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LIST OF ATTENDEES

Name	Institution
Harriet Arnold	NAIT
Susan Brayford	Keyano
Bob Bruce	AVC LSL
Jim Carter	AVC LLB
Kim Christie	AVC LSL
Joanne Doucet	St. Mary's
Marcille Fredrick	King's
Bill Glaister	Keyano
Helga Kinnaird	NAIT
Anita Luck	Fairview
Alice McNair	RDC
Pat Moore	Lakeland
Carol Nicks	CUC
Geoff Owens	LCC
Liz Pegoraro	NAIT
Kristine Plastow	RDC
Paul Roberts	Prairie Bible
Margaret Russell	Concordia
Marlice Schmidt	Lakeland
Carol Sinanan	MRC
Barb Smith	Olds
Merlene Staatz	King's
Natasha Stairs	RDC
Joyce Van Scheik	CUC
Keith Walker	MHC
Dave Webber	SAIT

**MINUTES
of the
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION
OF COLLEGE LIBRARIANS MEETING
Fall Meeting
held at
RED DEER COLLEGE
Thursday, October 15, 1998**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- The minutes of the April 3, 1998 AACL meeting were approved.
- 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- The agenda was approved with two additions under "Business/ Discussion Items: "Workshops and Honorariums" and "Elections of the New Executive."
- 4.0 CHAIR'S REPORT
(Geoff Owens)
- 4.1 AACL will be sponsoring another Alberta Library Conference session entitled "The Non-naked Net: Teaching Search Skills with Popular Appeal" by Susan Fey, that will take place in Jasper in April.
- 5.0 SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

(Kristine Plastow)

5.1 The association's current financial state is good, with a balance of \$4,097.61 (as of October 1, 1998.)

5.2 The annual AAACL membership dues invoice was distributed.

5.3 Two new libraries have joined AAACL: Canadian Nazarene College (Carolyn Alho) and St. Mary's College (Joanne Doucet), both in Calgary.

6.0 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

6.1 Newsletter Co-ordinator (Joyce Van Scheik)

Submissions should be made by November 10, 1998, to Joyce.

6.2 Union List of Serials (Geoff Owens for Karen Powell and Pat Waterton)

Geoff referred everyone to the recommendation from the committee sent around with the agenda. Keith noted that the Union List is part of our business plan and is a great benefit of the association.

There was a general consensus to keep everyone posted as to the survey results mentioned in the recommendation on the listserv.

Helga Kinnaird/Pat Moore moved that AAACL authorize the Union List of Serials committee to assess the prospective ongoing value and future direction of the Union List with the objective of presenting recommendations about the future of the List to the spring AAACL meeting.

6.3 Director-at-Large (Keith Walker)

Keith reported on the

communication he has done on the part of AAACL, in terms of submitting articles to *The Letter of the LAA* and a submission to The Alberta Library website (not mounted due to technical difficulties on TAL's side). This publicity led to Keith asking whether members were open to involving others in AAACL workshops. The consensus was that this was fine, as many of the workshop-granting agencies, such as CACUL, look very favourably on giving grants to workshops that include others. Keith also talked about the listserv and how many librarians, once they leave college librarianship, like to stay subscribed to the list. This brought up the issue of allowing "outsiders" on the list. There was some discussion about this and who exactly was subscribed to the listserv. Keith will provide Kristine with a list of all the people currently signed onto the list. They will go through the names, and the list will be posted on the listserv. One last item was brought up regarding posting messages to the listserv: a request was made that people should reply to the list rather than the person posing the question, so that everyone is able to follow the thread of a message, as opposed to having the person summarize the responses.

6.4 Yearly Statistical Co-ordinator (Dave Webber for Tom Skinner)

The statistical survey forms for the year ending June 30, 1998, were distributed. Due to some FOIPP issues, if a library does not participate in the survey, they may not receive a copy of the results. There was some discussion as to why that would be, since AAACL does distribute the survey to outsiders who request it (for example, Lucy Pana, the workshop speaker, mentioned the Alberta Library had used the statistics). Keith Walker mentioned that he

posted something to the listserv about that last year.

6.5 CTCL Update (Susan Brayford)

Susan distributed extra copies of the Spring/Summer CTCL newsletter for those who had not received it. She reminded everyone that the deadline for the "Micromedia Award of Merit" is January 31, 1999. People were interested in subscribing to the AACL listserv. There is a new chair of CTCL, Lorraine Tapak, Director of the Library of the Confederation College (Thunder Bay). The secretary's position comes up for election very soon.

7.0 BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Knowledge Network Discussion

\$20 million has been allocated under the envelope Knowledge Network funds for the "development of the digital infrastructure which will increase students' and faculties' access to relevant information and learning." Twenty-six institutions are eligible for this one-time funding that can be spent over the next two to three years. Each library described what their institution is doing with the funding.

Keyano College (Susan Brayford)
Keyano is investigating a new library system. Susan has solicited quotes from Ameritech, SIRSI, Innovative Interfaces, and DRA. So far, she has received a quote from Ameritech.

AVC Lac LaBiche (Jim Carter)
The money is in the hands of the vice president. There is a committee set up to decide how to spend the money and the library is not part of that committee. The library is putting

in three proposals: 1) to buy a new library system, 2) create a computer lab and, 3) buy new CD-ROM databases (depending on how much money is allocated).

Mount Royal College (Carol Sinanan)

The library has many proposals in mind, as do other departments within the college. The deadline for proposals is December 31, 1998. Library proposals include purchasing a new library system to replace MultiLIS. To that end, MRC is looking at hiring a consultant to check out different library systems and make recommendations, and would be interested in sharing the costs of a consultant with another library. Other proposals include subscribing to electronic resources (three-year pilot project to evaluate the products) and Web-based library instruction. As many people showed interest in Web-based library instruction, Carol volunteered MRC to spearhead this project on behalf of AACL.

Medicine Hat College (Keith Walker)

Out of the funds received by the college, \$300,000 went to the college and \$200,000 went to the library - Innovative Interfaces - with University of Lethbridge.

Lethbridge Community College (Geoff Owens)

LCC is also changing library systems. They are investigating different library systems, as well as possibly joining MHC and UofL in migrating to Innovative. The issue with joining UofL and MHC is that the library catalogue (the "data") would be living off-site.

King's University College (G. Marcille Frederick)

The library develops proposals to go through a committee, made up of library and other college

personnel, for approval. The library's proposals focus on equipment upgrades, upgrading internal backbone and training for Amicus. Some of the collaborative money is going to UofA for the DRA upgrade, as well as an information literacy proposal and building a Christian studies database. They are also looking at subscribing to some on-line databases in sociology and biology.

NORTHERN ALBERTA
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
(Helga Kinnaird and Harriet
Arnold)

Helga Kinnaird and the technology integrator are developing a proposal form to be used to apply for the funds. Proposals will be accepted from all areas of the organization. The library should get a big chunk of the money and is looking at the following projects: replace DYNIX library system, upgrade computer infrastructure, purchase new equipment, provide network training for technical staff, purchase electronic databases (to update print resources), and perhaps purchasing an affiliate membership with NEOS. The other project NAIT is looking at is to develop a "virtual reference desk" (Web-based reference to help distance learners), to tie into the "Campus Alberta" common interface idea. As many people showed interest in the "virtual reference desk" idea, NAIT has volunteered to spearhead this project on behalf of AAACL.

Lakeland College (Marlice Schmidt)
The library is required to put forth proposals to access the funds. 75% has been designated to upgrade infrastructure and install a computer lab in the library. The other 25% is up for grabs from the rest of the college and interested groups are to apply for the funds. One of the projects the library is proposing involves an agricultural

database with Fairview and Olds Colleges. December 31, 1998 is the deadline for proposals.

Red Deer College (Alice McNair)

25% of the funds have been set aside for collaborative projects. Some of this money will go to the UofA to pay for the DRA library system upgrade. Of the other 75%, Alice heads a committee to decide how it will be spent. The majority of it is going towards creating an "Information Commons" in the library - creating a classroom without walls. This will include upgrading infrastructure, equipment and computers, among other things.

Concordia University College
(Margaret Russell)

The funds will be spent on equipment upgrades. In terms of collaborative projects, Concordia is looking at a two-year pilot of Stats Canada electronic information, and purchasing some science information products, as well as other electronic databases.

Fairview College (Anita Luck)
The library has put forth a proposal to their administration to join NEOS.

Grant McEwan (Kristine Plastow on behalf of Joanne Kemp)
Joanne is the chair of the committee which decides how to spend the funds. By mid-November, the committee has to decide what projects to fund. The LRC has a number of proposals, the majority of which will probably be funded. They include upgrading infrastructure and equipment, looking at more Web-based courses, and moving from CD-ROM to more Web-based databases. Some collaborative projects include a patron authorization database between UofA and Grant MacEwan

students, joining NEOS as an affiliate member, collaborating with others on library instruction via the Web, as well as collaborating with the UofC on virtual reference service.

Post-meeting Knowledge Network Discussion:

Grande Prairie Regional College
(Hazel Kellner)

The administration at GPRC does not consider the Knowledge Network funds to be a library grant. I will be given the opportunity to make proposals, but other departments in the college will be invited to do so as well. A deadline has not been settled on yet. (\$25,000 has already been spent on a server for a computer lab, not located in Library and Media Services.)

Here is a very sketchy list of the projects that may be included in my proposal:

- DRA upgrade to Web-based OPAC, also looking at moving to Window NT server
- expansion of the Instructional Technologies Studio (located in LMS) to accommodate current and anticipated demands for support for student presentations and curriculum development by faculty
- increased access to electronic databases
- any other ideas I can "steal" from your wonderful lists
- and, of course we would be interested in the collaborative efforts that others are working on that we could also become involved with (ironically, that 25% is what I have been specifically asked to make a proposal on, so I hope that's not all they intend to give us!)

Olds College (Barb Smith)

At Olds College the total Knowledge Network grant was given to the library to fund the cost of joining NEOS.

Alberta College of Art & Design
(Christine Sammon)

I'm pleased to report that at ACAD, the library has received most of these funds. We are entering into a consortium with SAIT and purchasing prior to the Knowledge Network grant, but as a result of the grant were able to move on it very quickly.

Canadian University College
(Joyce Van Scheik)

The funds are administered by the library and will be used for upgrading infrastructure and equipment to accommodate the Web version of DRA. A portion of the funds will go to the UofA to share in the costs of the DRA upgrade.

Alberta Vocational College - Edmonton (Carol Morgan)

My regrets for being unable to attend the fall meeting of AACL. Life, family, and a computer needing memory have all contributed to my tardiness.

This Friday, the 13th of November (not the movie) is the last date to submit final drafts of proposals for non-collaborate projects for the college's larger Technology Integration Plan. This planning process will include 1998 Knowledge Networks funding, 1998 Learning Enhancement funding, and the projected 1999 Learning Enhancement funding for the college. These proposals will be reviewed by educational and administrative information technology committees as well as the Technology Implementation Plan Team, of which I am a member. These committees, in a co-ordinated process, will review the proposals and rank them according to priority. Final approval by Management Team on the weighted and ranked proposals is expected in mid-December. Collaborative proposals will be

reviewed, okayed, and forwarded to AECD in early January, 1999.

I have been given signing and reporting accountability for the Knowledge Network funding.

The library's multi-part Knowledge Network funded proposal consists of the following: converting the library database to MARC format; a new library system; upgrading our staff and public workstations; the development of a library Web page/site; improved connectivity with our Edmonton locations, our Winnifred Stewart Branch Library, and regional sites; improvements to our technical services side; training and staff development; the acquisition of electronic products to improve the collection; and building renovations, and furniture improvements to support these initiatives.

Over the course of the Knowledge Network discussion it became clear that there has been some difficulty with libraries receiving the funds. Various ways to deal with this were discussed, and it was decided that rather than focus on the negative, AACL should do some advocacy. AACL will draft a letter based on the round table discussion, describing the various projects colleges have agreed to do and send it to vice president academics, board chairs, and presidents of each institution, as well as the Alberta Library and Fred Trotter and Clint Dunford from Advanced Education. Kristine Plastow and Pat Moore will work on this, and post it on the listserv for approval.

7.2 Workshops and honorariums

Giving honorariums to workshop presenters was discussed. It was decided that a gift, rather than money, would be given as an honorarium.

Marlice Schmidt/Dave Webber moved that if it is not already in the bylaws, AACL workshop committee has the option to give a gift to an AACL workshop presenter not to exceed \$50.

The proposal for the spring workshop is to have a day-long Library Advocacy Now workshop. Dave and Marlice will post more information on this on the listserv.

7.3 Elections of new executive

Geoff, Kristine, and Keith's terms are up at the spring meeting. Nominations for the new executive should go to Susan Brayford. Susan will post information on the listserv.

7.4 Business Plan

Keith Walker/Alice McNair moved that the AACL business plan be accepted.

7.5 AACL Website

Creating an AACL Website is one of the goals of the business plan and Geoff discussed the purpose of the Website as a place to describe what the association is all about, post agendas, minutes, the membership directory, contacts, as well as advertise workshops. Some of the issues regarding putting a Website include who is going to build it and who will maintain it. A Website committee was created, consisting of Keith Walker, Pat Moore, and a NAIT employee to be named at a later date. NAIT will host the site.

8.0 Date and Location for Next Meeting

Tentatively, the location for the spring meeting is King's University College in Edmonton. The meeting will take place in mid-May, with a half day business meeting on the

Thursday afternoon and a full day Library Advocacy Now workshop on the Friday. The date and location will be confirmed at a later date. Lakeland College has offered its Vermilion campus if going to King's does not work out.

Workshop Session of the Fall AACL Meeting

Lucy Pana, Executive Director of the Alberta Library (TAL), was the AACL Fall Meeting workshop speaker. She described what TAL had been doing lately, in terms of the responsibilities of various teams within TAL. This included RIOT (Resource Identification and Optimization Team), which is looking at priorities for database licensing. So far, Britannica On-line is the only database they have successfully negotiated licensing for on behalf of TAL members, but they are looking at EBSCOhost, IAC and possibly UMI databases as well. Other TAL teams include ILL/Document Delivery, Continuing Education/Training and the Advocacy Team, which looks after co-ordinating the Library Advocacy Now program and recently developed a Customer Service Charter.

Another project TAL is involved with on behalf of member libraries, is Knowledge Network. When the funds were announced, TAL put together a plan to use \$4 million of the \$20 million designated under the Knowledge Network envelope. A steering committee, comprised of Keith Walker, Joanne Kemp, Heather Morrison, Doug Poff, and Barb Marshall, was struck. Some of the money will go towards creating a business plan. A survey was conducted of member libraries, and the following areas of interest were identified: ILL/document delivery (including RELAIS software), licensing of electronic resources as well as the "Campus Alberta" idea, allowing seamless access to library resources through a common-front-end interface.

Other projects TAL has been working on include the One Card, where member libraries distribute a library card that allows their patrons to access any other TAL

library in the province (with certain restrictions). To date, University of Alberta, Red Deer College, and two other public libraries offer this service.

Kristine Plastow

MERRY - GO - ROUND

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

The summer months at Medicine Hat College library are typically slow in pace...not so this year. In late May, long-awaited shelving arrived. Taller units meant more space for our over-crowded book collection. Unfortunately, it also meant shifting, shuffling, and reorganizing as well! The end result turned out to be very satisfactory - we now have matching shelving and end units and consistency in stack height.

On the upper level of the library, change was occurring as well. The Academic Resources Centre underwent a name change and facelift. The newly-named Open Learning Centre is an "almost new" facility, with its freshly-painted, reorganized walls, new carpet and furniture, and addition of some new staff and computer equipment. The centre will continue to offer study skills sessions and tutoring to our on-campus students and will now also serve the needs of our non-traditional students in terms of after-5pm-instruction, distance learning, career planning, and life skills training.

With the lull of construction came the frenzy of the new academic year. Increased enrolments were reflected in the gate counts and circulation/reference statistics. This has prompted the library to hire two casual employees on an on-call basis to help cover peak periods.

The reference department offered a series of in-depth workshops on Internet Research and Traditional Library Research which were in response to student need and the elimination of English tutorials. Although the attendance numbers weren't overly high, the satisfaction of those enrolled was

great. With some course re-vamping and timetable re-scheduling, the courses will run again in January, perhaps even in an on-line format.

October saw the arrival of the library's first on-line database: Health Knowledge Network. We have yet to figure out the logistics of how our Health Studies instructors (who are in a different building, using a modem to access the college's networks) will utilize the resource! Oh well...come March they will move into their newly-built facility and their computer problems will be no longer!

October also saw the kick-off of the college's three-year fund-raising campaign. The Halloween Monster Bash held on October 30 was the first of many internal events being planned to raise funds for three identified needs within the college:

- 1) expanded library facility and resources
- 2) new technology
- 3) Health Studies building.

And finally, there looms...automation. The library will be saying farewell to MultiLIS and through a collaborative venture with the University of Lethbridge, we will be welcoming Innovative's Innopac system. Although Innopac will not be up and running until September of 1999, the library will begin the steps necessary for the switch as early as November.

Joanne Mokry

FAIRVIEW COLLEGE

We are on our way; or at least I hope we are! Management has approved our decision to submit an application to join NEOS. The application has been sent; now we wait for approval. Knowledge Network Funding is indeed a marvellous thing. Also, the library is near the top of the list as far as technology infrastructure renewal at Fairview College is concerned. Trenches for the fiber optic cable are snaking across the campus in many directions and we see one heading our way. With plans for a new library system, we are looking at some preparatory work before we are ready for the big step. This includes a good look at materials in all our centres. It is time to

discard. Our freebie table is filled to overflowing but even the most avid book lover is having a hard time finding any true treasures. It is unbelievable how needs and relevancy change in the span of twenty years.

We are also interested in some of the suggestions from other colleges on collaborative arrangements using Knowledge Network Funding. However, our portion is fairly modest, and will probably only suffice to cover expenses in moving to a new system and becoming members of NEOS (if they'll have us).

Alberta North has completed its negotiations with Electric Library Canada and Fairview College is included in the happy recipients of this electronic database service for the next year. It should prove to be a valuable reference tool for all of our campuses.

The tutoring service is becoming more and more popular with a greater number of students. One-on-one instruction is still preferred to trying to find the answer in a self-help book.

With so many positive and exciting challenges around the corner, even the threat of winter loses its effect. Although we know the next couple of years are going to be busy and involve many significant changes, we look forward to the future with anticipation.

Anita Luck

RED DEER COLLEGE

Things are settling down this year as far as the library is concerned. We are in our second year of using DRA and belonging to NEOS. It continues to be a very beneficial partnership. Nothing ever stays static, though! This summer the college went through a major reorganisation. Information & Learning Resources, with Alice McNair as chairperson, now includes the library, audio/visual services, and the Webmaster and reports directly to the vice president academic. We have also had a few staff changes. Paul Boultee has been seconded to act as chairperson of the

Performing Arts program. He still works two mornings a week on the information desk. Lyle Ford left and is working at University of Manitoba. Natasha Stairs has joined us as Reference Librarian. This next year will be an exciting one with the development of the Information Commons, thanks to the Knowledge Network funds. More on that in the spring!

Kristine Plastow

GRAND PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

Gary Armstrong has resigned, effective October 23rd, to move to Chilliwack, BC with his wife and family. Sorry I didn't get this posted prior to his last day so you could give him an electronic send-off. His expertise and energy will be sorely missed, particularly in Electronic and Distance Services, which were his primary areas of responsibility. (I see that he did not "unsubscribe" himself from the listserv before he left...could the person at the helm look after that, please.)

The really bad news, and losing Gary was bad enough, is that we have been asked to do a review of our organization and services before (or that could be IF) we will be allowed to advertise for his replacement.

Enough for now.

Hazel Kellner

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Our NEOS participation has greatly expanded our service. Both students and faculty are enthusiastic about The GATE and the convenience of document delivery. Requests to other NEOS libraries made using DRA's circulation request function arrive via courier in two or three days. For those students who like to borrow directly from other libraries, they can renew and return all items here. Surprisingly, though, statistics for the past year show that we loaned more than twice as many items as we borrowed!

Behind the scenes, we are finally making some real headway on the record cleanup

project. Cindy Mayo, an elementary education graduate, is working thirty hours/week on the project. She quickly learned her way around the database and is making excellent progress.

Joyce Van Scheik

LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Buchanan Library, Lethbridge Community College, is going through a process to pick a new software package for the library. From August 19 until November 1 we were in serious negotiations with University of Lethbridge and Medicine Hat College about buying the Millennium INNOPAC product as a consortium purchase with University of Lethbridge hosting the software and our two databases on its server. LCC meanwhile imposed a committee structure on decision-making about the allocation of Knowledge Network funds and the committee decided that Buchanan Library needed to look at all software options. November is the month that we are seeing all the software vendors and we had our first demo today of Endeavor. We have another relational database demo by SIRSI tomorrow, November 10.

Meanwhile, to get more ACCESS dollars from the province, our college is increasing the intake for the Multimedia Production program. To do this, they have to find two extra classrooms and since they don't exist, the Assessment Centre has to be accommodated and the library is the only area with any space, so we will likely be combining that service area with the existing Test Centre in the library. At the same time, the Learning Centre wants to come up to the front of the library from the back corner because they will be playing an enhanced role for courses with enrolments under ten students. The college is using this opportunity to rethink space and services in the whole library facility to position us for the next five years.

Our services are highly utilized and there are often line-ups at all service desks. Everyone is in a state of shock that there are only six weeks until Christmas. Where did the fall go?

That's it for now from the "sunny south" with a temperature of -4 degrees on November 9 at 5:00 p.m.

Kathy Lea

SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The library has experienced several staff changes recently. Library team leader, Tom Skinner, has been seconded to the Cybersait, Knowledge Centre initiative until the summer of 1999. Zahina Iqbal has joined the library in the interim. Nora Robinson has joined the department to assume responsibility for institute copyright matters.

Library clients will experience a number of service enhancements this fall. The final phases of the new integrated library system installation have been reached. Services ranging from checkin/checkout to the new catalogue on the Web are now available. The catalogue is now Web-based and can be reached at www.unicorn.sait.ab.ca. The new library system gives library clients access to their own borrower accounts. A list of material on loan, the due dates, loan extension, and hold privileges are also featured. Borrower accounts can be reached with the library card barcode number and a PIN (issued at the Library Information Desk). The Web catalogue also links Proquest Direct, and Canadian Business and Current Affairs for SAIT students and staff.

Dave Weber

ALBERTA VOCATIONAL COLLEGE - Lesser Slave Lake

Fall '98 has brought some changes to AVC-LSL and its libraries. The college is embarking on a search for a new (and shorter!) name. Staff have had the opportunity to suggest names that reflect the identity and mission of the college (we're keeping our logo), and the decision should be made by the New Year. Please note that we all have new e-mail addresses!

A new addition to the library's resources is a subscription to Electric Library Canada, a searchable, full-text on-line database indexing periodicals, newspapers, reference works, maps, transcripts, and more. This project is in co-operation with other Alberta North institutions, including Athabasca University. It's main purpose is to provide increased access to our remote users, at Community Access Points (CAPs). The number of users, both onsite and remote, will be tracked this year to determine demand for this service.

In the area of Knowledge Network funding, we do not have any projects planned or approved. This funding has been earmarked for wireless communication at our college and at this point no extra funds have been allocated to the library for system upgrades or collaborative ventures (ELC is funded through Alberta North).

Currently, we are using MultiLIS as our OPAC, which is available to our smaller campuses via a telnet connection. We will be upgrading for Year 2000 compatibility, and will be looking at options for migrating to a Web-based catalogue in the next year or two. This is partly because the AVC-LSL as a whole is still in the process of upgrading systems and developing a web-page.

Finally, the new librarian at the Slave Lake campus would like to introduce herself to AAAL members who didn't meet her in Red Deer. Kim (Alspach) Christie started in July '98, replacing Geoff Owens (thank you for leaving such a tidy office, Geoff!). She is very pleased to be back in Alberta after spending five years with the BC Archives in Victoria.

Kim Christie

PRAIRIE BIBLE COLLEGE

After thirty-two years of service, Mr. Ron Jordahl has vacated the directorship of the T. S. Rendall Library at Prairie Bible College & Graduate School. Ron has "retired" in Charlotte, NC and works part-time at Southern Evangelical Seminary, managing their library. The new director is Mr. Paul Roberts, who moved from Columbia (SC)

International University. Mr. Roberts was the reference librarian for eleven years at Columbia. Mr. Roberts, his wife and two of his four children moved to Three Hills in June. This winter will be their first "real" winter. How exciting!

Mr. Roberts' goal is to build upon the past, bringing the library into the 21st century. Mr. Jordahl spent his life building a fine collection that now can be supplemented with new technology advances.

Paul Roberts

KEYANO COLLEGE LIBRARY

Our college library has now completed the renovation we began this summer. We have just ordered new green signs to match our peach and sage decor. We've heard many positive comments about the raised ceiling, the windows looking out into the hallways and the new colors and carpet. We bought 115 green chairs to replace the orange and yellow ones bought in the '70's.

We still need to buy at least five of those big easy chairs for our soft-seating area. We finally parted with our yellow vinyl "train station" couches.

We also have been able to offer on-line access for students and staff to the Electric Library, an on-line database demonstrated at The Alberta Library Vendor Workshop in Calgary. All the libraries in Alberta North agreed to offer this product to our colleges.

We have the subscription for one year and then we'll review it. Also, we have subscribed individually to Information Access on-line general and health databases.

I hope by the spring meeting I can report that we have a new Web-accessible on-line catalogue with these databases mounted on the front end. We have had the Endeavor demonstration. The staff were very impressed. It does things that many of us have been asking for as features for years! We still have two more demonstrations to go.

We have bought two exciting media products: a computer data projector that has such good resolution you can keep the

lights on in the classroom. This projector also allows the presenter laptop hookup without changing screen resolution. The other new toy is a digital camera which allows us to store pictures to floppy disc. The images can then be loaded into a Word document. It would be great to take pictures for the newsletter or for the CTCL annual general meeting.

I hope everyone's Knowledge Network Plan is going well and by spring we will have great news to share with all the sites.

Susan Brayford

OLDS COLLEGE

Our search for a new library system and our wish to expand the resources available to our students and staff led us to seek membership in NEOS. Our application was accepted by the NEOS Consortium and the college committed the Knowledge Network grant to the library to fund implementation of the NEOS project. Consequently, the summer was spent doing an extensive weeding of our collection and getting the infrastructure in place to begin the manual conversion of our database to the DRA platform. We were able to hire two new staff, Mark Lomheim and Clara Leischner to assist with data entry and the first records were entered in September.

We are hoping to have enough of our circulating print collection entered that we can begin using DRA's circulation Module by January and then make our collection available to other NEOS libraries. As a staff, we have been immersed in training on DRA and now are preparing for the training we will have to provide our patrons as students and staff adjust to being a part of a larger, shared database.

Olds College has again experienced an enrolment increase and with this larger student body, and new faculty putting greater research demands on their students, the library has been a very busy place this fall. In September, Laurie Shannon joined us, working part-time in circulation. She has been a welcome addition to our staff as we work with record numbers of students accessing the library.

The college opened phase one of a new housing complex this fall and has phase two planned to open in September '99, increasing the number of students living on campus. This is putting pressure on the library to be open more hours and so will be an issue for the library to address as the budget process begins in the new year.

Barbara Smith

KINGS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

On September 16, 1998, The King's University College dedicated its library in memory of Simona Maaskant, who served as librarian from 1983 - 1998. Colleagues, friends, and family offered words of tribute, stories of Simona's vibrancy and enthusiasm, and tales of her courage and faith during her final illness. We also planted an oak tree, donated by Simona's family, just outside the library.

G. Marcille Frederick

Editor's Note:

Marcille (pronounced like 'Lucille') Frederick comes to King's from the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, where she was the director of Library and Information Services from 1993 - 98. Marcille took up her duties as the director of library services at King's on August 10 and comes with a B.A. in history; M.L.S. and two M.A.s in history and philosophy. She has a passion for books, music, baseball, puns, architecture, and her husband, Paul Cook. Marcille says she's looking forward to her first winter here so that she can say to her Eastern friends, "Yeah, but it's a DRY cold!"

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Learning Resources now has a new location on NAIT's organizational chart - in July we became part of Academic Services. Until July 1998, Learning Resources had always reported through the dean, Student Services. Now, the manager, Learning Resources, reports through the dean, Technology and Curriculum Innovation to the vice-president, Academic Services. Learning Resources staff are excited at the

opportunity for increased integration into the curriculum and its role in supporting the integration of technology at NAIT.

Learning Resources officially launched its Website to NAIT staff in April, with a special focus on the library Web. Every faculty member and administrator received a folder with information promoting the library's Web as their information connection. Also included in the package was the announcement of a new service to staff: Info-to-go Delivery Service. Staff can now request delivery of library materials to their nearest office bank sub-centre.

The library has submitted a proposal for Knowledge Network funding that includes the following elements: an integrated library system, virtual reference services, electronic resources and some books, and computer infrastructure, including data lines and hardware.

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