings made and money assembled, when the province announced LCC would get money for a new instructional building. Because of a concern there won't be enough money for the new building construction or money available at the time when it all has to come together, no renovation dollars will go into a learning commons but rather into the new instructional building. There are advantages to waiting for the renovation, such as having more time to assemble the sixty-plus workstations we'd need to make this take off. While exploring the Learning Commons we investigated using the art storage facilities through the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery. They have a state-of-the-art storage building with amazing security and superb design. All the discussion about a Learning Commons has us coming to grips with what the current

facility is lacking. For example, it's becoming apparent that we need a computerized testing lab. Right now people wanting to write computerized tests are doing so in the office area of the Test Centre and the one person on duty has to scrutinize a whole testing room plus the people writing computerized exams. Infrastructure also needs refurbishing. The rug should be replaced and the shelving units need to be the appropriate distance apart to allow wheelchair access.

Thanks to TAL, our students are really using the various databases. Just using one example, InfoTRAC, the stats are actually far higher for this October than ever before.

Are other institutions doing budget rationalization? The intent here at LCC is to establish benchmarks for service and cost in both the academic and service sectors of the college. On the basis of established benchmarks and performance, money will be taken from some departments who under-perform or are excessively expensive for the contribution they make, and given to other departments who consistently exceed expectations and bring business or money to the college.

It has been a team effort working with community partners to secure Urban Cap money this fall. We asked for a total of \$305,000 for twenty-nine community partners. LCC's share would be one kiosk style workstation where people would stand to use the system (costing approximately \$16,000) and two regular PC workstations complete with scanner and printer. The rules of the award are that the public has to have access to these workstations and will receive the support of library staff to make use of the technology. Our first attempt at accessing funds was turned down but we got a second try. There is no word yet on when or if we will get the equipment as a community.

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The SARIN reciprocal book return system as a backup to the TAL card, which now relies on the government courier, is experiencing some growing pains. Previously, when we used a private courier there wouldn't be delays of up to two weeks getting items back. There is a meeting Friday, November 24th to look at the problem from all angles as a group. That is also the day we have the Metadata workshop in Lethbridge and the night of the APPL SA(uce) get together of librarians from Southern Alberta.

Just some people news before I end. Our boss, the vice-president of Student and Enrolment Services, is retiring at Christmas. We aren't sure what organizational change will come to cover his responsibilities in the new year. And we discovered that our own Geoff Owens has a penchant for sniffing out antiquarian books both at book sales put on by the college and in donations. His secret weapon for any hot finds is www.abe.com. So, that's all the news worth telling from Buchanan Library.

Kathy Lea

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

New construction is the talk of the college these days, thanks to the funds provided by the Alberta government and the successful fundraising efforts on behalf of the Vera Bracken Library. We are meeting with the architects on a weekly basis as we design the new library and computer lab wing. It will be beneficial to bring the two departments together; when the new construction is complete all four departments within the Academic Services Division will be in the same vicinity, a much-improved situation from what we have now with the areas spread throughout the campus.

The plan is for the library to more than double in size and possibly be on one floor so that we don't have to include an elevator and can be more creative with space. We look forward to having lots of windows that will help with our vision of an attractive, open-looking facility that will help to make the library the busiest place on campus!

We are also kept busy keeping up with all of the new technologies and resources that the Knowledge Network and The Alberta Library have been able to provide for our users. The transformation has been impressive as we strive to give our students access to so much information. It is rewarding to have students make positive comments about the library and to have former students return to tell us how much they appreciate the good service they received at the college.

In mid-November we held our second annual Student Appreciation Day in conjunction with the Students Association. Despite the acronym being SAD it was a very cheerful day when we provided drinks, candy, free photocopying, and draws for the students.

Our partnership with the University of Lethbridge continues to go well as we enhance the web-based Innovative Interfaces Innopac system. It is a powerful automation system that we are beginning to appreciate as we implement the interlibrary loan and media bookings modules. The staff meet weekly via telephone with the university staff to make sure the collaboration is working well.

The Open Learning Centre, part of the Academic Resources Centre on the second floor of the library, was developed with funds from an anonymous donor and provides alternative methods of instruction in adult upgrading. The centre has been an amazing success, shown by an impressive 25% increase in gate count figures every month this year. The corresponding lack of space has caused some stress but with the

new building soon to rise on campus, there is a wonderful light at the end of that tunnel!

Keith Walker

MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE

Organizational Changes

The MRC Library is now part of a new Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life, and the Library Director now reports to the new vice-president for the division, Ken Robson, who was previously Dean of Arts at the college.

Within the library, we conducted an organizational review last spring, which culminated in an all-day retreat for all library staff in June. At this Library Planning Day we addressed six major topics: collections, communication, evaluation of services, job enrichment, team building, and technology. For each of these we identified a set of desirable outcomes and developed action plans. Some of the recommended actions have already been carried out and others will be rolled into our budget planning this fall.

Staff Changes

Paul Pival has been appointed as Acting Information Services Coordinator, replacing Ross Sherwin who is on leave. Pearl Herscovitch and Janet Monteith have been re-appointed as term-certain librarians. The position of Access Services Supervisor was abolished in July, and Allison Macdonald has left the college. Stephanie Hawes has been appointed as a desk technician in Reserve Services.

Library Renovations

Over the summer we sacrificed a section of our stack area, which has been converted to classrooms and offices for other departments. Our promised reward is funding for renovations to the remaining library facilities and offices next spring-summer. A Library Renovation Planning Group is meeting weekly with the college's facilities planner to develop a programme of

requirements for the renovations, and a design consultant will be engaged shortly.

Collection Development

MRC Library will receive a \$1.36 million in supplementary funding for collection development over the next three years. In order to cope with the extra workload we have hired additional staff in Technical Services, appointed a Collection Development Coordinator, made more use of electronic selection tools, and reorganized our Subject Selection & Support Teams (consisting of librarians and support staff).

Award-Winning Web site

The MRC Library web site (www.mtroyal.ab.ca/library) has received two plaudits recently. In its August 5, 2000 issue the National Post newspaper named us one of the top five web sites for Languages. Also, the Library Orientation Exchange (LOEX), an educational clearinghouse for materials used in library instruction, has declared MRC Library a best-practice site.

Ross Thrasher

NORQUEST COLLEGE

Fall 2000 brought many changes to the library at NorQuest College. An extensive renovation of the whole floor resulted in the integration of all the learning support systems. The new Learner Center now includes the library, Learning Support Services for students with disabilities, the Tutorial Center and Educational Technologies. Two fully-equipped teaching lab/classrooms in Educational Technologies are available for library instruction and the library catalogue and Internet-accessible databases are available on the seventy new drop-in computers in the middle of the floor.

An official opening was held on October 25, 2000 with many members of the business and education communities in attendance.

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The library also launched the new Voyager WebCat from Endeavor. Other modules are being implemented as staff time permits. This new library system was made possible through Knowledge Network funding.

Two new permanent staff joined the library: Linda Scott as Information and Instruction Librarian, and Connie Vogler as Library Technician at Westmount Campus.

Linda Scott

OLDS COLLEGE

Over the summer we made some changes in the library to allow for the creation of a new Information Commons. With the cooperation of the Learning Assistance Centre staff, we moved that facility to a smaller room in the library and took over the large area they had occupied at the entrance to the library. Renovations and installations have all taken longer than anticipated and this lab, scheduled to be opened in September, will now finally open in November. It is opening as a six-station centre, but will expand to fourteen by January. The Information Commons has its own entrance so it can be kept open outside of the regular library hours. Once we resolve the security and staffing issues, we will offer extended lab hours.

We also added a special collection to the library. The Olds College Centre for Innovation wanted to establish a Business Resource Centre for its clients, but lacked the space in their current location. So in August, we cataloged their collection and are temporarily housing it here. They have funded a half-time position in the library in return for us maintaining their collection and providing circulation and reference service to their clients. They hope to be moved into their new location by June 2001, at which time their collection will be returned to them.

As the need for new and upgraded technology in the library continues to grow,

we've been working closely with the Olds College Foundation to find creative ways to support the costs. In October, the Foundation launched a 50/50 draw for college staff. Staff can be involved through a payroll deduction plan, and a draw is made every two weeks with half the total contribution going to the winner of the draw and half to the library. The campaign will run for a year and be reassessed at that time. So far it's been quite popular with more staff entering the draw each time.

This fall we finally joined the majority of the library community and became a part of the TAL card initiative. So far we've had more people coming from other libraries to borrow our material than we have issued cards, but as our staff and students become more aware of the advantages of the card, this will probably change.

Barb Smith

PORTAGE COLLEGE

The new OPAC is up and running. URL is <http://library.portagec.ab.ca>. Kay Johnson resigned in August to take a position at Athabasca University. The new reference librarian is Kimberlee Adams, who comes to us via Dawson City, Yukon. Kim recently got married so is really having a change in lifestyle.

James Carter

SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Marquis Bureau, the new head of the SAIT Centre for Learning, is spearheading a departmental renewal scheme, which will greatly alter the library's organizational structure. Changes in the nature of information and its delivery to new and traditional clients have prompted the restructuring. Zahina Iqbal is one of the

first librarians to be reassigned during this process. She has left library duties to head the Knowledge Management and Quality Office in the department.

Twenty-three PC workstations have been replaced in the library. The new workstations are Pentium III 550 machines with 250 MB internal ZIP drives, as well as standard 1.44 MB floppy drives. The machines also have 128 MB RAM.

A second black and white printer has been added to the printer station in the Library computer lab; as well, a printer debit card machine will soon be available in the lab. Students will be able to buy and load their own printer cards.

The Electronic Resources feature on The Library Home Page now has thirteen databases offering information in subjects such as health, science, technology, and business. Database content ranges from journal references to full text information from encyclopedias, reference books, and journals. The newest addition is ITKNOWLEDGE.COM from EarthWeb. This database offers full-text of thousands of technical and computer books, tutorials and guides. We will also begin subscribing to Moody's FIS Online shortly.

Dave Weber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Check out the updated information regarding scholarships and awards on SLIS' web site: www.slis.ualberta.ca

NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM LIBRARIES UNLIMITED:

Library services for open and distance learning: the third annotated bibliography, by Alexander L. Slade and Marie A. Kascus. (\$75.00)

This bibliography attempts to identify and describe the various works dealing with the provision of library services for students and academic programs located away from the main campuses of post secondary educational institutions, library issues in open learning, library services for part-time students, remote access to electronic library resources, electronic reference services, networked learner support, and library instruction offered via the World Wide Web. It lists 764 works identified since the 1995 edition. Most are dated between 1994 and mid-1999.

Librarianship – quo vadis? : opportunities and dangers as we face the new millennium, by Herbert S. White. (\$65.00)

After fifty years as a library practitioner/educator, Herb White is well suited to deliver a sweeping commentary on the nature of the library profession, its opportunities and strengths, its dangers and shortcomings. Through this, his latest collection of articles and speeches, White forcefully calls for his fellow librarians to join together and set their own agenda for action, reform, and progress.

Library instruction: a peer tutoring model, by Susan Deese-Roberts and Kathleen Keating. (\$46.00)

"This book proposes the application of peer tutoring to library instruction, primarily in the academic library setting...Library instruction peer tutoring services do not replace traditional reference and instruction services, but add a new approach...Many reference and instruction programs are overwhelmed by increasing demands for

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assistance and are seeking new solutions.”
– Intro.

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220-8843. e-mail: orders@lu.com

Late Submission from NAIT:

NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

NAIT students and staff are now benefiting
from the fruits of several Knowledge
Network-funded library projects.

Since May, library staff have been focused
on launching Endeavor's Voyager software.
User feedback to the Web Voyage
catalogue has been very positive,
particularly the easy access to e-resources.

Behind the scenes, much work still needs
to be done, including database cleanup,
rolling out the Media Scheduling module
early in 2001, and developing the
functionality of the ImageServer module.

The Information Blueprint Project is nearing
completion. As a result of information
gleaned during the interviews with program
and work unit staff, a variety of new
resources have been acquired to address
emerging needs for information. The
results of the Information Blueprint Project
will form the foundation for library planning
for the next few years. NAIT's participation
in the Virtual Reference project continues
with Darlene Weber taking over from Val
Footz, who assumed a full-time instructional
librarian role in August.

The thirty-seven computer workstations are
in great demand by students for information
research as well as for completing WebCT
and TLM assignments and using e-mail.

Other highlights include:

A new dynamic web site is under
construction for both the library and the rest

of Learning Resources, with an expected
launch in May 2001.

The library's first International
Education project – development of a virtual
library for an association in Argentina – is
continuing well. Pat Waterton has just
returned from three weeks in Buenos Aires.