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### *Message from the Chair*

Hello fellow College librarians,

To no one's surprise, Brad Neufeldt did a stellar job of hosting the spring meeting at St. Mary's University College. It was another great turnout and another great series of workshop presentations. Thanks to Alice Swabey and Anne Marie Watson for all of their work on the workshop committee. I'm glad we had the opportunity to wish Kathy Lea a fond farewell as she is retiring after many, many years at Lethbridge College. I don't know when I'll ever again have the opportunity to present a gift of four dozen cans of cat food. I look forward to seeing everyone at Grant MacEwan on November 20<sup>th</sup>. It looks like the new executive has taken shape. Somehow, I am going to remain as Chair for another two years. Of course I don't mind and am quite pleased as Lilian Li from Medicine Hat College has also agreed to stay on as Secretary/Treasurer. I really appreciated all the work that Lilian put in throughout the year in her role on the AACL executive. As well, thanks to Karen Hering from Grant MacEwan for her time as Director-at-Large and I look forward to working with her replacement, and my hallway neighbor at Mount Royal, Cari Merkley. It looks like our first assignment is to update the Strategic and Business Plans for the association. Another Mount Royal hall mate of mine, Francine May has offered to help out with AACL statistics. I want to once again thank Tom Skinner for all of his work over the years on



compiling statistics, especially his wonderful work keeping this service going over the past several years. A final big thanks to Dave Weber and his work on the newsletter and James Rout for his work on the website. Hope everyone has a happy summer.

During the upcoming year AACL will likely continue sponsoring a number of events. At the recent CLA conference in Vancouver it was great to see our name prominently on display before both the opening and closing keynote speakers.

**Geoff Owens, Mount Royal College**

### *Spring 2008 Meeting Minutes*

St. Mary's University College  
LeFort Centre  
Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
9-9:30 Coffee and refreshments

9:30-10:45  
Welcome and round table introductions

Dr. Downey, President of St. Mary's University College, welcomed group.

Geoff Owens (Chair) thanked St. Mary's University College for hosting the meeting. He also thanked Mount Royal College and Medicine Hat College for sponsoring the coffee break.



**Kathy Lea, Lethbridge College**

2008 marked the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AACL. The group celebrated the anniversary with a delicious cake brought from Medicine Hat!

In addition to celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> Association anniversary, attendees applauded Kathy Lea's retirement from Lethbridge College.

*Approval of and additions to agenda*

Alice Swabey from Mount Royal College moved the agenda; Karen Hering from Grant MacEwan College seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

*Approval of Minutes of the Fall 2007 Meeting*

Nora Robinson from SAIT moved for approval of Minutes of the fall 2007 meeting. Maureen Toews from Red Deer College seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

*Executive reports:*

Chair: Geoff Owens

Geoff updated the group with a couple of sponsorships that AACL made: \$200 to NetSpeed 2007 and \$250 to CLA 2008. He mentioned that the current executive team is finishing their 2-year term in today's meeting. The election of a new Executive team is on today's agenda under Robin Minion's coordination as the past chair.



Secretary/Treasurer: Lilian Li

Lilian presented the Financial Statement of AACL 2007 -2008. The report was audited by AACL auditors Keith Walker and Sheila Drummond both from Medicine Hat College. Robin Minion from Olds College moved for approval of the statement and Brad Neufeldt from St. Mary's University College seconded the motion. Financial Statement of AACL 2007-2008 approved. Lilian also reported that Columbia College recently signed up as new AACL member institution.

Director at Large: Karen Hering

Karen mentioned that SALA seemed no longer to be in existence based on her investigation. What we are going to be missing from SALA is update of what different organizations are doing. This could be accomplished through Letter of the LAA and other communication tolls and vehicles. An AACL update was included in the most recent edition of the Letter of the LAA. Karen is planning to put another one in the next edition as well. Maureen Toews suggested an interview with Mary Lou Armstrong from Red Deer College to recap AACL's history would be appropriate in celebrating AACL's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*Committee and working group reports:*

Newsletter: Dave Weber

Dave led the discussion regarding how to revitalize AACL newsletter. Ideas included switching to "getting to know us" feature instead of pressing each institution for submission; encouraging individual institution to put their own content to AACL's website; highlighting a college library on each AACL newsletter issue...

Workshop: Alice Swabey

Alice brought up the concern of how to strengthen the relationship between AACL and UofA's SLIS due to the surprising no response to AACL's willingness to sponsor SLIS PD day. Alice mentioned that based on the conversation between Ann Curry (Director of SLIS program) and Carol Shepstone (Director of Mount Royal College Library), Ann is very interested in the practicum opportunities in college libraries. It was agreed that Alice and Geoff would write a letter to Ann Curry on behalf of AACL to support the idea of extending SLIS practicum opportunity to Alberta colleges other than UofA. A workshop suggestion for the fall 2008 AACL meeting in Edmonton would see Ann Curry being invited for a presentation on library education.



AACL listserv and website: James Rout

James mentioned that AACL's website had recorded good usage. The RSS feed feature is functioning well. AACL's new logo designed by Joan Morrison from Norquest College was presented on AACL's website.

AACL statistics: Susan Brayford

Geoff presented an AACL's letter and \$200 honorarium to Tom Skinner. Susan thanked everyone for the contribution to AACL stats and encouraged AACL members to participate and involve directly in collecting and compiling AACL stats.

10:30 Break

*TAL report:* Helga Kinnaird

Helga updated the group with the followings: TAL is still waiting for response from the government regarding LHCADL funding for 2008-2009; the next priority on agenda would be looking at licensing e-books; SFX license renewal was done with one library opting out; Keith continues to be TAL Chair for one more term; TAL is very proud of LHCADL since one of the key initiatives of TAL was to provide one universally licensed resources for all Alberta libraries and it was achieved by implementing LHCADL. Keith thanked Helga for representing college and technical libraries at TAL.

*LILAC update:* Karen Hering

The LILAC committee of the Lois Hole Digital Library continues to meet semi-regularly. Karen gave a demonstration of the Lois Hole website to APLEN in March and there was a lot of interest for the toolkit and digital resources from the public libraries. The toolkit is also going to be promoted at both CLA and WILU over the next month. Any suggestion and feedback on the toolkit is welcome. Karen invited everyone to contribute to the toolkit by submitting relevant instruction materials and tutorials. LILAC is also hoping to do some onsite training for the First Nations colleges over the spring and summer months. TAL will be looking at revamping the LHCADL website with the goal to make the toolkit more prominent.

*CTCL report:* Keith Walker

Keith encouraged librarians who are attending the CLA conference in Vancouver to be sure to attend the CTCL sessions. Keith also mentioned that Joanne Kemp from MacEwan College is receiving the Outstanding College Librarian Award from CTCL. CTCL is working on re-establishing the directory of college libraries and the online version will be available via the CLA website. This is Keith's last



year as CTCL Chair and he will continue on for two more years as past Chair. Keith also encouraged CTCL membership from Alberta colleges as there is no extra charge to become CTCL member as long as the college already has institutional CLA membership.

LAA: Karen Hering/Sona Kothari

LAA met in February 2008 in Edmonton and the next LAA AGM meeting would be held at the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper on April 25, 2008. LAA is partnering with the Centre for Family Literacy and will offer an Education Institute workshop in fall 2008. LAA is also partnering with the Writers Guild of Alberta to bring the *Check-Out the Writer* Writer-in-Residence program to the regional library systems. LAA has added the functionality of online membership renewals to its website and online registration to the conference website.

Executive election:

Geoff Owens from Mount Royal College has agreed to stay on as the Chair of AACL.

Lilian Li from Medicine Hat College has agreed to stay on as the Secretary/Treasurer of AACL.

Cari Merkle from Mount Royal College was elected as the Director-at-large of AACL.

Debbie suggested a leadership role for director-at-large for developing new AACL business plan.

### *Roundtable Reports:*

Alice (Mount Royal College): MRC is in the early phase of planning new library building and is still waiting for response from Government of Alberta for funding. New librarian from Montreal was recruited into the team.

May/Kat (SAIT): SAIT recently got extra funding to be spent on collection development; successful technology training sessions were offered to library staff.

James (Banff Centre): Banff Centre witnessed the ground-breaking for the new learning centre building; a new librarian was hired; \$25,000 donation was received for purchasing software for cataloguing and digitization projects.

Debbie (MacEwan): a full-time continuing health science librarian was hired for the new Bachelor of Health Science degree; Bachelor of Science and Music degrees were approved; MacEwan will be joining NEOS as full member which



will be bringing huge transition to library operations due to new ILS; MacEwan just started first approval plan with Coutts.

Helga (NAIT): cohort Bachelor of Technology program just started; cohort Bachelor of Business Administration will start in September; two continuing librarian's positions were added with focus on information literacy, generating bibliography for course development, teaching phase-to-phase content and developing information literacy modules for e-learning courses.

Maureen (RDC): RDC is building a new facility for Trades which involves a learning common led by library; Computer lab learning department became part of the library services; RDC is making progress in co-teaching and embedding with classes and is expanding information literacy to media, technology and computer literacy.

Christine (ADAC): ADAC is in the accreditation process with National Association of School of Art and Design to ensure that US states accept ADAC degrees.

Sheila (MHC): It is the fourth year of the successful One Book One Community event and the fifth one is already under planning; MHC in partner with SAIN is organizing an information literacy workshop at UofL in early May.

Joan (NorQuest): full credited library instruction has been implemented into the business industry career program.

Fiona (LC): LC hosted Web 2.0 sessions for library staff and received positive feedback.

Kathy Lea's retirement

12:00-1:00 Lunch

Workshop:

Job Exchange How To -- Kathy Lea, Lethbridge College  
A 45 minute presentation with music and pictures from workplaces in England, Australia and New Zealand. Kathy explained how to arrange your own job exchange and talked about her job exchange experience.





Polishing Diamonds -- Karen Hering, Grant MacEwan College  
Karen presented a non-evaluative peer observation project happening at GMC, and gave insight into how we can polish faculty diamonds in our own institution.

Learning commons Beta -- Sona Kothari & Maureen Toews, Red Deer College  
Sona and Maureen talked about the trends and challenges that are transforming the information common into a learning common.

### *Attendance*

#### **Name**

Christine Sammon  
James Rout  
Colleen McPhee  
Sheila Clark  
Karen Hering  
Debbie McGugan  
John Burgess  
Fiona Dyer  
Kathy Lea  
Lilian Li  
Keith Walker  
Sheila Drummond  
Geoff Owens  
Alice Swabey  
Francine May  
Michelle Sinotte  
Cari Merkley  
Helga Kinnaird  
Joan Morrison  
Robin Minion  
Barbara Palmer  
Veronica Lewis  
Bill Nyman  
Maureen Toews  
Anne Marie Watson  
Sona Kothari  
Nora Robinson  
Dave Weber  
Kat Marlowe  
May Chan  
Susan Brayford  
Brad Neufeldt  
Wayne Wicks

#### **Institution**

Alberta College of Art and Design  
Banff Centre  
Bow Valley College  
Canadian University College  
Grant MacEwan College  
Gran MacEwan College  
Keyano College  
Lethbridge College  
Lethbridge College  
Medicine Hat College  
Medicine Hat College  
Medicine Hat College  
Mount Royal College  
Mount Royal College  
Mount Royal College  
Mount Royal College  
Mount Royal College  
NAIT  
Norquest College  
Olds College  
Portage College  
Prairie Bible College  
Prairie Bible College  
Red Deer College  
Red Deer College  
Red Deer College  
SAIT  
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St. Mary's University College  
Taylor University College





## *News@Your Library*

### **Concordia University College of Alberta Library**

*Submitted by Dan Mirau*

Another exciting academic year has come and gone at Concordia and the library has seen several significant improvements to its facilities, collections, and most importantly, services.

As you may know, Concordia's library is a hub of campus collaboration, housing faculty offices, drop-in computer labs, one thirty-five seat classroom, and of course, all the regular services and functionality of a busy academic library. With the grand opening of the Hole Academic Centre in September, the library has been connected to other campus buildings by a heated, indoor corridor. This change is already having a positive impact on student traffic patterns and library activities. Using vacated faculty offices and classrooms, the library now offers two large drop-in group study spaces and two study rooms for smaller group bookings. These have been much appreciated, as reflected in positive comments from the annual student satisfaction survey carried out in April. The library's quiet reading alcove has now officially been designated the Library Gallery, and our Volunteer Exhibits Curator assembled three excellent photography and writing exhibits bringing in new visitors from the community and inspiring regular library users as well. In the upcoming year, we hope to continue to enhance library spaces by exhibiting new photographic works each month, developing more indoor green spaces and replacing older chairs and shelving.

With relation to library collections, it has been an outstanding year. The strength of the Canadian dollar combined with several large private donations allowed the library to add more print titles than in any single year since 1999. The processing of this large volume was made possible by the dedicated work of the library's Bibliographic Services staff. Information Services staff continued to enhance online collections by adding key electronic resources including SCOPUS, JSTOR, Books 24x7, Cambridge Journals Online, E-brary Academic Complete, and of course, the many invaluable resources brought to us by the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library. The library also added a new institutional Criterion Pictures license, which, together with the existing campus Audio Cine license, increases the number of feature films that can be shown on campus.

Concordia has also been working to improve services by streamlining policies and introducing innovative services. Circulation Services has recently removed fees for interlibrary loans for faculty and are in the process of removing fees for



students. Information Services staff have implemented RefWorks and carried out extensive training to educate students and faculty. Initial responses have been very positive and we look forward to building on initial uptake levels as we carry out Information Literacy sessions in the fall. Information Services staff have also enabled WorldCat access, exposing Concordia's collection to the world via OCLC's deep-linking partnership with Google. The Innovation and Technology Team developed library-related Google Gadgets to allow iGoogle users to embed a library search box, new books list, or library news feed directly into their homepages. The library also created a Facebook Group (which you are all welcome to join!) and is using chat technology to provide research assistance. These small local service innovations, coupled with the great work being done at all levels of our consortia environment, are making sure we stay relevant to our increasingly sophisticated research community.



### **Grant MacEwan College**

*Submitted by Chris Miller, Librarian*

#### **Joanne Kemp wins College Librarian of the Year award from CTCL**

Joanne Kemp, Grant MacEwan College's Director of Learning and Instructional Services, has earned the Canadian Technical and College Libraries' [CTCL] Outstanding College Librarian award. Joanne, who has been with MacEwan College since 1980, was presented with the award on May 23, during the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries' annual general meeting, held during the Canadian Library Association conference in Vancouver. Sponsored by CTCL and The Bibliocentre, the award is given annually to a member of CTCL who contributes to college librarianship and library development through service to the profession, publications, innovative program development, mentorship or leadership.

#### **Judy Moore Becomes Chair of Reference Services**

Judy Moore became Chair of Reference and Research Services for Grant MacEwan College Libraries at the beginning of January, 2008. Judy comes to MacEwan after 17 years with Edmonton Public Libraries. She finished her career at EPL as Manager, Centre for Reading and the Arts at the Stanley A. Milner Library. She takes over from Debbie McGugan, who became the Associate Director of Learning and Instructional Services in June, 2007.



### **Eva Revitt Appointed Full-time Continuing Campus Librarian at CFAC**

Congratulations to Eva Revitt, who has been appointed full-time continuing campus librarian at MacEwan's Centre for the Arts and Communications Library. Eva, who had been campus librarian on a contract basis for several years, received her appointment after interviews were held in early April. She and the rest of the CFAC Library staff will have lots to keep them busy, as MacEwan's Music program received Alberta Quality Council approval last year, and will soon become a degree-granting program. CFAC is also working toward offering a Bachelor of Communications degree. Library collections for both programs are expected to grow considerably to support baccalaureate-level studies.

### **Jessica Knoch Appointed Health Sciences Librarian**

Congratulations also to Jessica Knoch, who was appointed MacEwan's Health Sciences Librarian in April. Jessica previously worked at MacEwan from 2003 to 2005 before taking time off to start a family. She returned to the College in 2006, working in the City Centre Campus Library on a part-time basis until taking up the Health Sciences position.

### **Science Degree Moving Ahead**

MacEwan College will soon be offering a Bachelor of Science degree, with majors in Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Mathematics, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Psychology. The program was given ministerial approval at the end of March, and MacEwan faculty and staff are awaiting word on funding for the new program, including funds to expand the Library's holdings in these subject areas.

### **Renovations in the Library**

MacEwan's City Centre Campus Library is undergoing renovation this summer. Since May 20, new carpet and new shelving have been installed on the third floor. Over the summer, the collection on the second floor will be shifted up to the third floor, a new computer and instructional lab will be built on the second floor, the third floor lab will be dismantled, and the Reference and Research Desk will move from the third floor to the second. This is the final phase of renovations: new offices, a new borrower services desk and new entrances to the library were built last summer. Renovations should be complete before classes start in September.

### **Polishing Diamonds**

MacEwan librarians took turns observing each other's instructional classes during the winter term as part of the College's Polishing Diamonds program. The program, facilitated by MacEwan Librarian Karen Hering, helps instructors gain



new ideas and improves their skills by giving them the opportunity to observe their peers, and discuss their observations afterward. The Library is now looking at the possibility of approaching other institutions to take part in the program over the coming year.

### **CFAC Holds Focus Groups**

There are some changes underway at the Centre for the Arts and Communications library. Two focus group sessions held in April indicated that students were generally appreciative of the library and its staff. However, the 17 students from various programs who took part in the focus groups identified a number of issues. The staff at the CFAC library acted quickly to address student concerns, and made these changes:

- Staffing hours will be increased to allow for more training with technical equipment.
- The library will put up posters to identify staff members and their roles so students will know who to turn to for assistance.
- More books have been ordered, and more CDs will be ordered when funding for the planned Music degree is approved.

A few more changes are in the works, including the implementation of a new resource booking system and full AV borrowing on the weekends, both of which should be available in the fall.

### **Library Holds Information Literacy Focus Groups**

Close to 30 MacEwan instructors told us what they think of the Library's information literacy program in a series of focus groups held in May. The focus groups, organized by MacEwan Librarian Chris Miller, found that MacEwan instructors:

- Appreciate the instruction the Library does.
- Feel that students rely too heavily on the open Web for their research.
- Feel that students are often unaware of the variety and depth of resources that the Library offers.
- Want sessions to be more focused on specific assignments and skills.
- Want librarians to work more closely with instructors.

The results of these focus groups will help the Library Instruction Advisory Committee set goals for instruction in MacEwan Libraries over the coming years.

### **Library to Join NEOS**

The MacEwan Library system is going to become a full member of the NEOS Consortium. Currently MacEwan is the only member of NEOS that does not share the ILS. MacEwan announced earlier this year that it plans to join the



consortium as a full member, with migration to the NEOS ILS (Symphony) to be completed by 2010. Currently MacEwan has the Horizon ILS, a platform which Sirsi/Dynix has announced it is phasing out. The NEOS consortium is a cooperative association of college, university, government and public libraries across northern Alberta. It provides members with access to an extensive array of resources through collaborative subscriptions to databases, a shared on-line catalogue, reciprocal borrowing and inter-library loans.



## **Lakeland College**

*Submitted by Margo Till-Rogers*

### *Staffing*

2008 has brought some new faces to Lakeland College and some farewells to dear friends. In April, 2008 Susan Bangrove, Dean of Arts, Science, Business and Academic Services, left our College to take up the post of VP, Academic at Grande Prairie Regional College. Susan was passionate in her support of the Library and in her time as Dean successfully advocated for increased funds for staffing and library resources. We wish her every success in her new position. Dr. Jason Dewling, appointed Associate Dean in May, provides leadership and

coordination primarily for the following areas: Human Services, Academic Services (including the Library), Interpretation & Deaf Studies, and Continuing Education. Jason has been with the College for a number of years as a faculty member in the School of Health and Human Services. He brings a wealth of experience to his position in the areas of community involvement, inclusion and child and youth care. Jason has served for several years as a councilor for the Town of Wainwright. He is very active in a



**Jason Dewling in Guatemala-2007**

number of community-based organizations, including Habitat for Humanity. Also joining our team as Document Delivery Technician is Jennifer Duguid. Jennifer is a recent graduate of the Information Management and Library Technology program at Grant MacEwan College and was one of four recipients of the 2008 Library Association of Alberta Student Awards. Welcome Jason and Jennifer!



### *Projects*

- A project has recently commenced to revamp our Library's website. Library staff have been working closely with Marqui; the Vancouver based marketing automation company responsible for the recent redevelopment of the larger Lakeland College website.
- Following the successful implementation of Relais Internationals' automated interlibrary loan system, our Library is now looking to acquire the Relais Scanning Module in the coming weeks.



### **Medicine Hat College**

*Submitted by Sheila Drummond*

Ah, spring: the season in which we do all the things we didn't get done during the 'regular' year. We also attend a lot of conferences. Here's what we've been up to at Medicine Hat College.

- On May 5<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the fifth anniversary of the new Vera Bracken Library. This meant cake and juice throughout the day for all who dropped by. Of course, no one can *really* believe that it's been five years.
- On May 6<sup>th</sup> we co-sponsored the Southern Alberta Information Network's Information Literacy Workshop. This featured presentations by Meagan Bowler of Mount Royal College and Joanne Mokry and Michelle Edwards Thomson of Red Deer College. The roundtable discussion provided an opportunity for the post-secondary and public/regional libraries to consider our diverse info lit practices and perspectives.
- During that same (busy) week, our Library Technology Committee received the College's annual Innovation Award for developing our instant messaging reference service. Lilian Li is the chair of that committee.
- During May we also invited the deans and program coordinators to come to a 'show and tell' session in the Library intended to dazzle and inform. We focused on resources and services of particular interest to faculty (including the Library's new classroom response system). We concluded with lunch for all involved.
- We had to leave something for June so this month all of the Library's public access and student computers are being replaced. The new machines will feature the Vista operating system.
- Along with conferences come elections for executive positions. Keith Walker has been re-elected TAL Chair for a third term. He is also the Past





Chair of CTCL. Lilian Li is beginning her second term as AACL Secretary/Treasurer.

- And on the topic of transitions, it is with sadness that I announce my departure from Medicine Hat College. In August I will take on the position of Head of Reference Services at Medicine Hat Public Library. All the best to AACL as you work to strengthen college libraries in Alberta.



### **NAIT Library**

*Submitted by Helga Kinnaird*

Additional librarian, library technician, and administrative support staff has been hired in order to implement the library's plan to support NAIT's two new degrees: the Bachelor of Technology in Technology Management (launched in September 2007) and the Bachelor of Administration in Business Enterprise (to be launched in September 2008). Over the past 6 months:

- New resources in all formats have been added to the collections in order to directly support the baccalaureate degrees. The new electronic information resources include *Canadian Social Investment Database* and *Conference Board of Canada e-Library*.
- In order to provide more visible and convenient ways for NAIT staff to access library services, two forms have been developed for the library website: a research appointment form and an online booking form for requesting information literacy instruction sessions for their students.
- Librarians continue to work with Content Experts and Instructional Designers to embed information literacy content and activities into the baccalaureate courses as the courses are developed. They have developed complementary materials such as a list of sample information literacy activities appropriate to each of the Information Literacy Standards as well as information literacy maps to track the outcomes that are addressed in each course.
- Our librarians are involved in facilitating the *Best Practices in eLearning* online course that is now being delivered through eCampus Alberta. They developed the course's module about incorporating information literacy into online instruction.
- Christine Bouchier and Shannon D'Agnone presented a session at the Alberta Library Conference in April. The session entitled "Reaching Out:





Taking Information Literacy Online” described the development process for the online course, *CoordiNAITing Your Information Research*, as well as the impact that the project has had on NAIT library services.



### **Red Deer College**

*Submitted by Anne Marie Watson*

If you were to ask the staff at RDC what their winter term was like, their eyes would probably glaze over and the only word you’d get from them would be “laptops.” RDC has been circulating laptops to students for a few years now, but we made some significant changes to our laptops over the course of the past year. We doubled the number of laptops available for borrowing to over 100. We also changed the loan period to a 4-hour loan, recognizing the increased battery power. We allowed laptops to be borrowed by any library member (no longer restricted to students only), and we allowed students to remove them from the library if they wished, although community members would still be required to use them in the library only. Laptop circulation gave our tutors and reference staff the opportunity to engage with students in a different way, and students really liked the laptop option.

This spring, staff of the Learning Resources Division were invited to submit art or handicraft items to our first Division art show, which was exhibited in the Library for about six weeks. “The Talent Within” included original art by 12 staff members in these media: photography, ceramics, cross-stitch, drawing, scrapbooking, stamping, watercolour painting, oil painting, woodwork, poetry, and jewelry-making. We hope that this will become an annual event.

In June, the Learning Resources Division staff participated in a fun retreat. In the morning, 30 members of our Division rode the “Big Bike” to raise money for the Heart & Stroke Fund of Canada. Our Division team raised \$4200, and we had a lot of fun, despite the rain!



**RDC Big Bike**



## **SAIT Library**

*Submitted by Nora Robinson*

### **Special Collections Funding**

We received approximately \$66,000 in one-time special collections development funding in April. Over 1000 extra books were selected and purchased.

### **Staff Professional Development**

Library staff attended several conferences including

- Canadian Library Association, Vancouver, BC
- Association of Canadian Archivists, Fredericton, NB
- Alberta Association of Library Technicians, Red Deer, AB
- WILU (Workshop on Library Instruction for Users), Kelowna, BC
- LOEX of the West (Library Orientation Exchange), Las Vegas, NV
- Alberta Library Conference, Jasper, AB

### **Staff Changes**



**Susan Brayford & Jan Leinweber**

Jan Leinweber, who started in the SAIT Library in 1969, retired on June 30. Jan looked after our electronic materials subscriptions and we will certainly miss her negotiating skills when it comes time to renew our licenses!

Corrinna Meidinger, library technician, has joined the library support services unit in May. Corrinna graduated from the SAIT Library and Information Technician program in 2003. She will be taking on our digital resource licensing as well as providing assistance to library users at the Information Desk.

Kathleen Johnston started in the Library Support Services unit in October 2008. She is a graduate of the Grant



MacEwan Information Management/Library Technology program and worked at Olds College prior to joining us. Kathleen is responsible for our subscriptions and will also be working at the Information Desk.

Brenda Gee joined the Library in November. She is our new administrative assistant and has been very busy organizing events such as our student photojournalism display, Alberta Art Foundation displays, our library staff PD day and Jan's retirement function – as well as learning how SAIT works.

The Library is once again hosting two summer students for the May-August term. Sharon Lowe and Kirsten Livingstone have completed the first year of their Library and Information programs.

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### **New Software for Students with Reading Difficulties**

The Library, in co-operation with the Services for Students with Disabilities Office, recently added software to assist students with reading disabilities. The software is installed on 2 workstations, currently located on Level 0. The workstations have large screen monitors. Students using the software also have access to a scanner at the workstation.

The Kurzweil 3000 software is designed to help students with reading disabilities through the use of enhanced visual and auditory features that assist the student read printed and electronic information. The Kurzweil software accepts electronic text from an online source or from a scanned version of any text document and converts it into computer-generated speech that the student listens to. The ZoomText software increases text size for students with visual impairments.



## **Student Survey**

We undertook our annual student survey in February. Over 3000 students responded and they had lots to say! We have 121 pages of comments to analyze as well as the statistical information. We will be posting a report on the survey results for students on our web site later this summer. After a quick look, we are happy to report that the results are positive – with lots of requests for more of what we do – more books, more computers, more space, more study rooms, more wireless access.



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## **Augustana Information Literacy Programme**

I am pleased to announce preliminary details on the **8th Annual Augustana Information Literacy in Academic Libraries Workshop!**

**Date:** Thursday, November 20, 2008 (with some kind of optional social event or dinner on the evening of Wednesday, November 19).

**Topic:** Considering Assessment: Evaluating Student Learning and Informing Evidence Based Decisions Using Rubrics and Performance Measures

**Workshop Presenter:** Megan Oakleaf (School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY)

**Where:** Augustana Campus, University of Alberta, Camrose, Alberta, Canada

Watch the listservs and visit [www.augustana.ualberta.ca/library/workshop](http://www.augustana.ualberta.ca/library/workshop) for more information!

Save the date!

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