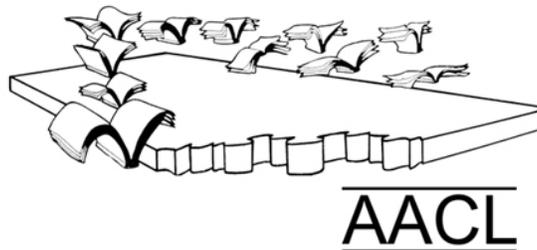


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

April 7, 2005

Hi Everyone:

I know I need to stay put in my chair this afternoon and focus on my job but that's hard today, painfully hard. It's sunny and warm. There are not too many students coming to the desk for help. Truthfully, I'm listening for that little ping that tells me an e-mail (any e-mail) has arrived so that I can avoid work a little longer. Yup, it's summer in the spirit at least.

I know you all know – having read the news on the AACL listserv – but congratulations once again to Susan Brayford for receiving the Community and Technical College Libraries Outstanding College Librarian Award. We have greatness in our midst but we all knew that.

And thanks to Keith and others for so diligently spreading the word through the AACL listserv. Remember to use it when you have fast breaking news or even just a question like the one on food in the library that Jerremie Clyde posted. The listserv is a great way to gather information on other college practices quickly and informally. Please use it – and we love it when you summarize the results.

The big excitement at the April 7th AACL meeting at Mont Royal (besides the elections) was the discussion focusing on the changes in the role and membership of the Academic Libraries Standing Committee with the announcement of the Lois Hole

Campus Alberta Digital Library (LHCADL). The LHCADL has the possibility of bringing huge benefits in a number of areas including province wide licensing of databases in the post-secondary sector. College representation on this committee should be strong so we can look for exciting and beneficial times ahead. Stay tuned.

Change was also a feature of the April meeting. Nora Robinson stepped down as Director-at-Large and Keith Walker handed over his calculator and quill when he stepped down as Secretary/Treasurer. Between them, they have managed to keep the Association on track over the last many years and they will continue to do – just from a less formal vantage point. Thanks Keith and Nora for your many, many contributions.

Stepping in to fill those shoes are Karen Hering as Director at Large and Jerremie Clyde as Secretary/Treasurer.

A willing new warm body was also found for the position of Newsletter Editor. Dave Weber has kindly agreed to do that job. Sona Kothari needs to be thanked for her fine work in this area over the past few years.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer with a few lazy breaks in it.

*Robin Minion
Olds College*

MINUTES

**Minutes of the
Alberta Association of College Librarians
Spring 2005 Meeting
Mount Royal College
Thursday, April 7, 2005**

PRESENT

Carolyn Alho	Alliance/Nazerene
Sandy Ayer	Alliance/Nazerene
Barb Banasch	MHC
Susan Brayford	SAIT
May Chan	SAIT
Jerremie Clyde	St. Mary's Univ Coll
Sheila Drummond	MHC
Fiona Dyer	LCC
Stephen Green-Dowden	Keyano
Karen Hering	GMCC
Pearl Herscovitch	MRC
Zahina Iqbal	SAIT
Charlene Jones	RDC
Helga Kinnard	NAIT
Sona Kothari	RDC
Cathy McCracken	RDC
Debbie McGugan	GMCC
Alice McNair	RDC
Robin Minion	Olds
Joanne Mokry	MHC
Janet Monteith	MRC
Geoff Owens	MRC
Barbara Palmer	Portage
Nora Robinson	SAIT
Christine Sammon	ACAD
Carol Sinanan	MRC
Jennifer Thomas	GPRC
Maureen Toews	RDC
Joyce Van Sheik	CUC
Keith Walker	MHC
Dave Weber	SAIT
Meagan Weber	MRC
Wayne Wicks	Prairie Bible
Kathy Zarft	NorQuest



1. The Chair welcomed members and thanked Mount Royal College for hosting. Members introduced themselves and reported on new staff and other changes at their libraries.
2. The agenda was approved (moved by Barbara Palmer/Nora Robinson) with the addition of a report from Christine Sammon on an upcoming conference.
3. Copies of the minutes of the November 24, 2004 meeting were available; moved for acceptance (Geoff Owens/Karen Hering) and carried.
4. Executive reports:
 - a.) Chair: Robin Minion reported on some interesting findings from an energy committee that she serves on. She thanked Geoff Owens and Kathryn Oldham for organizing the facilities and acknowledged Grant MacEwan College for the donation of the lunch at the fall meeting. Robin welcomed Joanne Mokry from Medicine Hat College back to the Association and acknowledged David Larsen's new role as representing The Alberta Library on AAAL. The listserv is back in operation with thanks to Medicine Hat College for hosting it for the past 11 years. The outgoing Executive members have suggested that the new Executive develop guidelines on how to handle member recognition. The report was accepted for filing.
 - b.) The audited statement for April 1, 2004-March 31, 2005 was approved (moved by Alice McNair/Carol Sinanan) and carried. Thanks were given to the Auditors: Lilian Li and Sheila Drummond with thanks also to Joanne Mokry for her assistance.
 - c.) Keith Walker presented the proposed budget for 2005-06 with the recommendation that \$500 be set for a contribution to either a workshop for AAAL or for an Alberta session. The new Executive will decide how best to spend this.

- A subcommittee was formed to put together a proposal for a conference session at the 2006 Alberta Library Conference: Susan Brayford, Nora Robinson, Alice McNair, Robin Minion, Karen Hering to serve as members.
- d.) Director-at-Large: Nora Robinson has submitted photos and articles to both the AACL Newsletter and the Letter of the LAA. She compiled a list of issues from the breakout session at the fall meeting and distributed those. She outlined the publicity that AACL will receive at the Calgary CLA conference for the \$500 donation.
5. The changes to Association policies and procedures that were originally brought to the members at the fall meeting were moved/seconded and approved as follows:
- History of the Association (Jerremie Clyde/Joanne Mokry)
 - Business Plan (Maureen Toews/Janet Monteith)
 - Bylaws (Jennifer Thomas/Jerremie Clyde)
 - Meeting guidelines (Dave Weber/Karen Hering)
 - Officer duties (Christine Sammon/Joyce Van Scheik)
6. Committee and Working Group Reports:
- a.) Workshops: Geoff Owens reported that the list generated at the fall meeting was useful for the Committee as they worked to decide on topics; they will try to have a mix of technical and people themes and will use local resources when possible.
- b.) Strategic Alliance for Library Advocacy: Nora Robinson outlined the purpose of the group and gave examples of some of the campaigns and issues. Alberta Library Week will be combined with the first Canada Library Week the third week in October. The provincial library group is looking for a champion/spokesperson of the stature of Lois Hole to lead the cause. SALA is looking at having north and south representatives to help reduce travel costs.
- c.) Academic Libraries Standing Committee: Geoff Owens reported that the membership and the role of ALSC are changing as a result of the announcement of the \$30million Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library. He reported that the initiatives of the Committee are continuing to be worked on: linking project, environmental scan results, Relais testing by the colleges. There was concern expressed by some AACL members on the seeming lack of consultation with the colleges before the Lois Hole project was announced but the fact that four of the members of the new committee will be from the college sector shows that TAL is cognizant of college involvement.
- d.) Library Association of Alberta liaison: Karen Hering reported that the spring meeting of LAA was held on April 6 and so she had no report since the last AACL meeting. Anne Carr-Wiggins is the First Vice President for LAA.
- e.) Newsletter: outgoing editor Sona Kothari reported that the fall issue was published in early January and thanked members for contributing photos and reports.
- f.) The Alberta Library: Keith Walker reported on some of the agenda items for the spring Board meeting and AGM to be held April 8. The big news for the academic libraries is the Lois Hole project. Jerremie Clyde has been nominated for the position of College and Technical Institute representative as elections for Executive positions take place at the spring meeting.
- g.) E-Campus Alberta: Meagan Weber reported that the initiative has received another \$1.23million from Advanced Education; the eCampus Alberta Library Services Committee officially announced the launch of

the eCA Library Survival Guide in February with a link on the eCampus Alberta login page. Currently the Committee is working on publicizing the site. Since September 2003 there have been 1065 enrollments in eCampus courses.

- h.) Statistics: Susan Brayford, chair of the subcommittee, thanked the members (Jerremie Clyde, Tom Skinner, Keith Walker) and the SAIT Library Administrative Assistant, Nadia Nastov for their help in revamping the forms and definitions. Susan distributed coloured copies of the new forms and directed members to disregard the old ones and to use the new ones in the future. Feedback can be given to any of the committee members. Susan led a discussion on how best to count the database usage.
- i.) Canadian Library Association/Community and Technical College Libraries: Keith Walker encouraged AACL members to attend the breakfast AGM to be held on Thursday June 16 at 8am and the Friday session at 10:30am which will be a cross-country report on how well college libraries meet the national standards. The CTCL Awards are also announced at the AGM. AACL has been a strong supporter of AACL (financially, with leadership, and by attendance at the meetings) so it is hoped that Alberta members will attend. Susan Brayford has been nominated for the position of CTCL Secretary. Susan reported that she is co-hosting the joblink and Internet café at the conference.
7. Election of officers: Alice McNair, Past Chair, ran the elections for the vacant positions, which were filled by acclamation:
- Secretary/Treasurer: Jerremie Clyde, St.Mary's University College Library
 - Director-at-Large: Karen Hering, Grant MacEwan College Learning Resources Centre
- Newsletter Editor: Dave Weber, SAIT Library
- These members were thanked for being willing to serve in these capacities while the outgoing people were thanked for their work: Keith Walker, Nora Robinson, and Sona Kothari.
8. Member recognition: Robin presented cards of thanks to Alice McNair, Sona Kothari, and to Susan Brayford on behalf of Nadia Nastov.
9. The Chair lead a discussion on the development of the website and the use of a "members only" section; it was suggested that there be a link to applicable contracts and conference information. A subcommittee was formed to work with the Webmaster, Diane Clark, to provide input: Sona Kothari, David Larsen, Carol Sinanan, and Robin Minion. This group will report back at the fall meeting.
10. Christine Sammon provided information on the international arts library conference that she is co-chairing to be held in Banff next year.
11. Janet Monteith invited members to attend an Ulrich's demonstration at Mount Royal College on April 21.
12. The fall meeting will be held at NAIT in Edmonton on Thursday, November 17, 2005.
13. The meeting was adjourned for lunch, to be followed by the two afternoon workshops organized by the Workshop Committee.



■ ■ ■ AACL 2005-06 Executive: Karen Hering, Jerremie Clyde, Robin Minion, Dave Weber

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Submitted by Geoff Owens

Electronic Books – University of Calgary Experience

Helen Clarke demonstrated a number of features of the e-books the University currently receives. She introduced interesting concepts such as “chunked” information: how a learner manages information; how repositories are acting as memory surrogates; and, how text is now easily mutable. Some of the interesting features were complete citation information being included in “cut and pastes” helping to reinforce the authority of the work and results of a “Find Word” searches can be easily transferred over to other works in the collection. Issues to consider when purchasing e-books include: ownership or leasing; static or changing; subject or format; historic or contemporary; reference or reading.

Logging use activities has proven to be of great help when determining usage. Most publishers provide data similar to the periodical database statistics.

Should the library catalog be involved? If yes, issues to consider are the degree of in-house cataloguing and maintenance you can provide; how useful are vendor-supplied Marc records if available; and, are there 3rd party options (similar to Serials Solutions)? Each vendor appears to have different levels of completeness and quality of MARC (one simply seemed to be taken from Amazon) as well as different periods of updates.

Gilbert Bede became involved with e-books with a 2001 TAL/CPL. Today, UofC evidence shows that e-book usage is increasing among selective users in Science, Medicine and Technology especially in areas with short book life cycles.

Two traditional ebook formats still remain: reading on the computer and downloading to a PDA.

Increased use of PDAs will likely lead to increased troubleshooting. The university does not currently loan out any PDAs.

Special ezproxy configuration was required for books 24x7.

Most have some sort of concurrent user limit which requires students find noticeably different from the journal databases.

Helen recommends demos on three different suppliers:

- **Ebrary**
(<http://www.ebrary.com/corp/index.htm>) - full text books, sold individually and as collections. Requires client software on each computer.
- **netLibrary**
(http://legacy.netlibrary.com/about_us/) - full text books, sold individually and as collections. No client, but checking out function may be problematic?
- **Knovel** (<http://www.knovel.com>) - advanced searching tool for technical handbooks. Good example of a specialized reference tool.

Understanding Generational Differences – Theresa Matus – Academic Development Centre, Mount Royal College

Theresa facilitated an interactive session with participants discussing a number of views toward, stereotypes about and differences between generations. Generally, there are four identifiable generations that we find in colleges and libraries (as both co-workers and students):

Millennials or the Net Generation born after 1980

Gen Xers born from 1960-1980

Baby Boomers born 1946 – 1960

Veterans or Matures 1922 – 1946

Descriptions, attributes, likes and dislikes for each of these groups were presented and discussed.

Today’s millennial students are characterized as hopeful, determined, publicly active, techno-savvy, optimistic, team players, and street smart.

Theresa provided a number of handouts and a bibliography.

☞ Thanks to all participants for an enlightening and inspiring spring workshop!

Joining Geoff on the workshop committee is Erica Hebert of Concordia. You can send your workshop ideas to either Geoff or Erica:

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Canadian University College

Submitted by Joyce Van Scheik

The accrediting association of Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities (AAA) provides coordination, supervision, and quality control to its 101 post-secondary institutions worldwide. A visiting team of the AAA conducted an evaluation on our campus in March. In their exit report, the library received commendations relating to the recent workstation upgrades, database offerings, and consortium involvement. Commendations also included the administration and Board for their plans for the "early construction of a new library." (Yes!) Greater cooperation between faculty and library staff was recommended. Along with the successful review of our programs by the province last spring, this latest validation ensures we're good to go for another five years. And we're proud of the library's contribution to the success of the college!



Grant MacEwan LRC

Submitted by Nicolle Lemay

There was a pleasant surprise at Grant MacEwan this April when staff found out that the college had received what is being hailed as its largest ever private donation: Bill and Mary Jo Robbins of Houston, Texas have given \$5 million to the college, to help build the Health Care Learning Centre. Even though the couple does not live in Edmonton, they purport that the city has been good to them, and have donated generously to many other institutions and organizations in town.

The yet unnamed Health Care Learning Centre is expected to cost close to \$50 million and will be built on the northwest corner of the college's City Centre campus. The structure will be over 250 000 square feet in size, and allow for training of up to 2,500 additional students. The LRC already answers numerous questions and provides many services to our Nursing students, so the next few years should be interesting!

Looking less far into the future, the entire college is busily preparing for offering degree programming, possibly as soon as autumn 2006, and the LRC is no exception. One of the first degrees MacEwan hopes to offer is a Bachelor of Arts in Child & Youth Care (MacEwan currently offers a two year diploma

in this field, with the option of completing a degree onsite at South campus through Malaspina College). LRC staff undertook a collection analysis for this program, and in early April, they met with members of the Quality Council (a government appointed body) to determine the readiness to offer the full four year degree at MacEwan South. Staff has also been analyzing the collection with particular attention to nine subject areas that are expected to be majors for other Bachelor of Arts degrees: Anthropology, Classics, Economics, English, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. The site visit by the Quality Council for these disciplines took place on April 19 and a report on the results is expected by the end of May, 2005.

In staffing news, Michelle Altheim, who has worked at the Reference Desk at City Centre since September, is leaving Grant MacEwan to work as a Youth Services Librarian with Edmonton Public Library. Many best wishes to Michelle! Sandy Stiff, a reference librarian at CC, who has been away on maternity leave, will be returning in July. And finally, the LRC welcomed a MLIS student from the U of A, Robert Zylstra, into a STEP position starting in April and ending in August. Robert will be working at all four Grant MacEwan campuses, assisting in inventories, collection moves, and weeding projects.

On the technology side of things, two major projects are progressing in the LRC. Through a partnership with the libraries of the University of Alberta, SFX, the link resolving software, is currently being implemented and tested. It is hoped that by autumn of this year, the link resolver will be fully operational and students and other researchers will have greater and more seamless access to all electronic information offered by the MacEwan LRC. The new "Portal Project" was also undertaken to make students information gathering easier. Once the student portal is in place, a single login will allow access to LRC databases, college email accounts, resource booking, WebCT accounts and students' personal registration information. And, once again the goal for full implementation is the first semester of the fall 2006 term, so it will be a very busy spring and summer here at the LRC!



Medicine Hat College

Submitted by Keith Walker

As we reported at the spring meeting, we are pleased to welcome Joanne Mokry back to the Library as the maternity leave replacement for Lilian

Li. Lilian and her husband are the proud parents of their daughter Lynna. Joanne worked at the College for ten years before moving with her family to Lloydminster in 2003 so it was nice to welcome her back to the library family.

In late April, the College recognized long service and employee achievement awards at a dinner event. We were proud when Barb Banasch, the Circulation Supervisor, received a standing ovation from the crowd in honour of her 35 years of full-time service to the College, all spent in the Library. Darlene Graham, Technical Services Clerk, received her 15-year service award and the Service Achievement Award for her many contributions to the College, including serving as Chair of the United Way for most of those years. Keith Walker received his 20 year award and tells everyone he started when he was just 12!

May 6 is the second anniversary of Joanne's daughter Emma placing the last book onto the shelves in the new library, which marked the official completion of the move to the new facility. After two years of construction, the grand front entrance to the College is nearing completion and will be a nice way to lead people down the main concourse to the library. Other construction continues to make the place look contemporary, including the Starbucks café and the plans for a new Power Engineering building. Although enrollment has stabilized at around 2600 FLE, the College continues to be a vibrant place.

The Library continues to be involved in many partnerships. Over the past year Sheila Drummond, Reference Librarian, led the library's involvement in the "One Book, One Community" initiative that saw the city reading together "Obasan" by Joy Kogawa. It was a very successful partnership of the College, Public Library, and the Cultural Alliance that also included many of the schools. The partnership with the University of Lethbridge in sharing the ILS continues to go well and discussions of furthering collaborations amongst the libraries in the Deep South got us excited about future possibilities. Discussions with the public school district regarding plans to improve the school libraries are definitely a step in the right direction and we look forward to our involvement with that important sector.



Mount Royal College

Submitted by Ross Thrasher

1. Faculty Recruitment – We have just filled two librarian positions to begin August 15, 2005. **Meagan Weber** has been appointed to the new tenure-track position of Collections Librarian. Meagan has been working at MRC Library for the past three years on a series of term-certain appointments. **Alice Swabey** has accepted a term-certain position as Information Services Librarian, as a partial replacement for Ross Sherwin, who is continuing on a half-time tenured appointment in 2005-06. Alice is currently the Outreach Librarian at Red Deer College.
2. Library Transition Task Force (LTF) – This ad hoc committee was chartered in January to develop a ten-year growth plan for MRC Library in anticipation of our preferred future as an undergraduate university. The Task Force, which includes faculty and student representatives, has held three meetings to date. A draft LTF report is due by June 30.
3. On the Road – In early April Ross Thrasher and Margy MacMillan traveled to Minneapolis for the biennial conference of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL). Ross was a member of the selection committee for the panel presentations at ACRL 2005, and has agreed to co-author the panels section of the post-conference report for *College & Research Libraries News*. Margy presented a poster session at ACRL on the Information Skills Résumé project that she has been developing with the Journalism students at MRC.
4. A Fine Balance – (a) We have been working with the Fees Office and IT Services to automate the transmission to the Fees Office of outstanding Library fines and book-replacement fees. In past years, almost 20% of the \$50,000 that the Library assesses annually for fines and unreturned materials has been uncollectible, but the new process is reducing these bad debts substantially. (b) We have increased the maximum fine for Library Reserve items from \$15 to \$50 as an incentive for timely return of these high-demand resources.
5. Technology News – (a) System Upgrade – On May 2 our Endeavor Voyager system

was upgraded to a Unicode version, which supports multilingual character sets and a number of new features, especially in Acquisitions and Serials. (b) Practicum Student – For the Winter Semester we hired a student in Mount Royal's Business IT program, Chad Zaharko, who developed some current-awareness tools on our Voyager OPAC using RSS (not that RSS!) software.

6. College Librarians Meeting – On April 7, MRC Library hosted AAAC's spring business meeting and workshop. Geoff Owens, AAAC workshop convener, enlisted Theresa Matus from MRC to present a session on the post-millennial student. Another workshop session presented by librarians from the University of Calgary dealt with the timely topic of e-books.



Olds College

Submitted by Robin Minion

Bugs and other stuff at Olds College

Olds College recently received a pretty unique donation of over 6,500 insect samples from the Alberta Research Council. This brings the total size of the collection to close to 60,000 insect specimens. What would anyone want all those bugs for?



Students and faculty use them, among other things, to work to solve pest problems for growers. Identifying the pest is the first step in the problem solving process.

This collection was brought to Olds College largely as the result of the efforts of Dr. Ken Fry, Entomology Instructor in the Olds College School of Horticulture. Ken has also helped us secure the entomology book collection previously held by the Alberta Research Council. This material is in the process of being transferred. So, when you need bug information, think Olds College.

Olds College Library has mounted a new version of the website at www.oldscollege.ca/library so if you have a moment, take a look at it and we'd be happy to hear any suggestions you have.



Red Deer College Library

Submitted By Anne Marie Watson

Spring is conference season, and the RDC staff have been active conference participants. Focussing on our journey to become a truly community-based college library, RDC presented a conference session at the recent Alberta Library Conference on our partnership with Parkland Regional Library. RDC is presenting a companion session to the Jasper presentation at the CLA conference in June, focussing on the RDC partnership with Red Deer Public Library. Both sessions highlight the evolution of our academic library into a community facility, and how that evolution influenced our building design and affected our service philosophy.

Three RDC librarians attended the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) biennial conference in Minneapolis. A whole conference devoted to academic librarianship is a great place to become immersed in the issues facing us all.

Meanwhile, on the home front, like our sister institutions around the province, RDC experienced the inevitable shortening of student tempers as the winter term drew to an end. The computers reached capacity early each morning as students worked hard to complete projects. As more and more students flocked to the library and were unable to get a seat at a computer, the complaints to the staff were loud and clear. The library doesn't have a written policy on "appropriate" computer usage during peak times, but we quickly realized we needed to have a consistent response to this issue. Within the week, we had coordinated a "Towne Hall" style meeting, inviting all library staff to give their opinion on appropriate computer use and to brainstorm solutions for the access issue. The staff aired their varied opinions and proposed solutions. By the end of the meeting, everyone's opinion had been heard and we left the room "singing from the same song sheet."

The solution was to post signage discouraging game playing during peak times, which was at the heart of most of the complaints ("I have a paper due tomorrow and there are three students playing games – can't you kick them off?"). This approach put the responsibility on the students, yet gave the staff some "teeth" to deal with the situation. The

atmosphere changed overnight, with students realizing how their computer usage affected others – there was much more respect toward others' needs. And of course the issue faded once classes were over and papers had been handed in. Back to the occasional Internet billiards game, but this time, at no one else's expense.

The experience has given us a new mechanism for responding quickly to issues in the library. With the "Towne Hall" meeting process, the issues are discussed in a respectful way, and all staff leave the room satisfied that their voices have been heard, and that the will of the group has prevailed. This was a good process for having all staff take ownership of a decision, even if it was not their preferred solution, and it will help us to deal with other thorny issues in the future.



SAIT

Submitted By Nora Robinson and Dave Weber

Ebooks

E-books are here! In late April, we added approximately 19,000 electronic books to our collection. This was made possible through a special funding grant from our Vice President Academic. We have licensed subscriptions to 6 e-book services: Knovel, Ebrary Academic Collection, NetLibrary IT Books, American Society of Metals Failure Analysis Center and Alloy Center and ENGnetBase. We also added the article database ScienceDirect: Engineering Subject Area to our collection.

With such a large number of electronic titles, the subject coverage is broad, ranging from highly technical information to general knowledge. A quick check in our library catalogue shows titles such as the [The CRC handbook of mechanical engineering](#), [Robotics and automation handbook](#), [The incredible payback : innovative sourcing solutions that deliver extraordinary results](#), and [Let them eat cake : marketing luxury to the masses-as well as the classes](#). Many of the e-books will allow the user to create personal accounts with your own bookshelves, notes and highlighted material. Instructors can also include the material in their online courses through the use of persistent links.

The e-books are all listed in our library catalogue at www.sait.ca/library. Users can search for a book by title, author, subject or keyword. The books are

available both on and off campus for SAIT students, instructors, and staff.

Exhibits

The Library hosted two student work displays in January and February and an Alberta Foundation of the Arts exhibit in April and March. The ArchiEXPO was on display from January 20 to February 18. Second year Architecture 361 students work in design teams to create an interpretive pavilion based on themes such as a prominent architect or designer, historic architectural styles, or cultural building traditions. In February, the second year photojournalism students displayed their work. Each student in the course selects 5 of their best photos and, as in the previous 2 years, the photos range in subject from sports to nature to portraits. The Alberta Foundation of the Arts exhibit featured the "Fortunes of a Wild Land" photography by Robert Pierce Butler. The black and white photos were on display in the Library in March and April.



Oriental Architectural Style Exhibit

Library Renovations

In May, we lowered the reference collection shelving to 150 cm. to improve sightlines and create a more open look at the front of the library. The shelving units are now oriented north-south to give students more aisles to the computers and printers that are located at the south end of the first floor. The new arrangement has created a space with better sight lines from both the interior of the library and the exterior hallways. We also get more natural light in the area.



Old Reference Area -- Tall Shelving as a sightline and light barrier



New Reference Low Shelving – Brighter and more functional

Library and Information Technology Program Students

The Library hosted a SAIT Library and Information Technology (LIT) program student for her three week practicum in April. The student gained valuable experience in duties such as Information Desk service and special projects such as organizing the new English as a second language collection.

We have 2 LIT students working with us this summer with funding from STEP and HRDC programs. They will be working on a variety of projects from reorganizing the reference and circulating collections to decommissioning our 16mm film collection.

Alberta Real Estate Board Donation

The Library also successfully applied for special grant totaling \$8,800 from the Alberta Real Estate Board. Books, videos and DVDs in disciplines such as home renovation were added to the library collection. The success of our application was in

part based on access by the general public which we achieve via the TAL card system.

Fine Forgiveness Week

March 7-13 was Fine Forgiveness Week. The Library offered students and staff the opportunity to reduce their fine by paying 50% of their fine as a donation to the campus Save Our Students fund. The other 50% was waived. The Save Our Students fund, administered by the SAIT counseling staff, provides financial assistance to 2nd year students who experience unexpected financial difficulties and would, if not helped, be forced to drop out of classes. The campaign raised over \$200 for the fund.

Student Survey

In March, we conducted our annual student survey. The survey was sent by email to all student mailboxes and paper copies were distributed in the Library. 841 students completed the survey, up from the 483 received in 2004. Our typical users are in their first year. Over two-thirds come to the library daily (29%) or weekly (37%). The main uses are to study (66%), conduct research (62%), use computers (59%) and borrow books (34%). We are pleased that 96% of the students responding find the library services to be excellent and good and 87% find the library staff to be very helpful or helpful. We will be working on meeting their concerns about adding new books, more computer workstations and longer hours to improve our services.

Learning Objects Repository

Zahina Iqbal has been closely involved in SAIT's Learning Objects Repository project. The LOR is part of a support system for Career Pathways exposing high-school learners from a selection of Calgary School Boards to courses being offered by SAIT. It is one of eight Collaborative Server-Based Computing Projects being funded by Alberta Learning. Currently content for the repository from various departments and sources is being identified, categorized, and labeled to make it accessible once the IS infrastructure is installed. At the same time, the design for its distribution and presentation is being researched. The final product will give students and teachers access to teaching and learning materials that support their courseware.

Faculty Resource Centre Webpage

The Faculty Resource Centre section of the mysait.ca Faculty page has received an Award of Merit from the Association for Media and Technology in Education in Canada. The Library Research team (Zahina Iqbal, Terry Smith, Zahra

Razaghi and Michelle Racine Stacey) worked with the SAIT Centre for Instructional Technology and Development in developing the site and currently provides a customized virtual library for faculty as one channel on the site.

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Hot off the Press!

1. The fall meeting will be held at NAIT in Edmonton on Thursday, November 17, 2005.

2. AACL is sponsoring the Community and Technical College Libraries (CTCL) session at CLA on Friday, June 17 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

In the session, **How well is your college library doing?** college librarians from across Canada will reveal results from a national survey on how many college libraries meet benchmarks in services, collections and facilities. They will discuss the challenges as libraries move from traditional benchmarks like volume-counts to the struggles with evaluating electronic database numbers, usage and statistics.

3. CTCL would like to encourage you to join us for a breakfast meeting at our annual general meeting being held on Thursday, June 16 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Walker Room at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Save these Dates!

**Monday, December 12 &
Tuesday, December 13
2005**

Intentional Information Literacy Strategies

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Day1 – Dec. 12: Embedding Information Literacy into the Curriculum: Proven Method of Potential Madness?

Day 2 – Dec. 13: Intentional Professional Development in Information Literacy: Librarian as Leader and Learner

Where: Augustana Faculty, University of Alberta in Camrose, Alberta

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