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### **New member**

Welcome to Red Crow Community College (RCCC), the newest member of AAAL. RCCC is the second First Nations College to join the association. Mary Weasel Fat is the Library Coordinator and Nora Stabs Down is the Library Assistant.

### **Workshop Committee**

Lisa Shamchuk and Tara Stieglitz of MacEwan University and Corene Kozey of Lethbridge College now make up the Workshop Committee and will organize the biannual workshops up to and including spring 2013.

### **Sponsorships**

At the November 2011 meeting, the membership approved sponsorship for the [Workshop for Instruction in Library Use](#) to be held May 23 – 31, 2012 at MacEwan University, and the [Alberta Library Conference](#) held April 26 – 29, 2012 at the Jasper Park Lodge.

### **Lakeland College**

**Submitted by Wanjiku Kaai, Public Services Librarian**

Jason Dewling, the Associate Dean (Library reported to him) left the College in June. He is now the VP, Academics and Innovations in Olds College.

Effective July 1, 2011, the Library is reporting to Wendy Plandowski, Dean, Academic Services & Community Relations Principal, Lloydminster Campus.

Angela Wilm, an instructor in the Human Services Department is the new Chair, effective July 1, 2011.

Also, we have a new Librarian on the Lloydminster Campus, Fang Liu. Fang started working on the Lloydminster Campus at the end of July.

Over the spring and summer 2011, the Lloydminster Campus Library was renovated. Upgraded computers were installed in the Library.

Students appear to really like doing their work in the libraries since the renovations. The Vermilion Campus Library had been renovated in the summer of 2010.

The library installed EBSCO EDS over the summer. We are now looking at customizing our screens to make it simpler and appealing for our students.

Collection Development is now focused on acquiring more e-books. Usage of our e-book collection is very high. The Library also hired two students over the summer to develop a libguide template as well as developing libguides. We started with zero guides in June and by August we had thirty nine (39) guides. The guides have been very well received by students and faculty. We have had requests for topical guides and we are continually working on new ones and updating the existing ones. We also completed a collection inventory over the summer.

**Medicine Hat College Library Services**  
**Submitted by Leigh Cunningham, Collections and Instruction Librarian**

Medicine Hat College Library Services welcomed Chris Field as Library Services Specialist in September, replacing Jesse Malinsky who accepted a position at the University of Lethbridge. Holly Lewis-Futrell will be leaving the library for another position in the college after 23 years in the audiovisual department. Leigh Cunningham will take on supervision of the technical services team in January.

In professional development news Lilian Li, Information and Technology Librarian, presented at the Netspeed Conference in Calgary on text messaging reference service. Keith Walker and Rachel Sargeant-Jenkins (USask) are conducting research into partnerships between academic and public libraries in Canada. Their findings were recently presented in Australia and will likely be presented at CLA in Ottawa. Keith, Lilian and Leigh are all founding members of the CLA network Southern Alberta Information Network.

With the College's new focus on research, the library now subscribes to Refworks and will begin subscribing to a JSTOR journal package. Lilian is heavily involved in the College Research Committee, and Keith helped organize the College's first Innovate@MHC Research Symposium in October. Medicine Hat College recently formalized a degree partnership with Mount Royal University to offer a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Medicine Hat, a process involving library collaboration to ensure that MHC has sufficient resources.

The library launched Encore in September. This product allows searchers to discover books, av material, articles, and more all with one search and has received a lot of positive feedback from students, faculty and library staff. The library added Films on Demand video streaming to complement our audiovisual holdings. Other new technology and resources that are popular

with students include a new networked colour printer and reduced printing charges, whiteboard wallpaper in a group study room, a circulating Macbook Pro, additional computers, new lounge furniture and better wireless access.

Adding to the many methods the library uses to provide Information Services to students is a new Book an Appointment service. Students use an online form and choose a time that is convenient for them; Information Services staff meets with students individually to provide in-depth research assistance. This service has been popular this fall and helps streamline assistance at the busy Information Desk.

**Mount Royal University**  
**Submitted by Francine May, Associate Professor, Library**

November 4, 2011 the new president, David Docherty, was installed. Docherty comes to us from Wilfred Laurier University where he was a Dean. We were happy that Dr. Docherty confirmed the new Library a capital campaign priority for the University.

ILAAP (Information Literacy Assessment in Alberta Pilot). The Library has joined with several other institutions (U of Lethbridge, Augustana, Red Deer College and Grant MacEwan) in a pilot project looking at the development of an IL Assessment tool so that we can evaluate our Information Literacy program using comparative data.

MRU now has a copyright officer, Rebecca Cleaver, who has been very helpful in helping us manage all the questions and concerns associated with opting out of the Access Copyright Interim Tariff.

Our instruction statistics have increased by approximately 10% this year. This may be partially due to the introduction to senior courses in degree programs.

Our interlibrary loan requests continue to rise this year. In 2010-2011 requests were up over 300% since becoming a university. Early numbers this year indicate that we are continuing to experience an increase with numbers up 25% increase so far this fall over last year.

**NAIT Library**  
**Submitted by Helga Kinnaird, Director, Learning Resources**

- Over the past several months, some staffing changes have occurred, including:
  - Promotions: Isobel Rancier, Coordinator Information Research & Instruction and Jodi Lommer, Associate Coordinator Instruction; Karen Schlegl, Acting Coordinator Collections & Information Support; and Christine Loo, Acting Associate Coordinator Collections
  - New staff: Amanda Derksen, Instruction & Reference Librarian; and Myah Slade, Instruction & Reference Librarian

- Staff returning from leave: Shannon D’Agnone, Instruction Librarian
- The customization of Primo is almost complete and we look forward to launching this discovery tool very soon.
- NAIT is extremely busy implementing a new academic model that consists of many features, including outcomes-based learning and 15-week semesters, and cohort and no-cohort learning pathways. Library staff is actively involved to respond to changes in curriculum and the NAIT teaching and learning environment.

### **Norquest College**

**Submitted by Diane Reid, Instruction Librarian, Library Services**

#### College wide news:

- College wide reorganization January 2011
- Implementation of program chair positions across faculties July 2011 – how this impacts the library – i.e.: new people in new positions who don’t know the library and don’t encourage their faculty to use the library.
- Establishment of College wide task forces operating under the VPTL that librarians are participating on: Faculty Roles, compensation, workload, recruitment, retention, which will eventually effect all faculty across the College.
- Defining and putting a framework around academic advising as part of the student lifecycle improvement project.

Challenges for the library in this context: shifting positions, shifting responsibilities make liaison difficult. There has been a lot of staff departure and change.

#### Library news:

Establishment of Operational Teams within the library to examine reference collection, orientation services, technology and innovation adoption, information literacy promotion and Collection Assessment.

Library has gone mobile.

Most library staff attended several Library 2.011 Virtual Conference sessions.

### **Portage College Library**

**Submitted by Terry Donovan, Public Services Librarian**

The Library staff were busy this fall, with the new term starting for many students on August 15. Student Services scheduled Information Literacy classes for that week at our Lac La Biche

and Cold Lake Campuses. I was able to introduce our newly launched EBSCOhost Integrated Search (EHIS) during these classes and subsequent fall classes. It may be too early to see any trends in usage as a result of implementing EHIS, but retrieval of non-EBSCO databases is rising, and we saw a large increase in the use of our NetLibrary books, which is now the EBSCO e-book Collection. I'm not sure if the latter is due to the Integrated Search or because EBSCO's new interface is more user-friendly than the old NetLibrary interface.

More classes now have Moodle pages and we have seen quite an increase in the number of students using our Information Commons computers to complete online assignments. We are hoping that our technical support will be able to cope with the increased activity.

Last year we opened a branch in the Cold Lake High School Library, which is in the same complex as the Portage College Cold Lake campus. Unfortunately, this arrangement did not work out well so we moved into the former bookstore space in the college. We need some further renovations to make the space fully functional, but the students are coming in more than they did in the previous location.

We often find helpful, free online resources but had no systematic way to deal with them. Our Library Technician, Marcia Holmes has catalogued some links to free online books. For websites, I established a [delicious online bookmark page](#) and we have created "stacks" of links for Power Engineering, Water Resources, Faculty Development, Alternative Energy and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Some Faculty members have expressed a keen interest in this resource and as you can see Power Engineering uses it for some of their assignments.

**St, Mary's University College**  
**Submitted by Brad Neufeldt, Director of Library Services**

This fall St. Mary's University College (StMU) installed a new president. Dr. Turcotte is a specialist in Gothic & Post-Colonial literatures, which is somewhat unusual for a college president. Originally from Montreal, Dr. Turcotte has spent the past 25 years in Australia in a number of academic and administrative roles, most recently as the Associate Provost and Executive Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Notre Dame, the only private Catholic university in Australia.

- [StMU Press Release](#)
- [Q & A \(Interview\)](#)
- [Abridged CV](#)
- [Announcement of Installation](#)

**Yellowhead Tribal College Library**  
**Submitted by Liz Fulton Lyne, Manager of Library Operations & Services**

Over the last year, which happens to mark YTC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the college has gone through considerable change. We are currently coping with funding cuts and staff departures. The library was seriously short-staffed from July through October with the Library Manager being the sole library staff member!

The news is not all grim, however. Demand for information literacy instruction from our teaching staff continues to rise. (Three years ago this service did not exist.) Our library has never been busier or our circulation higher. The Librarian is struggling to meet the greater demand for reference service, citation help, on-the-spot computer training, and general learning support. Our library is thriving despite itself.

The library has recently become a point of service for learning disability support. The college has purchased Read and Write Gold literacy software and it has been installed on every workstation on campus. In addition, we are lending electronic reading pens and there are plans to further expand disability services to accommodate the special needs of some students.

YTC Library now has a LibGuides subscription. Our Library Guides were rolled out in the fall and continue to be developed to support program areas and individual courses.

[The First Nations Information Connection](#) portal which links the First Nations colleges in Alberta—and connects our libraries through an ILS (hosted at the University of Alberta)—will be redesigned and moved to the LibGuides platform. The look and layout will remain very similar but the navigation will be much improved. A LibGuides site will allow for easy updates and encourage greater participation of the First Nations college librarians on the site.