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Concordia University College of Alberta

Submitted by Dan Mirau, Library Director

Since the fall meeting of the AAAL the Concordia Library has been going through a period of transition yet continuing work on several exciting initiatives. In December of 2010 Concordia's Provost / Vice-President Academic Dr. Richard Willie retired and a search is currently underway to find his replacement.

The library has been happy to receive support from Concordia's Information Technology Services department and the Financial Services department to begin accepting online payment for library fines and the purchase of print quota pages. We are also pleased to have been allocated additional space in our basement level (formerly a 40 seat classroom) to increase drop-in group study space. We hope to plan for the development of this new space over the Spring to prepare for the 2011-12 academic year.

With Concordia graduating its first students from the Master of Arts (Biblical and Christian Studies) program the library has been communicating with Library and Archives Canada and ProQuest to develop an online thesis submission process. Also, Concordia University College of Alberta has recently discontinued its relationship with the Concordia High School and the library will be adjusting its service policies accordingly. The Concordia High School is planning to relocate to occupy a portion of the vacated former Taylor University College facilities.

I am also very pleased to announce that Concordia's own Karen Hildebrandt was recently awarded the 2011 CLA Library Technicians Interest Group Award of Merit. To read more follow this link:

<http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=11120>

Lakeland College

Submitted by Wanjiku Kaai, Public Services Librarian

Library will have a new Chair, effective July 1, 2011 for a three year term.

Library received \$30,000 increase in our operating budget for purchasing e-books and other electronic resources.

Funding for renovating our Lloydminster Campus Library was approved in the 2011/2012 budget.

Library Sunday opening hours were changed from 12:00 – 6:00 PM to 2:00 – 9:00 as requested by the Students Association.

We are trying out EDS (EBSCOHOST DISCOVERY SERVICES). Projected implementation date is July 1, 2011.

Library Web page will have a new look and feel to it in the new academic year. Updating the Library Home Page is underway.

Library will begin to create LibGuides soon as time permits.

The College Administration and the Board are in the process of developing a Strategic Plan to guide the College in the coming years of tight budgets and program changes.

Lethbridge College

Submitted by Corene Kozey, Reference Services Librarian

Services

Our spring 'Food for Fines' initiative is drawing to a close. Twice a year, library users can have their overdue fines forgiven in exchange for a donation of non-perishable food items. All the proceeds go to the Students' Association Food Bank. We've received a positive response from all users.

Marketing Activities

As part of an initiative to encourage reading across the college, the library works with the 'One Book' club to promote a particular title each year. We are currently, preparing to launch our next 'One Book' title, *Five People You Meet In Heaven* by Mitch Albom. Throughout the year, students are encouraged to participate in activities celebrating the 'One Book'. Students can also comment about the book on the Buchanan Library's Facebook page.

Medicine Hat College Library Services

Submitted by Lilian Li, Information and Technology Librarian

Medicine Hat College is proud to be home to the current Canadian Library Association president – Keith Walker. Keith is finishing up his term this June. He has done an amazing job leading the Association through this important transition time.

Other librarian professional development events include Leigh Cunningham was selected to participate the Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute in December 2010 and Lilian Li was accepted to attend Chair Academy in June 2011.

The library is once again at the leading edge of technologies – recently we explored introducing QR (Quick Response) codes to OPAC and some library signages. We are also the first site on campus to implement Windows 7 OS. In January, we launched our Facebook site that was an immediate success.

The college is entering into its exam weeks now. We are extending our weekend hours to provide a comfortable and safe environment for students to study. Complimentary coffee is also provided and very much appreciated by our students.

Forthcoming event is the inventory. We aim to finish the inventory in a two-day process with a staff get-together pizza lunch.

Mount Royal University

Submitted by Francine May, Associate Professor

For most of this year Mount Royal Librarians have been busy helping the institution get ready for the fall when we will be functioning outside of the Access Copyright Tariff. Carol Shepstone, the University Librarian, has visited faculty councils to talk about the issues, librarians have been offering information sessions to help faculty understand copyright law, and have been fielding telephone calls from faculty with questions. In addition a set of FAQs have been posted to the library website. We are all very excited that the institution has a job posting for a copyright officer. The library will also be posting a few limited term librarian positions, look for those in the next week or so.

An increasing institutional focus on faculty scholarship and the introduction of 3rd and 4th year courses has caused an exponential growth in inter-library loan requests. With no budget to hire new staff the library has been struggling to keep up. Students in the library last year expressed frustration because of noise levels in the library. With the resolution of this problem in mind, a reorganization of the library was undertaken last summer. The goal was to create clearly delineated zones to help reduce friction between groups with different needs. We now have silent, group and mixed study areas and, so far, the experiment seems to be working with fewer noise complaints this year than last. The library has also been working to better integrate library instruction into the general education program to help eliminate the problem that we were experiencing in that some students were receiving multiple instruction sessions and others were receiving none at all.

Finally, Mount Royal has just launched the largest fund-raising campaign in its history. The goal is to raise 250 million dollars with 125 coming from private donors and 125 in public funding. A new library is one of the uses that is planned for money raised. We are keeping our fingers crossed!

NAIT Library

Dr. Glenn Feltham assumed his role as NAIT's sixth president and CEO on March 1, 2011.

The library is currently engaged in the process of selecting a discovery tool.

We have nearly completed the creation of our interactive web tutorial tentatively named "Assignment CoordiNAITor". With help from NAIT's multi-media team, the tutorial is designed for use by students in five categories: Business & Economics, Engineering, Science and Technology, Health and Medical, Arts and Literature, & Trades.

NorQuest College Reorganization and Realignment

Submitted by Eve Poirier

The new organizational structure for NorQuest College released in mid-January 2012 promotes integration and interdependence across functional areas. The new structure enables NorQuest to meet its strategic priorities of enhanced presence, growth and diversification. It accelerates implementation of the new Academic Plan and supports operational priorities for the College.

The new structure establishes three core functions: TEACHING AND LEARNING; TRANSFORMATION; AND COLLEGE SERVICES.

TEACHING AND LEARNING – encompasses the core business of the College. Teaching and Learning is responsible for delivering foundational, post-secondary and extension programs in the College and developing and managing curriculum assets.

Teaching and Learning includes these Divisions: Faculty of Health Studies; Faculty of Business and Community Studies; Faculty of Foundational and Intercultural Studies; Student Life (Library and Information Services); Curriculum Development; and Academic Quality Assurance.

TRANSFORMATION – the primary role of Transformation will be to advance the College from where we are today to where we need to be to transform the organization. Responsibilities are to develop, achieve, monitor and report on progress of the Academic and Strategic Plan; provide business development guidance on applied research and leadership that supports the entire college; and incubate new programs and then transition them to appropriate areas within NorQuest.

Transformation includes these Divisions: Funds Development; Innovation, Program Development and Communications; Strategy and Improvement; and Workforce Development and Human Resources

COLLEGE SERVICES – the role of College Services is to provide foundational information for decision making and development. Their focus is to provide predictable processes for College stakeholders (students, employees, community, funders, etc.) . Functions include: financial services, educational and information technology infrastructure and services, the registrarial process, and the maintenance and development of capital infrastructure.

College services includes these Divisions: Finance and Facilities, Office of the Registrar, and Educational and Information Technologies. The Vice-President of College Services also carries out the functions of the Chief Financial Officer.

SAIT Library

Submitted by Susan Brayford, Library Manager

Jason Kuffler, Luke Malone and Dave Weber will be presenting to the Faculty Showcase in May for a hands-on presentation on how faculty can link ebooks and streamed video easily into D2L, SAIT's Learning Management System.

Karly Sawatzky, the SAIT archivist, is digitizing photos from the early years at SAIT, providing the metadata, and entering the data into Content DM. By September, you will be able to search and view a collection of historical photos about SAIT.

SAIT's Trades and Technology \$400 million dollar building project is on track. The first of three buildings will be open in late 2011 with the other two scheduled to open in 2012.

March 2011 Library Student Survey was delivered to 26,000 email boxes at SAIT:

- 21 percent of respondents used the library daily
- 34 percent used the library's ebooks
- 79 percent found the library staff helpful or very helpful
- 87 percent rated the quality of service "excellent" or "good"

St. Mary's University College Library

submitted by Brad Neufeldt, Director of Library Services

StMU will be transitioning with the installation of a new president. This summer Dr. Terry Downey will be stepping down and Dr. Gerry Turcotte, Associate Provost and Executive Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Notre Dame in Australia, will be St. Mary's third president. [more information @ <http://www.stmu.ab.ca/newsEvents/news/DrGerryTurcotteAppointedPresident.html>]

In mid-March StMU withdrew from the Access Copyright Tariff proceedings (hearings et al.) as an intervener. StMU has signed the Interim Tariff for a limited term and will operate without Access Copyright post August 2011 (ideally) or post December 2011. As well our institution has created an ad-hoc copyright committee to develop an institution wide copyright & fair dealing policy.

The StMU Library is working towards implementing a copyright information policy page (see under development page @ <http://library.stmu.ab.ca/policies/copyright.htm>) as well as identifying different copyright regimes that exist for various online resources to which the library links. This includes materials that are:

- toll access (copyright) @ http://library.stmu.ab.ca/periodicals/e_resources/access_terms_copyright.htm ;
- open access @ http://library.stmu.ab.ca/periodicals/e_resources/access_terms_open_access.htm ;
- public domain @ http://library.stmu.ab.ca/periodicals/e_resources/access_terms_public_domain.htm ;
- creative commons @ http://library.stmu.ab.ca/periodicals/e_resources/access_terms_creative_commons.htm .