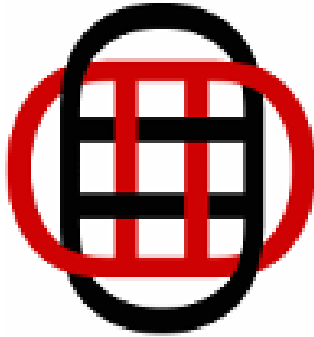


Annual Newsletter

Summer 2024



CPSLD

Council of Post Secondary Library Directors

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Greetings,

As you can see from the activities and updates included in this edition of the newsletter, the academic library sector work energetically with many events, programs, and innovation in the province of BC!

As a group, CPSLD met twice over the past year, in person, at Langara campus in December 2023 (thanks for hosting Langara!) and a virtual meeting was held in May 2024. At the in-person meeting, we talked about advocacy, EBSCO's Panorama Data Harvesting Product/data use, succession planning and leadership training, CPSLD's annual survey of members and the results and held a roundtable from the members. As well, Christina de Castell, Chief Librarian & CEO at Vancouver Public Library shared her thoughts on Libraries and Intellectual Freedom.

At the virtual meeting, CPSLD members voted in a new Secretary/ President-Elect Trina Fyfe, University Librarian (University of Northern BC) with the current Secretary/ Present-Elect assuming the role of President and Darcy Gullacher (Trinity Western University) continuing as Treasurer.

The members also thanked David Alexander, University Librarian at Vancouver Island University, for their leadership of CPSLD. CPSLD members also recognized and acknowledged Gwen Bird's last CPSLD meeting and her incredible contribution to Libraries both provincial, nationally, and beyond. Gwen has been a great mentor to many of us present today and to many in the library profession and beyond. We are all grateful to Gwen for her innumerable contributions! She will be missed but we wish her the best in her retirement!

We look forward to coming together again in December at Douglas College. Huge thanks to Trina Fyfe and her team for compiling all the entries and thank you to everyone who shared what they are working on.

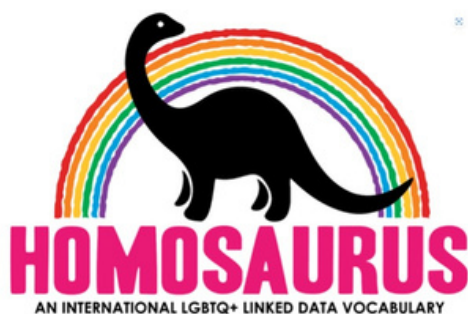
Camille Callison
President, CPSLD
University Librarian
University of the Fraser Valley

Coast Mountain College

Submitted by Tracey Woodburn, Dean of Learning and Teaching

IDEA Initiatives

A major focus for the CMTN libraries this past year has been identifying and implementing initiatives for Indigenization, diversity, equity, and access. Aware that these types of initiatives are never 'one and done' type projects, our team emphasized work that can be adapted and renewed according to future interests. The first of these projects was to apply the Homosaurus controlled vocabulary to our collection of 2SLGBTQ+ materials. Throughout last summer the collection was inventoried and expanded while the cataloging policy was developed. Then in November 2023 the policy was completed, and the records updated to include the new descriptive terms and remove any potentially harmful ones.



During this time, a research LibGuide was also developed regarding Indigenous group and place names. This guide offers known synonyms and alternate spellings for local Indigenous names, as well as further information on how to best search these terms in research databases and on the groups themselves. While the guide has been published to our library site, it remains a work in progress as a living document. Further updates will hopefully include audio files with the proper pronunciation of the groups and places listed. We are grateful to the time and input of our First Nations access coordinators and Indigenization faculty specialists as we continue to work on this guide.

Additionally, in early June 2024 a discussion was held on including a land acknowledgement on the library page. Our team felt it was important to include, not just as a performative action, but as a visual representation and reminder of who we serve in our community. The acknowledgement was added in late June to our LibGuides and will be included in our library page refresh later this summer.



Lastly on this point was the recent investment in 12 more laptops for student circulation. Our veteran laptop collection has not been able to keep pace with our growing student population, especially as they have become our most requested items. So, new machines were requisitioned and in April 2024 the new laptops were catalogued and officially added to the collection. We are hopeful that this investment will help bridge the technology gap and difficulty with digital access experienced by many of our students.



We are proud of the growth we've already achieved and are looking forward to continuing this work with the guidance of our students, staff, faculty, and greater community.



Collection Refresh and Changes

- Our text collection has also received a substantial boost this past year. Beyond textbooks and requests from faculty, the collection has been further developed to fill in knowledge gaps in multiple areas, including: 2SLGBTQ+, multiculturalism, and anti-racism. A short e-newsletter has been started to inform staff and faculty when additions are made and has been successfully bringing in interest from around campus.
- A new demographic need was identified in CMTN Prince Rupert, and a small juvenile collection started in June 2024. It is already being enjoyed by the children accompanying summer students and will hopefully be further used in the fall semester.
- We are thankful to faculty and staff donators who have allowed us to greatly expand our fiction and graphic novel collections. In fact, so many items were donated that our cataloging policy for graphic novels and comic books had to be completely revamped. The new guide was completed in April 2024 and a new shelf opened shortly after to better display the enhanced collection. Due to increased awareness and engagement, we have further developed the collection ourselves.
- Outside of library-specific materials, our team has also assisted in the management of the field school's collection. The policy was completed in September 2023, and we then worked with the lab techs to catalog the tools, gear, and kits held by the field school. The new system has improved the ability to inventory and track usage of the collection.

Staffing Updates

Long-time librarian Tim MacDonald retired in February 2023 and, following his departure, library technician Mike Rauschenberger stepped seamlessly into the head librarian role on the Rupert campus. Recent library school graduate, Chris Grant, then slotted into the vacated tech position in May 2023.

Terrace library tech, Kristina Klinge, departed the college in June 2023, but continues her library work with a French-language institution in Alberta. Interviews for the Terrace position are ongoing.

The library changed department heads at the start of 2024, from Colin Elliott to Tracey Woodburn, so we can be better connected with learning resources.

Events, Collaboration, and Outreach

While the library event schedule hasn't yet recovered from COVID, we are happy to be involved in broader campus events such as tours, orientations, and convocations. We also perform classroom visits for presentations on citation and research methods. Due to faculty and student concerns regarding A.I., we are looking into how to address ethical A.I. usage in academia; whether this will be with another classroom visit, a new workshop or something else entirely is still in development.

A new student engagement officer on the Rupert campus provided the opportunity to contribute materials to a variety of events. Displays were made for safe sex, diversity, and anti-bullying events and were then maintained in the library for the rest of the week. These displays seemed to provoke interesting conversations amongst attendees, and we hope to do more of this work in the upcoming semester. Overall, we do our best to make our presence felt on campus, so students, faculty, and staff alike know they can count on the library to fulfill their information needs.



Douglas College

Submitted by Trish Rosseel, Director, Learning Resources & Records Management, Privacy Officer

Zines @ Douglas!

The Library has been collecting zines and working with faculty across disciplines to incorporate these unique materials into their courses and teaching for many years now; recently zines have picked up even more momentum with the creation of the Douglas College Library Zine Collective (DCLZC).



DCLZC members Christine Fojas, Lindsay Russell and Katharine Shipley presented the workshop Join the Zine Scene: Exploring Library Values Through Collaborative Zine Making at the BCLA Conference in April 2024, and Christine joined Information Literacy Librarian Alicia Arding at WILU in May 2024 to present on the topic of Using Zines in Library Instruction. The DCLZC is now busy planning a [ZineFest on Saturday, October 2024](#) at the New Westminster campus of Douglas College.

Expanding Collections

- In support of the growing use of zines used in class assignments, the Library is expanding our [zine collection](#) and cataloguing them to allow users to borrow and use outside of the library.
- Starting in Fall 2023, a display shelf at both library campuses was dedicated to a self-serve [Games collection](#) for anyone to use in-library. The collection includes card and board games, brainteasers, and jigsaw puzzles.
- In Summer 2023, the Library assembled and launched several [book club kits](#) featuring works by Indigenous authors, and exploring Indigenous perspectives and viewpoints. Kits contain 10 copies of each title, and a discussion guide developed by library staff.
- A [Collections](#) page was added to the library website to serve as a launch-pad for discovery and exploration of our many distinct and specialized collections. The page shares 13 Featured Collections, such as [Archives](#), [Zines](#), [OERs](#), [Games](#), and [Equipment](#), as well as details on our full stacks, eBook, and articles collections discoverable through [OneSearch](#).

Building Up/ Enhancing Faculty Support

- RDM Librarian, Shawna Parlongo, developed and launched a Research Data Management tutorial in October 2023 to help Douglas researchers best manage and secure their data. The tutorial is now being relaunched on a new platform, and will be available again soon on the Library's [Research Support](#) page.
- [Talis Resource Lists](#) launched in Fall 2023 and continues to gain traction with faculty. Two Library Technicians work with users to provide in-depth support, including digitizing of resources and assistance building lists.
- In May 2024, a Faculty Instructional Support Lightning Talk was offered faculty-wide via Zoom to offer an overview of and Q&A around services, supports, and resources available from the Library and Learning Centre. It included demos and info on information literacy classes, article databases and streaming video collections, Talis Resource Lists, as well as copyright and OER supports. Work is under way to produce a video covering similar information to help spread awareness of what the library has to offer faculty.

Student Research Days

The annual [Student Research Days 2024](#) event took place in April, with a record-setting number of submissions coming in this year. The Library hosted Panel Presentations at both Coquitlam and New Westminster, and judging in all categories was well-represented by Library and Learning Centre employees. All accepted submissions are added to the [Douglas Open Repository \(DOOR\)](#). Student Research Posters were also displayed after the event on a video carousel at both campuses.





Outreach & Engagement

Over the last year, the Library hosted several activities and events, bringing around 130 people into our spaces to participate.

- National Comic Book Day Book Talk in September
- Open Education Resource Grant Recipient Recognition Event in October
- Games Night in November
- DC Author's Celebration in March
- Earth Day Book Talk in April

The Library also collaborates regularly with other campus groups, such as Indigenous Student Services, Student Life, and the Douglas Students' Union, to share related resources and engage with our community. We joined in tabling at over 30 activities, including Moosehide Campaign awareness tabling, UN SDG week, International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and the BC Menstrual Equity Symposium.

Podcasting Room Coming

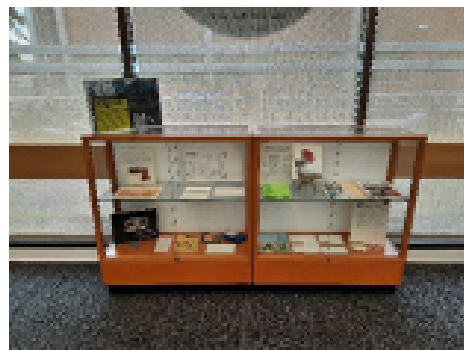
A former group study room on the New West campus library's main floor is being converted to a Podcasting Room and is expected to open in Fall 2024. Room modifications to effectively absorb and deflect sound and installation of audio & podcast recording equipment will take place over the Summer semester. The Podcasting Room will be bookable and support from library technicians will be provided to users.

Archives Display

Arianna Nagle and Jamie Harper put together our very first Archives display at the New Westminster campus from March to April of 2024. The display featured archival materials showcasing the story of Douglas College campuses over the years. The in-person display was developed based on an earlier [online spotlight created for Archives Awareness Week 2023](#)

Staffing Update

- Lindsay Russell moved on to a librarian role at a public library after 10 years at Douglas as a library technician
- Arianna Nagle joined the Research and Information Management team in July 2023 as the Records & Privacy Analyst
- Jacquie Ticknor retired in December 2023 after 36 years as a library technician
- Jamie Harper, previously working in an on-call capacity, joined as full-time library technician in January 2024 with a portfolio supporting Archives, DOOR and Public Services



Emily Carr University of Art + Design

Submitted by D. Vanessa Kam, University Librarian

Staffing Updates

With the departure of Suzanne Rackover, ECU's former University Librarian,

I assumed the permanent role of University Librarian in September of 2023, after serving for seven months in an interim position. For further details about my appointment, please see the [ECU announcement](#).



We are pleased to announce the hire of Michelle Ng, as our E-Resources + Discovery Librarian. Michelle began their appointment at ECU in May of 2024. They received their MLIS from UBC in 2019 and worked as an eResources Services & Support Associate for the Ontario Colleges Library Service for five years. Welcome Michelle!

Strategic Planning

The Library + Archives team has written [goals](#) and strategies to meet our goals for the period 2024–2028. This builds upon previous work in writing our vision, mission, and values statements.

Events

Community Day

An initiative of ECU Library + Archive's new Community Engagement Committee, Community Day took place on February 15, 2024. It connected ECU students with organizations, businesses and local resources of interest in the community. Participants included staff from the Vancouver Art Gallery, the Vancouver Public Library, and staff from other units at ECU. Tables were set up in the library to facilitate conversations and informational materials were also available. Staff from the Aboriginal Gathering Place hosted a tufting workshop to round out the festive mood of the event.

Wosk Print Symposium

Kristy Waller (ECU's archivist) and ECU librarian Ana Diab collaborated with ECU faculty member Beth Howe in landing a successful Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant aimed at finding ways to maximize the use and study of the [Wosk Print Collection](#). Donated by Dr. Yosef Wosk, and including works by Cézanne, Rembrandt, Renoir, Riopelle, Cocteau, Chagal, Picasso, Manet, Miro, Warhol, Goya, Rauschenberg and others, the colloquium drew twenty-five print enthusiasts from the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, and other organizations this past May. A highlight of the colloquium was a collaborative alt-text creation session.

Guest Lecture: Vanessa Gray from the Yellowhead Institute

Temporary ECU librarian Indri Pasaribu collaborated with Design + Dynamic Media faculty member Manuhua Barcham to host a hybrid talk by Vanessa Gray of the Yellowhead Institute titled "Indigenous Data Governance and Data Colonialism," on May 11, 2024.

Gray, a member of the Anishinaabe kwe, Aamjiwnaang First Nation community, spoke about the report she co-wrote for Yellowhead Institute titled "Data Colonialism in Canada's Chemical Valley: Aamjiwnaang First Nation and the Failure of the Pollution Notification System." This special report described the permission-to-pollute system in Chemical Valley and how industry is manipulating data that they provide to the Aamjiwnaang First Nation community as a form of data colonialism.

Click [here](#) to read more.

Climate Change & Sustainability

The Fibre Library

At the suggestion of a faculty member, and in collaboration with Baaad Anna's yarn store, the library at ECU is hosting a little fibre library. The library contains yarn, knitting patterns, tools, books, and operates under a "Take a yarn: leave a yarn" model. In doing so, ECU joins a community of other fibre libraries in the Vancouver area and beyond, while supporting upcycling of materials for clothing, etc.

Click [here](#) to read more about Little Fibre Libraries.



Mending Workshop

In conjunction with the ECU Library + Archives Sustainability Committee, and with the assistance of the 2023 CUPE BC Environment & Climate Justice Award winner Michael Pollard (ECU Library staff member), Morgan Martino (the library's climate action research assistant) hosted three mending workshops in the spring of 2024. The focus was on hand-based mending skills such as sewing, darning, and hemming. All skill levels were welcome and light snacks were served. Given that textile waste has had catastrophic impacts on countries like Ghana, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Kenya, sustaining the life-cycle of personal clothing is a worthwhile pursuit.



Roots Union Garden

As an "offshoot" (pun intended) of the ECU Library's Seed Swap initiative (mentioned in the Spring 2021 CPSLD Newsletter), a garden on a terrace at the ECU campus has been revitalized and dubbed the "Roots Union." The garden is a collaboration between ECU students, Library staff, the ECU security team. This initiative offers to all an opportunity to build skills in cultivating and sustaining a garden. In addition to creating a green space in a part of the city that is highly industrial, the garden hosts multiple flowers, food (kale, tomatoes, chard, etc), sweet grass, and more. It is a serene gathering place for the ECU community.



New Initiatives

Neurotools and Low Sensory Nights

In a shout out to members of our community who are neurodiverse, the library team has developed a Neurotools Collection and has programmed low sensory spaces in the library on selected nights.

The Neurotools Collection came about via consultation with ECU's Disability & Neuro-Divergent Collective. The circulating collection includes fidgets, sensory supports, and brain aids. Examples include stim toys created by an ECU student, an orange wobble stool (in the photograph), visual timers, pencil grips, acupressure rings, and more. The team is also asking for input from the community on how to grow/develop the collection based on needs.



The low sensory nights in the library involved creating spaces that were scent-free, food-free, low lit, and quiet. The Artist's Books/Special Collections room hosted several low sensory nights, and a low sensory night was offered to the ECU community the night of the Grad Show Exhibition. Given the customary high turnouts and excitement generated from ECU's Grad Show, the library was pleased to offer a space of refuge from all the bustle to anyone who needed it.



Justice Institute of British Columbia

Submitted by April Haddad, Director, Library Services

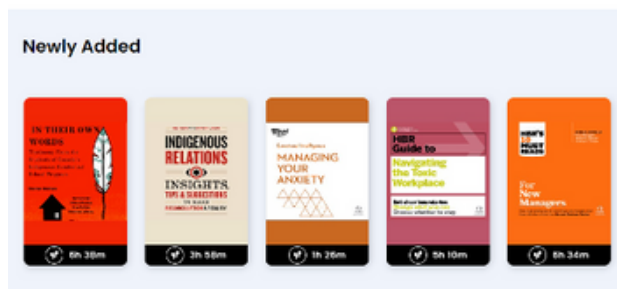
Staffing Updates

Brianna Henshaw is our new Outreach and Copyright Librarian. She will be the Liaison Librarian for the School of Criminal Justice & Security. Brianna was previously at Douglas College as Reference & Instruction Librarian and part-time librarian at University Canada West.



New Audiobook Platform

The Library has a new Audiobook platform - Boundless Audiobooks from Baker & Taylor. JIBC users can borrow and listen to titles on a wide range of topics and subject areas. Some of the highlighted topics include conflict, leadership, stress, trauma and Indigenous titles. Audiobooks can be downloaded for seven days, and they can be accessed from both a mobile device and a web browser. Check out [how to access the audiobook platform](#) on our Library Guide.



Library Entrance Now Accessible

A new security gate was recently installed in the library entrance. Our old gate was 29 years old! New software (libraryConnect) will count the number of visitors and show when they visited the Library, enabling staff to determine which times and days are busiest. There are no bars on the new security gate, which improves accessibility to the Library.

before...



... after!



Library Switches to GOBI

The Library has recently streamlined and enhanced the acquisitions of new titles. This includes collection development (locating and selecting books), the ordering process, and management of book orders. In the summer of 2023, the Library began to select and purchase print and electronic books using GOBI Library Solutions, an online book agent who covers more than 1,500 publishers and offers access to more than 21 million titles. This includes more than 3.7 million eBooks which are available within minutes of ordering.

Librarians are also able to create subject profiles customized to meet the needs of JIBC curricula. They are notified weekly of newly published titles that match these profiles.

New APA Citation Video Series

The Library has a new [APA Citation Video series](#) covering the basics of APA citations, from how to create in-text citations and reference lists to how to use our [APA Citation Guide](#).

Playlist includes:

- The Basics
- In-Text Citations
- Reference List
- Citation Guide
- Refworks

Assistive Technology Collection

The Library and Disability Services have collaborated to offer a new Assistive Technology Collection available to borrow from the Library. Featuring C-Pens, noise cancelling headphones, white noise machines and a digital recorder, the new collection is available to all students - whether or not they have a diagnosed disability. Check out the Assistive Technology tab on our [Equipment Subject Guide](#) for more information.

What's New in the Library!
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Suggest a Title
Have a suggestion for a new title? Send us an email.

Free Mailing
We will mail items to you, free of charge, along with a prepaid mailing label and envelope for returning items. Contact the library today.

eBooks & Audiobooks
Find out more: visit our eBooks & Audiobooks guides.

Explore new titles:

- Abundance Leaders: Creating Energy, Joy, and Productivity in an Unsettled World** by Laura Freeman-Smith
Call Number: BF 657 L4 F74 2023
Publication Date: 2023-06-01
Print book
 Also available in eBook (UIDC login required)
- Advanced Instructional Design Techniques: Themes and Strategies for Complex Learning** by Jill E. Stiefenick
Call Number: LB 1628 S6 S74 2024
Publication Date: 2023-09-12
Print book
- A Basic Guide to Canadian Family Law: What Everybody Needs to Know About Canadian Family Law but Could Never Afford to Ask** by Julien D. Payne & Melissa A. Payne
Call Number: KE 538 L2 P59 2023
Publication Date: 2023
Print book

Showcasing New Titles in the Library

Students, faculty, and public safety professionals are all able to view our new titles in a subject guide accessible to all. Titles in What's New in the Library link to the library catalogue which provides a summary, tables of contents, and notes about the author, and also allows books to be requested.

Several users have sent messages of thanks to the Library for providing a user-friendly way to find and borrow new books. Program areas are also excited about being able to share new Library resources with their JIBC community.

Check out the [What's New](#) lists today for new eBooks, books, and audiobooks. No password required!

Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Submitted by Todd Mundle, University Librarian

Workshop for Instruction in Library Use (“WILU”)

KPU Library hosted WILU 2024, an annual Canadian Library conference where delegates meet to discuss timely topics on information literacy. 200 Librarians from across Canada, the United States, and elsewhere visited KPU Richmond between May 14 and May 17. The conference was co-chaired by Librarians Ulrike Kestler, Caja Blomley, and Melissa Smith. Countless other KPU Librarians and staff members helped plan and ensure the conference went smoothly.

The Opening Keynote was delivered by Dr. Heidi Julien, a Professor in the Department of Information Science at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. The closing keynote was delivered by Dr. Rajdeep S. Gill, an interdisciplinary scholar, educator, and curator, committed to searching the inquiry of self, life, and society.



WILU
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Left: A WILU session Right: Dr. Rajdeep S. Gill
delivers the closing keynote

Throughout the 3-day conference, participants attended workshops, lightning talks, and presentations surrounding the theme of “Embracing Change”. WILU invited our participants to consider the following: “How you can evolve and adapt to an ever-shifting landscape. How can you actively build the future, enrich the present, and embrace change?”.

At the end of the conference, an attendee left this note for us: “Kudos Kwantlen. Thanks for sharing your gorgeous space with us. Perfect setting for this well-organized, friendly, and thought-provoking conference. We appreciate your efforts – thank you!”

To read more about WILU, visit [here](#).

Red Dress Day Display

KPU Library collaborated with Indigenous Services to mark Red Dress Day on May 5. A book display was curated to increase awareness, advocacy, and acknowledgment of the neglect and violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples in Canada. Visitors were encouraged to borrow books and self-educate with online resources.



Reference & Instruction

KPU Library remains committed to providing excellent Research Help and Instructional sessions to our students, faculty, and staff. At our Research Help Desk, we answered almost 1900 questions between September 2023 and April 2024! These questions came from students, instructors, faculty, staff, and community members.

Instructional sessions teach key information literacy skills, research skills, citation skills, and more. KPU Librarians taught 135 Instructional sessions in the Spring 2024 Semester. About their experience working with Librarian Mirela Djokic this past semester, one student wrote:

Mirela provided me with an extremely valuable piece of information during our conversation. She highlighted the ease with which one can navigate various databases to obtain relevant research information. I had never even considered the possibility of using such databases to find the information I needed. After learning about this approach, I now feel more confident in my ability to conduct thorough research and obtain the necessary data for my current research. Overall, I am grateful for the insight that Mirela provided and look forward to using this newfound knowledge in any of my future research.

KPU Library looks forward to helping more students feel confident in their research at KPU.

Douglas College Visit to KPU Library

On April 29, librarians and staff from Douglas College Library and Learning Centre visited KPU Library for their annual PD Day. The KPU Learning Centre and KPU Library organized presentations, activities, and tours during the morning. This included a presentation from our Technical Services team on their work with the modified Brian Deer classification scheme for the ʔə́x̣ẉéyəm Indigenous Collection, updates on our teaching and outreach activities, and a tour of the KPU Archives.



This was a highly successful visit, and we look forward to visiting Douglas College Library and welcoming our colleagues back again in the future.

Long Night Against Procrastination

KPU Library once again hosted our popular Long Night Against Procrastination event at KPU Surrey Library. Students were encouraged to join the Library for a night of study, relaxation, and stress relief.

At LNAP, around 150 students relaxed with therapy dogs from Saint John Ambulance, enjoyed free pizza, tea, and coffee provided by the KSA, and worked on final assignments. Tutors from the Learning Centre helped support students and Sports and Recreation led a stretching break activity. LNAP also featured information tables from the KSA, Academic Integrity, Disabilityverse, and KPU International. Our Student Ambassador, Jessica, created an Instagram Reel to recap the event. To view it, visit [here](#).

Technical Services Receives Awards

KPU Library's Technical Services Team have recently received the following awards:

BC Cataloguing & Technical Services Interest Group - J. McRee Elrod Leadership Award

This award recognizes an individual or unit working in technical services that has demonstrated excellence and/or made a difference to users and colleagues in British Columbia in the area of technical services. This year's recipient is the KPU Library Technical Services Team (Cleire Lauron, Brigette Liang, Judy Taylor, Leona Li, and Nicole Von Kledtke). KPU Library's TS Team was recognized for their work on implementing the Brian Deer Classification System and their commitment to advancing Indigenization.

KPU Distinguished Team Service Award

The award recognizes teams that exemplify effective collaboration, professionalism, and care for their colleagues, while significantly advancing the mission and goals of the university. The award was received by the KPU Library Technical Services Team (Jen Adams, Cleire Lauron, Brigette Liang, Judy Taylor, Leona Li, and Nicole Von Kledtke).



KPU Long Service Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following KPU Library employees on their service to KPU!

30 years of service:

Caroline Daniels
Ruth Mullane
John Potter-Smith

25 years of service:

Denise Dale
Sigrid Kargut
Judy Taylor

20 years of service:

Cora Chan

15 years of service:

Rob Jacobsen
Judy Johanson
Ginger Lu
Nicole Von Kledtke

Langara College

Submitted by Dan Slessor, Librarian, and Suzanne Rackover, Director, Library Services and Learning Commons

ASC Continues to Take Shape

Launched in September 2022, the Academic Success Centre (ASC) unified four academic support services within the broader Library and Academic Success Centre portfolio. Over the past year, the ASC has evolved and expanded to enhance supports for Langara students. The centre conducted its inaugural Strategic Plan meeting, resulting in the creation of a mission statement, a vision, and robust student-centered objectives. The ASC also initiated professional development opportunities for the ASC's 100+ student leaders.

Moreover, the ASC introduced Nimbus, an innovative tutoring platform that has improved student access to tutoring services and facilitated data collection on user engagement. In the last year, the ASC welcomed over 10,000 students seeking peer-supported learning, subject-specific tutoring, and writing assistance. A total of 1,630 students have successfully completed an academic skills course provided by the Academic Success Center, including the Langara Student Success Course and the Langara Return to Learning course.

The Langara Library Climate Action Group

In the fall of 2023, Langara Library established the Climate Action Group, dedicated to fostering sustainability within the Langara community. In April 2024, the group partnered with the City of Vancouver to organize a Neighbourhood Cleanup Party to commemorate Earth Day.

The Climate Action Group is set to host a seed bomb-making workshop during the De-Stress Fest Wellness Fair in July 2024. Seed bombs, compact bundles filled with wildflower seeds, are designed to be scattered across landscapes to foster the resurgence of indigenous flora. This initiative not only promotes the growth of native plant species but also supports the creation of vital ecosystems for pollinating insects.

Library staff members participate in the Neighbourhood Cleanup Party to celebrate Earth Day.



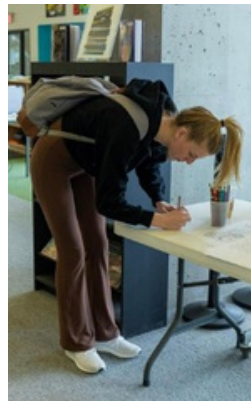
ASC Student Leaders at an information desk for the Langara Student Success Course.

Staff Updates

Librarian Alison Curtis will resume her full-time position at the Library in the summer of 2024 following her tenure as Chief Steward for the Langara Faculty Association. Jarvis Sparks, who served as an interim replacement during Alison's leave, will continue as the Library's permanent Science Librarian. Joyce Wong has been permanently appointed to the role of Associate Director, Library & Academic Success Centre. Rebecca Slaven, who served as Joyce's replacement in the role of Create Arts and Student Outreach Librarian, will continue permanently in that role. Other staff changes include Meaghan Rafferty moving into the role of Reference Technician and Robert MacGregor replacing her as Copyright Technician. Over the past year, the Library's Borrower Services department welcomed several new additions: Hilson Wan, who started in November 2023, and Michelle Lam along with Jude LaBelle, who both joined in April 2024.



Library staff members pose with some of their favourite spooky movies for an Instagram campaign to promote the Horror Film Fest.



Students participate in various activities in the Library as part of the LNAP, MTPU, and De-Stress Fest.

Long Night Against Procrastination, Midterm Power-Up & De-Stress Fest

The Library successfully conducted Long Night Against Procrastination (LNAP) events during the Summer and Fall semesters of 2023. Timed to coincide with mid-term examinations, LNAP offers students a chance to participate in study skills and writing workshops, as well as receive personalized assistance with research, writing, and citation practices. The event also provides relaxation opportunities, including snacks, chair massages, and other fun activities. In the Spring 2024 semester, the event was rebranded as the Mid-Term Power Up (MTPU), a name that more accurately represents the event's emphasis on providing resources for managing academic workload as well as the shift to an earlier time in the day when the majority of our commuting students are on campus.

In addition to the LNAP/MTPU, the De-Stress Fest remains a popular event for students seeking relief from the stresses of exam periods. Over the past year, the festivity included a variety of activities such as crafting, gaming sessions, colouring lounges, and massages provided by RMT students. These events continue to support the well-being of students during the most demanding times of the academic year.

Film Screening at the Library

The Library has been promoting its streaming video collections in new and engaging ways this year. Media Librarian Annie Jensen co-founded Langara's employee-focused EDI Film Club, which meets regularly to screen and discuss films related to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. The film screenings are supplemented by a pop-up library of related materials. The first installment of the film club looked at the issue of gender in sport and hormone testing via the film *Category: Woman*. The second installment of the film club focused on the topic of environmental racism, as explored through the film *There's Something in the Water*, which looks at decades of industrial development at the cost of Indigenous rights, health, and culture. And the third meeting investigated accessibility and (dis)ability as experienced within the Deaf community via the film *Sound and Fury*.

The student outreach team used the Library Lobby to screen films of interest to the College community over the past year. Coinciding with the Vancouver Film Festival, the Library hosted its first Student Film Fest in September 2023, playing films created by the 2022 Langara Film Department graduates. The Library also hosted a successful Horror Film Festival in the lobby throughout the month of October leading up to Halloween.



Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

Submitted by Rita Cavaliere, Librarian

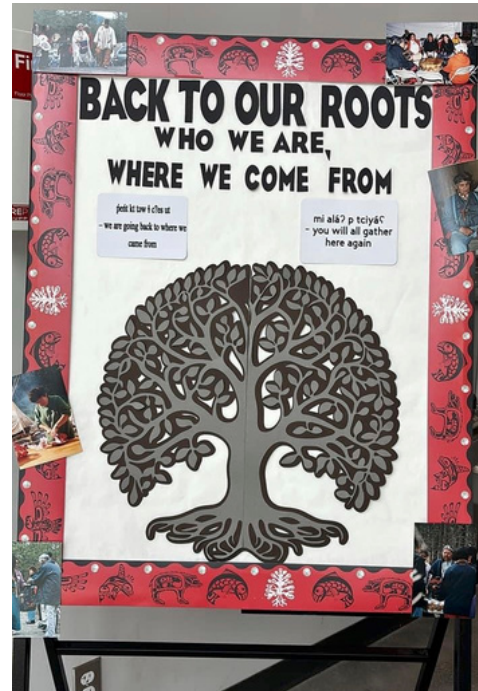
Digitizing Initiatives

The library has been digitizing local photos that have been donated. Since we have been doing this, we had a photo sharing day that has evolved into elders in the community meeting every other Thursday in the library. They come together to look at old photos, identify people in the photos and bring in their own photos. Interestingly enough, it isn't just about the 'naming' of the people in the photos, it really is about the stories that they each share that is behind each photo. It is an opportunity for our elders to reclaim their history, restore the intergenerational ties and offer a space for the elders to come together to foster a sense of belonging and community. It has provided a space for elders to connect with each other, reminisce about the past and strengthen social ties. The sharing of photos can be a healing process allowing our elders to empower themselves and assert their cultural identity.

In conjunction with the Picture sharing Day, we held a 'Back To Our Roots' Open House. It was an opportunity for people within our community to book a table and bring their photos in! One didn't necessarily need to bring in photos but could come in and walk around and view the photos and start the conversation about the where, when, and who of the photos!

Indigenization

Over the past year, we have been hard at work indigenizing all of our catalogue subject headings, using the University of Alberta's Use Our Words Toolkit. We hope this will help create a more inclusive and respectful catalogue based on our institution's Indigenous heritage and perspective, and more accurately reflects Indigenous perspectives and terminology.



Staff Updates

We are undergoing some staff changes and are in the process of hiring a new Library Coordinator for the NVIT Burnaby campus library! This is very exciting as we have not had a coordinator on the Burnaby campus since November. Stay tuned for a new face to be joining our team soon!



Northern Lights College

Submitted by Dawna Turcotte, Regional Librarian

Library Services

In light of shifting user preferences and trends, we significantly reduced our DVD collection. This change aligns with the evolving needs of our patrons and faculty. Additionally, we implemented the Holds function for patrons for the first time.

College News

The College released its revamped website in late Spring 2023. Our library homepage is now: <https://www.nlc.bc.ca/library/> changes in College Management since our last newsletter:

- Coline Casey: Manager of Student Recruitment
- Darren Giersch: Director of Marketing and Communications
- Karen Bravo: Registrar
- Michael Calvert: Director of Indigenous Education
- Scott Clerk: Associate Vice President of Educational Services
- Sherri-Lynn Lutz: Executive Director of Human Resources,
- Tony Me: Director of International Education

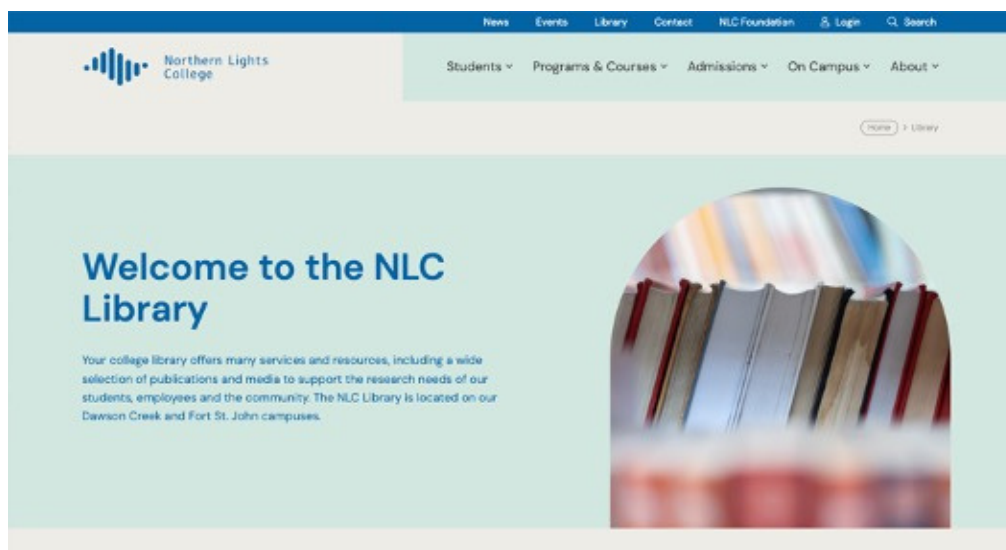
Staff Updates

Welcome

Sarah Halse joined our FSJ Campus Library in June 2023 as our permanent part-time library Assistant.

Farewell

Jamie Bond left the Dawson Creek Campus Library for a temporary position in our Marketing & Communications Department from Dec 2023 – March 2024. She was then appointed to a permanent position within that department as their Corporate Communications Specialist in April. Her Copyright/Library Assistant position is still TBA.

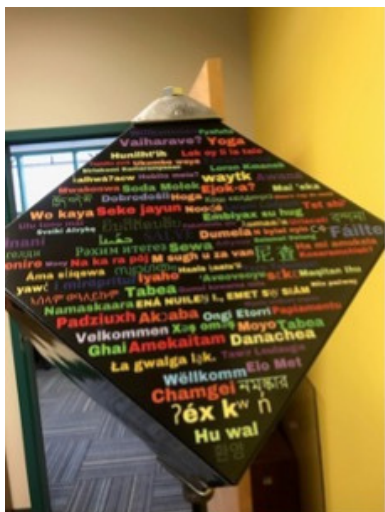


Submitted by Roën Janyk, Interim Director, Library Services

OC Campus Libraries have been busy over the past year. Library staff have been focusing on EDI initiatives and practices, reviewing assessment practices, conducting a major weed of the physical collection across campuses, and supporting incoming and outgoing staff. The Library saw a couple long-time staff retirements, which also brought new faces to the team.

The Welcome Cube

Salmon Arm Campus Library Assistant, Shayla Diekert, with contributions from others on the Salmon Arm campus, created a work of art that welcomes visitors into the Library space. The display is one of harmony, diversity, and curiosity that showcases over 650 "welcomes", each in a different language, colour-coded by continent. The display is accompanied by a binder that provides detailed information on how to read both the Cube and the binder itself and contains profiles for each of the languages presented. These profiles include, but are not limited to, the greeting, its meaning, the language it is from, the number of speakers, and the IPA transcription. Diekert shared, "we hope this piece piques the interest of many people and inspires them to learn about the value of language and the cultural significance that comes with each tongue." Many of the languages displayed, including Indigenous languages, are moribund, and when the last speaker passes on, all the untranslatable knowledge that language contained passes with them. Local companies Red Raven Hydraulics, Wayne's Woodshop, and Jeanne's Printing and Graphics, all donated their time and services including welding, carpentry, and printing. Anyone travelling through the Salmon Arm region is encouraged to stop in to say hello and view it in person.



A Commitment to IDEAL WORK

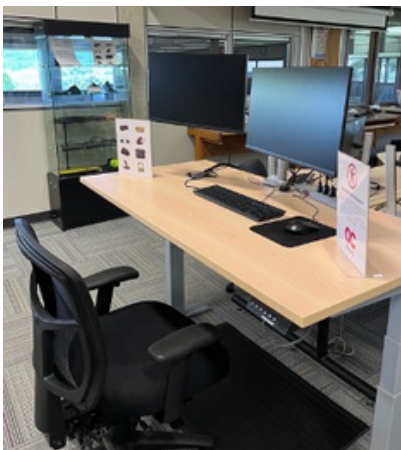
The EDISJ Committee met regularly and developed a [LibGuide](#) to share the mission and goals. Some areas of focus were equitable onboarding processes for new library staff and implementing best practices for recruiting new employees.

The Committee took time to discuss [Microaggressions at Work](#), a document with valuable information about what microaggressions are, how they can occur in the workplace, and strategies for addressing them.

It was last year when Library Services formed an EDISJ Committee and an Accessibility Committee. As much of the work was connected, the Committees recently decided to join forces and become the Library's IDEA Committee.

OC and UBCO library staff have been collaborating to offer a summer [anti-racism book club](#). The mission of the anti-racism book club is to provide a space within OC for all faculty and staff members to engage in conversation about equity, diversity, inclusion, and social justice. Book club participants can reflect upon and discuss individual and collective responsibility to work towards anti-racist and anti-oppressive practice found in academia.

The Library purchased a book club set of the Reconciliation Manifesto by Arthur Manuel and hosted online debrief and discussion sessions over the summer months. Kits are available to borrow for other areas and portfolios of the College. The book club is currently reading *White Tears/Brown Scars* by Ruby Amad for Summer 2024. The Accessibility Committee met a number of times over the past year and explored the barriers students face using the Library. The Committee made some recommendations for the purchase of peripheral technology (mice, keyboards, headphones, etc.), which student can borrow to use at the Library's new accessible workstations or at any seat in the library.



New Accessibility Workstations

Thanks to a donation from EBSCO, OC's Campus Libraries are now able to offer more inclusive workstations for students. Each campus library has been recently equipped with an accessible workstation that allows students to bring their own device or borrow a library laptop to access dual monitors with magnification capabilities. Each station includes height-adjustable desks, ergonomic chairs, and peripheral equipment. Students can borrow equipment from circulation desks that include noise-cancelling headphones, different types of computer mice and keyboards, touchpads, and more. Alternative input devices include keyboards with larger keys and ergonomically designed, and devices that can be controlled with minimal hand movement. These new workstations aim to provide a range of features and technologies that support an inclusive learning environment that supports the needs of all our students.

Reviewing & Revamping Library Spaces

Last Summer, OC's Facilities Management division initiated a Functional Review of campus library spaces, led by RPG Consulting. The Functional Review has involved student and employee surveys, planning meetings, and hands on activities to rethink how current spaces could be redefined for current and future space needs. While Facilities has been the project lead, the Library has been heavily involved in providing input. The process is just wrapping up now and will result in a report that can be used for more informed space planning for our campus libraries.

Library Indigenization Committee

The Library's Indigenization Committee was formed last year to address ways in which the Library and Success Centres can better weave Indigenous Ways of knowing into library practices, provide education to staff on the journey towards reconciliation. In honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, all four campus libraries hosted screenings of the film, *Bones of Crows*. The Library shared support materials with attendees and ensured personal supports were available for anyone in attendance.

In April, the Committee organized a participatory reading of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee's 94 Calls to Action. To reach as many Library Services employees as possible, two synchronous sessions were planned, while one session of the readings was recorded as an asynchronous event for those unable to attend the online dates. Participants shared feedback on the value they took away from the event, both from taking time to read the Calls to Action, as well as the breakout discussions that happened following the readings.

Library staff have had the opportunity to participate in Syilx Indigenous Inter-Cultural Competency Training offered by Syilx Elders Pamela and Wilfred "Grouse" Barnes. The series of four 3-hour sessions shared from a Syilx perspective, Indigenous worldviews, the history of contact, current affairs, and the way forward towards reconciliation. This learning provides a way for all staff to strengthen their knowledge and understanding of Syilx people and increase their Indigenous cultural awareness. Additionally, in collaboration with People Services, the Library licensed the resource, *Four Seasons of Reconciliation*, which all Library and Success Centre staff are encouraged to complete.

Events

Librarians and College staff from the Penticton, Vernon, and Salmon Arm Campuses participated in Long Night Against Procrastination events. Providing pizza, snacks, and academic supports for students late into the night.

Some Library and Success Centre staff participated in the BCcampus road show, which brought BCcampus staff to Kelowna to offer two days of professional development sessions.

Staff Updates

Last summer with the retirement of Michelle Ward, Campus Librarian in Kelowna, eight of ten librarians changed roles and positions. Kisun Kim, who had been covering a leave of the Learning Services Librarian, was hired into the permanent position of Business Liaison & Copyright Librarian. Gilbert Bede returned as Assessment and Data Services Librarian. Can Li, who had been filling Gilbert's leave relocated to the San Francisco area.

In December, after more than 30 years of service, Ross Tyner, OC Library's Director of Library Services retired. Ross had a significant impact on the Library profession in BC, being an active contributor to CPSLD, BCELN, BCLA, and others. Roen Janyk stepped in as Interim Director while the College plans for a replacement, which should be finalized by the Fall.

Estelle Frank, Vernon Campus Librarian, recently moved into a role at MacEwan University. Trystan Carter, current Learning Services librarian, will move into the Vernon Campus Librarian position in July.

After 35 years of service, Deborah Cutt retired from working in the Penticton campus library at Okanagan College. She leaves with happy memories of her close colleagues and new adventures on the horizon. Catie Whibley stepped into the role of Campus Library Coordinator shortly after and is quickly learning the ropes and adding to the welcoming and inclusive atmosphere that the campus library is known for. In addition to her library skills, she brings along creative and crafty skills such as crafting and a desire to help build community with students. She previously worked in the same role at the Salmon Arm campus library covering a leave, which greatly helped with the transition.



Policy Updates

The Library Collections policy was last updated in 2009 and was long overdue for an update. An updated policy was passed by the Board and the Library to remain relevant and ensure our collections are accurately representing our College Community. The primary updates included dividing the policy into separate policy and procedures documents and adding sections on EDISJ and Indigenous Knowledge. The Library is continuing to develop practices specific to handling culturally sensitive materials in the Library collection. This work is ongoing and will include consultation with our local Indigenous communities, to ensure Indigenous Knowledge Keepers have control and input on how their Knowledge is maintained, preserved, and where it resides.

The Library also updated its Use of Materials Protected by Copyright Policy, which has been recommended for approval by the Board. Sections to the Policy have been added to reflect the complexities of Canadian Copyright Law in relation to Indigenous Knowledge and cultural protocols associated with using and protecting Indigenous People's intellectual property. The Policy also ensures institutional support for educational resources available through open licenses that can increase accessibility, affordability, and adaptability of learning resources, all while still protecting rights holders.

Selkirk College

Submitted by Gregg Currie, College Librarian

New Space!

Thanks to the very generous support of the Columbia Basin Trust the Library secured funding to create a new computer lab. Fully enclosed with glass walls and with 16 workstations, the lab is used for library instruction, general student use, and by special request instructors can use it on a one-time-only basis if other computer labs are not available.



Another new space we created is for our children's book collection. Area rug and bean bag chairs made this an inexpensive reno. The space is popular for students visiting the library with small children, for visits from the daycare across the street, and with students who just like sitting in the area.

MacBook Air Lending

Fall of 2023 we started a pilot run of MacBook Airs as part of our loaner fleet. Previously our lending pool consisted of hand-me-down laptops, so it was very nice to get new computers. The Macs have proven to be much easier to manage than our Windows laptops.



Submitted by Chloe Riley, Library Communications Officer, on behalf of Gwen Bird, University Librarian and Dean of Libraries

Opening of a New Studio for Book Arts and Letterpress Printing

As part of SFU Library's Media and Maker Commons (MMC), the Dick Kouwenhoven Book Arts Studio, which opened its doors in May 2024, is a centre for inspiration and hands-on learning through letterpress printing. Located in W.A.C. Bennett Library, the studio includes six 20th-century printing presses, and will offer demonstrations and class visits in support of teaching and learning at SFU.



Printer in residence Andrea Taylor demonstrates a letterpress printer in our new Book Arts Studio.

Photovoice exhibit: Exploring reflections on student life and academic success

For the 2023-2024 academic year, the library's Student Learning Commons coordinated a unique project with a cohort of ten undergraduate students, culminating in [an exhibit of student photos and reflection pieces](#). Using the photovoice method, participants took photos of their daily lives and experiences as students, documenting strengths, challenges, hopes, and fears, including photos that symbolically represent their thoughts and feelings about "academic success." We're honoured to host the exhibit in W.A.C. Bennett Library; the participants hope decision-makers throughout university will view, connect, and understand the student experience through a personal and vulnerable lens.

Archive of beloved CBC Show Writers & Company Comes to SFU Library

In partnership with the CBC, Special Collections & Rare Books is delighted to be the new home of the complete digital archive of Writers & Company, CBC's flagship literary program, hosted by Eleanor Wachtel for 33 years. The archive includes 1,000+ hours of Wachtel's intimate, in-depth interviews with authors, writers, and thinkers from around the world. While we work closely with the CBC on the transfer of the digital archive in preparation for making all of the episodes freely available online, [we released a sneak peek of ten episodes from the show's early years](#).

Conducting an InSync User Survey

In preparation for an external review of SFU Library in 2024, we ran the InSync user survey in fall 2023. We heard from more than 1400 students, faculty and staff and have been able to use both quantitative and qualitative responses to help improve services and inform library planning.

Public Events & Partnerships in the Community

Over the past year, we've hosted a series of engaging public-facing events and programs, including:

- Safiya Noble, who joined us to deliver the 2023 Dean's Lecture on Information + Society, an event we held in partnership with Capilano University Library, Douglas College Library, and Kwantlen Polytechnic Library.
- Chelene Knight, our 2024 Non-Fiction Writer in Residence, facilitated a lively conversation with past writers in residence Angela Sterritt and Eternity Martis, as well as holding workshops and consultations with the SFU community on non-fiction writing.
- Catherine Hernandez, author of our One Book One SFU 2024 selection *The Story of Us*, joined us in conversation with Jillian Christmas.

New Weavings in the Indigenous Curriculum Resource Centre

The Indigenous Curriculum Resource Centre (ICRC), which fosters Indigenous pedagogy and supports the work of Indigenizing and decolonizing curriculum at SFU, now hosts four weavings from Coast Salish artists. Supported by the Salish Weave Fund, [the weavings were commissioned](#) as part of the ICRC's work to recognize Indigenous forms of literacy and knowledge sharing in the space; Salish weaving is an integral practice that records and shares knowledge, passing it onto others through visual storytelling.



Left to right: weavings by Debra Sparrow (Musqueam Nation) and Angela George (Squamish Nation) in the ICRC.

Submitted by Tania Gottschalk, University Librarian

Tania Gottschalk Appointed University Librarian

Tania Gottschalk has been TRU's interim university librarian since June 2021, having joined the university as the inaugural associate university librarian in May 2020. She has more than 30 years' experience working in academic libraries in Canada and the United States. Previous to TRU, she was most recently the head of the Sciences and Technology Libraries at the University of Manitoba. Tania has an MBA from Athabasca University, a MLIS from the University of Illinois, and a BA from the University of Alberta. As university librarian, Tania is the chief academic and administrative officer of the library, and she leads the library's vision, development of the collection, integration of information literacy into curriculum and operational planning. Tania began her five-year term with TRU in April 2024.



Integrated Library System RFP Process

Michael Purcell, our Systems Librarians, identified that it was time to begin the process of reviewing the Integrated Library System (ILS). Michael Purcell led a team comprised of Shayne Neifer, Web Services Librarian, and Brenda Smith, Open Education Librarian to work with Procurement Services, to go through RFP process as required. The team consulted with all library employees about needs in any future integrated library system. Feedback was sought through one-on-one conversation, via surveys, and meetings. Three vendors responded to the RFP and we are in the process of negotiating a contract with one of them. Further details to come on our new system of choice.

The purpose of a TRU Program Review is to evaluate each program's health through evidence-based inquiry and analyses, with the findings documented in a comprehensive report and action plan. The focus of Program Review is continuous quality improvement—helping good programs get even better. This is a fourteen-month TRU process supported the Quality Assurance Officer for TRU. The last time the library went through a program review was 2007 and using a previous TRU processes. This process was library faculty driven and the process used at TRU is outlined in an [open access handbook](#).

The Library Program Review Team for the 2023-2024 cohort are: Amy McLay Paterson, Assessment Librarian; Franklin Sayre, Makerspace Librarian; Elizabeth Rennie, Reference and Instruction Librarian; Joey da Costa, Collection Services Librarian; and Erin May, Scholarly Communications Librarian. The Program Review Team prepared and submitted a Self-Study Report to the University Librarian for approval. This report was then submitted to the Office of Quality Assurance. Three external reviewers visited the library as part of this process. The insights and guidance of external reviewers play a fundamental role in action planning for program review.

Our three external reviewers were chosen from a list of 10 nominated by the librarians and by the Interim University Librarian. They graciously volunteered their time to visit our library on April 30th and May 1st to help us with our program review. Our reviewers were: Lyle Ford, Associate University Librarian, Indigenous Engagement, University of Manitoba; Eva Revitt, Associate Dean of the Library, MacEwan University; Sam Popowich, Digital Infrastructure Librarian, University of Winnipeg. The external reviewers have submitted their recommendations, and the Program Review Team will now be responding by developing an Action Plan for the Library. The complete Self-Study report, external reviewer recommendations, and Action Plan will be submitted to the University Librarian for review and approval and then will go on to the Provost, Academic Planning Committee of Senate, and finally Senate.

Book Recycling Program

Joey DaCosta, the Collection Services Librarian, reached out to the Sustainability Office regarding issues with recycling discarded books. Thanks to his collaboration the Sustainability Programs and Support Coordinator, we now have a recycling bin in the shipping bay on first floor specifically for discarded books. Sustainability is covering the costs of paying for the company providing this service, Planet Earth Recycling. A second outcome of this initiative is that the Library now has a Book Recycling Bin. Its home is on the ground floor of HOL by the south doors/loading bay. The bin is wrapped with a big "Book Recycling: Do not return library books here" sign. Sustainability is also including signage of what can be accepted similar to other recycling/waste signs. We will be working on a communication plan to the campus with Sustainability in Fall 2024.

Library Laptop Lending Changes

After reviewing the work required by Library Technicians to lend laptops on a three-day system and that the loan period was a barrier to student success, we changed our lending guidelines. Laptops can now be borrowed for the entire semester from the TRU Library. Seventy laptops were available on a first come first served basis with no renewals (i.e. they can only be borrowed for one semester during the academic year). Laptops must be returned before a specified date at the end of the semester otherwise overdue fines are incurred. Surveys of students were conducted over Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 semesters, and most were very satisfied with the loan change. For Fall 2024, with assistance from IT Services, we will be expanding the fleet available for semester loan to 100 laptops.

English Library Instruction Pilot (ELIP)

Amy Paterson, Assessment and Liaison Librarian, and Elizabeth Rennie, Reference and Instruction Librarian, worked with English Department to offer a 3-class tutorial to English 1100 students. The ELIP program is a series of 3 library instruction tutorials that takes place outside of regular class time. English 1100 instructors who enrolled their courses in the pilot worked closely with librarians to share assessment data. The ELIP curriculum, developed by Amy and Elizabeth was delivered in Fall 2023 and Winter 2024. Data collected during the pilot is currently being evaluated as part of a sabbatical leave by Amy.

Librarian Developed Course Approved for TRU Honours College

Dr. Benjamin Mitchell, Williams Lake Librarian was approved to develop their proposed course, Literacy and Literacies: Reading and Writing the World, as a new three-credit elective course for TRU's new Honours College. The Honours College is currently being developed at TRU and expects to have its first cohort of students in Fall 2024. It strives to serve undergraduates drawn from all the many campus communities and explores practices that allow it to reach the broadest and most diverse populations. A distinguishing characteristic of TRU's Honours College is its commitment to Indigenization, decolonization, and to the co-creation of programming that reflects and honours an understanding of unique local Secwépemc peoples. Ben's course will challenge students to think about the nature of literacy itself and explore a range of literacies as well as para-texts that influence literacy practices, such as fandoms, memes, let's plays, reviews, awards, and commentaries.

Undergraduate Research & Innovation Conference

TRU Library was once again pleased to be a partner with the Research Office in hosting the 19th annual TRU Undergraduate Research and Innovation Conference which took place March 25-28, 2024, in both the Library Learning Commons and the TRU Research Hub. The conference is an opportunity for TRU undergraduate students from any year of study to share their work from any program on campus. The Undergraduate Conference is a chance to let the campus and Kamloops community know more about what undergraduate students have been working on, and both traditional academic posters and creative expressions of knowledge were welcome. To learn more, visit the [conference website](#)

Student Ambassador Program

Once again, we were able to fund a Library Student Ambassador program for Fall 2023 and Winter 2024. Five students were scheduled at the Information Desk on the 1st floor in the Learning Commons and five were scheduled in the Makerspace. Julia Wells, Associate University Librarian, provided oversight of the students staffing the 1st floor desk. Franklin Sayre is provided oversight of the Makerspace students. Student Library Ambassadors offer a friendly welcome to TRU students, faculty, and staff at the House of Learning Library. The two Ambassador teams create a sense of community and belonging for all library patrons by serving as a connection between library users and library staff. In addition to referring patrons to the appropriate library service or employee, Ambassadors may assist patrons with booking an appointment with a librarian, demonstrating how to book a group study room, or providing orientations to other students to the Makerspace. These experiences are also of value to the Ambassadors as they learn more about the library, gain work experience for their resumes, and potentially may become interested in careers as librarians or library technicians. Ambassadors are not paid employees; they receive a \$1000 student award at the end of each semester provided they have successfully completed their required service hours.

Borealis Dataverse Repository

Erin May, the Scholarly Communications Librarian, successfully launched Borealis, TRU Library's instance of Dataverse. This platform has been acquired via our membership in Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL). The Thompson Rivers University Dataverse Collection (TRU Borealis) is a secure research data repository for Thompson Rivers University faculty, students, and staff. Borealis, the Canadian Dataverse Repository, is a bilingual, multi-disciplinary, secure, Canadian research data repository, supported by academic libraries and research institutions across Canada. Borealis supports open discovery, management, sharing, and preservation of Canadian research data. TRU's Borealis Collection is available to researchers affiliated with TRU and their collaborators. Further details available in Erin's Libguide, [TRU Borealis](#)



Holly Ashbourne will be joining us as the Web and Communications Librarian in August 2024. Holly has an Honours BA in English Literature from University of Waterloo (2013); and a MLIS from University of Western Ontario (2014). They also have a certificate in Teacher/Trainer for Online Learning from Conestoga College (2021).

Mehgan Atchinson has returned to her role as the Assessment Centre and Library Clerk at the TRU Williams Lake Campus in September 2023. The Assessment Centre Clerk position is primarily responsible for invigilating assessments and tests for students on the Williams Lake campus and reports to Manager of Enrolment Services and Student Support. A small part of the position's duties is to provide basic library clerical support including basic borrower services, shelving, and maintaining physical materials for the Williams Lake Library and librarian.

Valentine Bilton has resigned her position as a Library Technician effective August 2024. Valentine joined us on in September 2022. They received their Library and Information Technology Diploma from MacEwan University. Valentine also holds a BA in History and Anthropology from St. Francis Xavier University. Valentine has worked exceptionally well in key areas for our library services including Makerspace, Scholarly Communications, Electronic Resource Troubleshooting, and Reference Services. Valentine has been accepted into the UBC Master of Library and Information Studies program and will begin their studies to become a professional librarian this fall.

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Stephanie Brown joined us as a 2-year Limited Term Contract (LTC) Librarian, Research and Instruction, position in July 2023. She has a MLIS from the University of Alberta (2022), MA in English Language from the University of Alberta (2018), and a BA in English and History from the University of Alberta (2014). After working with us for a year, Stephanie recently resigned her position to join Mount Saint Vincent University Library as a Research Help and Instructional Services Librarian. We wish her well in her new position.

Jesse Dana joined us as a Library Technician in June 2024. Jesse has a Library and Information Technology Diploma (2021) from University of the Fraser Valley. Most recently she has worked as a Circulation and Reference Assistant at the Kamloops, Clearwater, and Barriere branches of the Thompson Nicola Regional Library where among other duties she provided reference assistance in-person and over the telephone, assisted library patrons with the online catalogue, performed circulation duties and helped patrons with a variety of technology including computers, printers, VR equipment, button makers and robots.

Laura Davies, Library Support Services Coordinator (now referred to as the Public Services Coordinator), resigned her position in October 2023. We all enjoyed working with Laura over her four years at TRU. We had all been through a lot together since she arrived at TRU including moving the library in Summer 2020, restarting services in a new building in Fall 2020, reopening the library in Fall 2021, and normalizing and launching services throughout the Fall 2021 to Winter 2023 semesters. She contributed many good ideas on this difficult journey and was always thoughtful and supportive of library technicians needs through our various transitions.

Dayun Han was the successful candidate for a permanent Library Technician position in February 2024. Dayun is a recent graduate of the University of the Fraser Valley library technician program. She worked at TRU Library as a contract Library Technician since September 5th, 2023. Dayun filled the Library Technician position made possible by the deletion of the Library Technology Services Support Coordinator position.

Gwyneth Haretzmuller was the successful candidate for a permanent Library Technician position in July 2024. Gwyneth has a Library and Information Technology Diploma (2023) from Langara College. She did her library practicum at Studio 58 at Langara College where she updated a database of information on the many plays produced there.

Mary Hemmings announced her retirement effective January 31st, 2024. As the founding Law Librarian, Mary joined TRU August 2011 and helped establish the Law Library and set the direction for resources and services in support of the new Faculty of Law. Her teaching in Advanced Legal Research and Writing had a decided impact on the many students she engaged with during her years at TRU. Her many contributions to the TRU Libraries, the Faculty of Law, and law librarianship in Canada are recognized and valued. Mary is succeeded by Michelle Terriss, who joined the library in January 2022 as a bipartite tenure track law librarian. Michelle has an MLIS from the University of Alberta (2019), a JD from University of Alberta (2015), and a BA with first class honours in religious and political studies from St. Francis Xavier University (2011).

Aida Mansoori, Library Technology Services Support Coordinator, worked her last day with us in September 2023. Aida joined us in September 2019 when we were still located in the old library location and provided computer technician support services to the library. Her vacant position was repurposed as a Library Technician position.

Dr. Benjamin Mitchell was appointed the Williams Lake Campus Librarian effective August 2024. Ben is a librarian, educator, public historian, and scholar. They have a PhD in Science and Technology Studies from York University (2016); an MA in the History and Philosophy of Science (2009) from the University of Toronto; and a MLIS (2019) also from the University of Toronto. Their current research focuses on historical and contemporary patterns of information sharing and community building in neurodivergent spaces.



Photo credit: Franklin Savre

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Amy Paterson, Assessment Librarian, is approved for a Sabbatical Leave from July 1, 2024, to December 31st, 2024. Her program of study will provide the library with qualitative and quantitative data and information about a key educational program and service – information literacy. Since 2019 she has also been actively collecting and reflecting on one-shot information literacy instruction sessions. As well, after several years of teaching information literacy within the English 1100 courses, Amy started a new collaborative project between the library and the English Department, the English 1100 Library Instruction Pilot (ELIP). This pilot ran through Fall 2023 and Winter 2024. Amy's program of study will help her to explore the data collected both in relation to one-shot information literacy sessions and the more comprehensive three session program developed for ELIP.

Sarah Porter was the successful candidate for the position of Public Services Coordinator and started in March 2024. Sarah Porter received her Library and Information Technology Diploma from Langara in June 2022. She also holds a BA, majoring in Asian Area Studies, from UBC. Sarah has been working at the TRU library since August 4th, 2022, and has worked in many capacities as a Library Technician including providing public service on the Research Help Desk, AskAway, and Makerspace as well as working in functional areas such as Scholarly Communications and communications work for Makerspace.

Stirling Prentice was the successful candidates for a 2-year Limited Term Contract (LTC) Librarian position. Stirling began as a Research and Instruction Librarian in April 2023, with a contract until March 2025. He has a MLIS (University of Western Ontario, 2009), MA in English Language and Literature (University of Windsor, 2006), and a BA in History and English Literature (Wilfred Laurier University, 2003).

Brenda Smith was promoted to full Librarian (i.e., Librarian 3), bipartite, effective July 2023. Brenda Smith has worked at TRU for 20+ years (2002 - present). She has served in various professional roles at TRU library with her workload evolving to meet the changing needs of the university and the library. She was promoted to Associate Librarian (i.e., Librarian 2) in 2017 and currently serves as the Open Education Librarian. In her professional role, she is an award-winning librarian who has received local and national accolades for her work. Brenda Smith is the first librarian to go through the entire tenure and promotion process at TRU. She is a remarkable faculty librarian and a role model for librarians and other bipartite faculty on the campus.

Tasha Tremblay has resigned her position as a Library Technician in January 2024. She began her work with TRU Library in an auxiliary position in the old library and then was hired full-time. She provided fantastic research and reference support to faculty and staff over the years. She also developed a special expertise in interlibrary loan and was recognized throughout the library for her in depth knowledge of the best places to obtain materials requested by our users.

Katherine Watmough, Borrower Services and Liaison Librarian completed her one-year sabbatical in June 2024. Katherine explored reference services on her leave. The nature of this service has changed significantly over the last five years and there are many questions about which model(s) best support students, especially in relation to student retention and success. Katherine's exploration of current attitudes, developments, and trends in reference services provide further insight into how the library can improve support to TRU students and faculty. She surveyed librarians across Canada about reference services as well as conducting a literature review to look at past trends and recent developments. A second part of her work involved working with other librarians to produce an edited book capturing overall trends in access services.

submitted by Anna Moorhouse, Communications and Marketing Manager, for Susan Parker, University Librarian

Opening of Chung | Lind Gallery

In April 2024, UBC Library announced the official opening of the Chung | Lind Gallery showcasing the Wallace B. Chung and Madeline H. Chung Collection and Phil Lind Klondike Gold Rush Collection. The new exhibition space in the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre on UBC's Vancouver campus brings together two library collections of rare and culturally significant materials from Canada's history.



The complementary collections explore the economic and social growth of early B.C. and the Yukon through exhibits that reveal stories about the Indigenous experience and the experience of Chinese immigrants to B.C. The gallery will provide faculty, students and the public with direct access to two significant Canadian cultural properties.

[Read full story](#)

Digitization of Indigenous Language Dictionaries



As part of an ongoing effort by the UBC Library Digitization Centre and cIRcle, UBC Library is making Indigenous language dictionaries more accessible by digitizing these works and making them available through UBC Open Collections. The Thompson River Salish Dictionary is one of several Indigenous language dictionaries now available through UBC Open Collections, in addition to *n̓t̓eʔk̓əmxc̓ín* : Thompson River Salish Speech, An English-Squamish Dictionary, and the Sechelt Dictionary.

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New Appointments

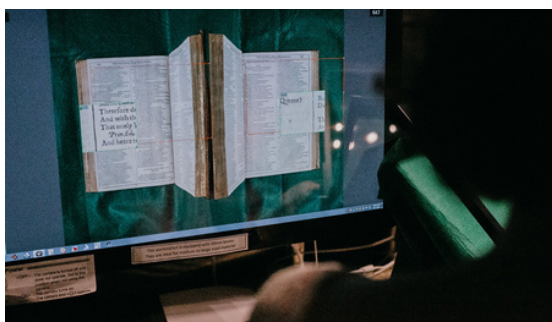
In February 2024, Julie Mitchell was appointed Associate University Librarian, Teaching, Learning and Engagement and Director, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre (IKBLC), for a five-year term until January 31, 2029. In these roles, Julie provides strategic leadership and oversight of IKBLC, the Music, Art & Architecture Library, David Lam Library, Education Library and Xwi7xwa Library.

In March 2024, Robert Janke was appointed Deputy University Librarian, Okanagan Campus for a five-year term commencing April 1, 2024. In this expanded role that replaces the Chief Librarian position, Robert will provide strategic leadership, vision and coordination for UBC Okanagan Library, serving as a key member of the UBC Library and Okanagan campus leadership teams.

UBC Library Supports Two Digital Shakespeare Initiatives

UBC Library contributed the digitized version of UBC's first edition of William Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies to First Folios Compared, a landmark Open Access collection of digital folios from around the globe. The library also supported Shakespeare xR, an innovative project spearheaded by UBC's Emerging Media Lab and the UBC Department of Theatre and Film. Using the digitized version of UBC's First Folio, Shakespeare xR reimagines classic Shakespearean characters across different technological media such as web-based augmented reality, artificial intelligence and an interactive touch table.

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Wayne McCrory Wins the 2024 Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize

Wayne McCrory has won the Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize for outstanding Scholarly Book on British Columbia for his book *The Wild Horses of the Chilcotin: Their History and Future*. The \$3,500 prize, given by UBC Library and the Pacific BookWorld News Society, was awarded at a reception held in May. Published by Harbour Publishing, McCrory's book is a richly illustrated story about his intellectual and emotional journey in the country of the T̓silhqot'in people of the Xeni/T̓silhqot'in in the Brittany Triangle section of the Chilcotin Plateau of southern British Columbia.

[Read full announcement](#)



Fudan University Conservator Completes 100-day Visit

UBC Library welcomed Yan Li, librarian and rare books conservator from Fudan University, China for a 100-day stay at UBC, as part of a cultural and knowledge partnership between UBC Library and Fudan University. This inaugural visit to UBC Library's Conservation Space is the result of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the two institutions that supports the exchange of Eastern and Western conservation knowledge and skills. During her visit, Li worked on items from the Puban Collection and other materials held in UBC Asian Library's collections, documenting her process, and sharing techniques with UBC Conservator Anne Lama.

[Read the full story](#)



2024 UBC Undergraduate Prize in Library Research Winners Announced

UBC Library announced the 2024 recipients of the second annual UBC Undergraduate Prize in Library Research. Launched in 2023, the UBC Undergraduate Prize in Library Research is a way to showcase students' effective and innovative use of library services, information experts and resources provided by UBC Library. This year's prize winners include Diana Andrews, CJ McGillivray, Kyla Terenzek and Alexei Villareal. The Prize was established by UBC Library to encourage more and deeper use of its resources and collections, to advance information literacy at UBC, and to promote academic excellence at UBC, with an awards reception held in May.

[Read full announcement](#)

How UBC Library is Addressing the Growing Demand for Indigenous Reference Help

UBC Library has developed a basic Indigenous reference training workshop to address the growing demand and expand capacity for Indigenous reference help across its library system. In August 2023, three live training sessions were offered, attended by nearly 50 UBC Library employees, for whom this work directly intersected with their job duties. A second roll-out was offered in March 2023 specifically for student librarians and UBC iSchool students. A third roll-out is planned for this summer, offering two cross-campus workshops for UBC Library employees, focused on how to answer basic questions relating to Indigenous topics.

[Read full story](#)



UBC Library awarded Toshiba International Foundation Grant

UBC Library has been named as the successful recipient of a Toshiba International Foundation (TIFO) grant to support the conservation and digitization of select Premodern Japanese materials in UBC Asian Library's collections.

[Read the full story](#)



UBC Library Acquires Rare Japanese manuscripts and Calligraphy Works

UBC Library has acquired several rare titles as part of its Japanese Collections, thanks in part to support provided by the David Graham Memorial Fund. Digital copies of two of these titles were made openly accessible to the public through UBC Open Collections, including *Ikoku jinbutsuzu 異國人物圖* (Illustration of people from other countries), a manuscript in scroll format, and *Nara ehon dankan 奈良絵本断簡* (Illustrated book fragments), a series of hand-painted illustrations on gold-bordered pages. Both these works provide valuable new primary sources for UBC scholars and students of classical Japanese literature.

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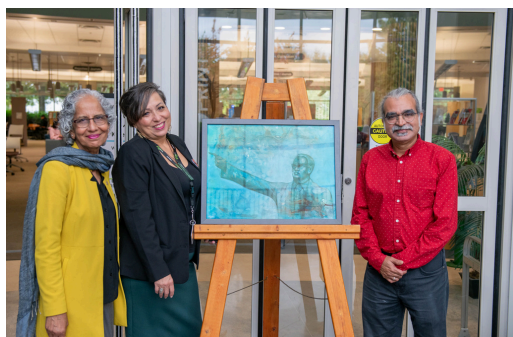


University of the Fraser Valley

Submitted by Camille Callison, University Librarian

Events

In September 2023, UFV Library partnered with the South Asian Studies Institute (SASI) to hold the 2nd annual Welcoming the Students event, Building Solidarity: Anti-Casteism event and celebrated the donation of an original painting of Dr. Ambedkar along with a collection of his writings. The Student Engagement Working Group (SEWG) continues to collaborate with UFV's Student Union e Society and held their 1st annual Freedom to Read event and presenting at the BC Library Association Conference.



On April 4, UFV kicked off a year full of recognition and celebration to commemorate the founding of UFV 50 years ago with simultaneously ceremonies at UFV's Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Hope, and Mission campuses, connected by live broadcast. UFV Library has founded an Archive starting off with the Photo and Media project to preserve the University's rich history and has already digitized almost 7,000 historical photographs with the new Associate University Librarian and University Archivist will be joining our team in September 2024.

New Library Soon to Open

It is great anticipation that we are looking forward to opening a new Library at the renovated Mission Campus to support the Teacher Education Program and UFV students in Mission.

Respectful Terminology Platform Project (RTPP)

UFV Libraries hosted the Mellon Foundation funded Respectful Terminology Platform Project (RTPP) Foundational Gathering at the Chilliwack campus Gathering Place on April 28-30 which gathered participants that represented diverse Indigenous Nations across what is now known as North America and Hawai'i along with friends and allies that came together to discuss a path forward towards addressing inappropriate, harmful, and outdated terminologies used in libraries, archives, museums, and information management systems.

Library Strategic Planning

As well, UFV Libraries held the Year 3 of the 2022-2027 Library Strategic Plan review and annual retreat and has been working on our External Library Review in anticipation of the External Reviewer's visit in October 2024 looking at current structures within the UFV Library and providing direction on how to move forward in a good way.

University of Northern British Columbia

Submitted by Trina Fyfe, University Librarian



UNBC Ignite & Inspire Investment Fund (IIIF)

In the Spring of 2023, the UNBC Library hired a consultant to conduct a feasibility study on the potential of a Research Commons. In December 2023, the Library received funding from the IIIF to support the planning of a Research Commons at UNBC. Led by the Library, this initiative will involve a cross-institutional collaborative approach to the design and planning of a Research Commons that will support graduate students and early career researchers in their scholarly work. The Library has hired a Graduate Student Project Coordinator, Nuziha Thasneem Shakkir, a doctoral student with the School of Health Sciences.

AI Literacy Webinar Series

In February 2024, the UNBC Library, along with co-sponsors College of New Caledonia, Northern Lights College, Yukon University, and Coast Mountain College hosted a 4-part webinar series exploring the impacts of AI in higher education entitled AI Literacy: The ethics of using ChatGPT and other AI Tools. This was the first collaborative initiative of the Directors of Northern Post-Secondary Libraries group. To watch the videos please see our [AI Literacy libguide](#).

Book Launch

In November 2023, the library hosted the launch of UNBC History professor Jonathan Swainger's book focused on Prince George. The book titled *The Notorious Georges* examines the history of crime in Prince George during the early 20th century. For more information about Dr. Swainger and his book please read the [press release](#).

Staffing Updates

Heather Empey, Acquisitions, Collections & Information Librarian is back from a year-long leave. While away, Heather completed a one-year Bookkeeping Certificate at the College of New Caledonia.

After serving as Interim University Librarian for 22 months, Trina Fyfe was appointed the University Librarian beginning May 1, 2024. Prior to becoming UL, Trina was the Northern Health Sciences Librarian at UNBC since 2005.

Renata Gebert took on a new role with the library as the Arts Collection Coordinator in June 2023. This part-time position was created to support our art collection at UNBC. We are thrilled that this position was recently renewed for another year. Renata also works in our Library Services department and creates beautiful displays.

Kat Louro, Library Technical Assistant – Acquisitions, took on the role of Acquisitions, Collections & Information Librarian while Heather was on leave. Kat has a Master of Archival Studies from UBC and was the Archivist for Carrier Sekani Tribal Council prior to coming to UNBC.

The Doctor is in! Dr. Kealin McCabe convoked from the Doctor of Education program at UBC. Dr. McCabe's dissertation explored ableism within higher education. Her dissertation entitled *Ableism in Higher Education: collective agreements, EDI initiatives, and accommodations policies can be found in [UBC's institutional repository](#)*.

Terri McKellar has stepped away from the term Division of Medical Sciences Librarian position to become the Knowledge Synthesis Centre Research Librarian. This a new term position at UNBC that is co-funded by the library and UNBC's [Health Research Institute](#).

Celeste Wu joined us in May 2023 as the Library Technical Assistant – User Experience. Celeste is a recent graduate (2023) of the Master of Library and Information Studies and is now pursuing a degree in Computer Science at UNBC.

Vancouver Community College

Submitted by Mari Paz Vera, Department Head, Library Public Services

Service Renewal Process

In May, the library concluded a year-long service renewal process, adopting a “key questions” approach to focus on specific elements of our work: Indigenization and Decolonization, Leadership, Collections, Systems and Technical Services, Technology, Student Spaces, Access, Instruction, Research, and Communications.

We gathered feedback through discussions with library employees, college-wide surveys, and other consultations to identify questions that encapsulate the core work of the library. From these questions, we developed 43 recommendations to enhance our services.

Our data gathering included both qualitative and quantitative methods:

An all-library employee meeting

- An environmental scan of relevant accessibility standards across Canada
- Two Talking Circles with six Indigenous students, facilitated by a Senior Indigenous Engagement Advisor
- Internal and external statistics
- Four surveys: Student Textbook Affordability, Student Library Space, College Staff Survey, and College Faculty Survey
- Extensive comparisons to similar BC institutions using data gathered annually by the Council of Post Secondary Library Directors

The outcome of this process is an action plan based on 39 final recommendations. The service renewal process has invigorated the library, sparking a renewed sense of energy and purpose among our staff. We are excited about the action plan we've developed and look forward to implementing the changes that will enhance our services and better meet the needs of our users.

New Services

The library implemented new services to enhance student well-being and learning. We piloted the Wellness Art Carts program in partnership with VCC Counselling Services, providing a space for students to use art supplies for relaxation and creative expression. Due to its popularity, the program will now be available at both campuses. Additionally, students can now step into the eco tent at the BWY library, where sustainability meets learning! Inside, students can dive into resources on climate change and explore the United Nations Sustainable Development reading list while surrounded by eco-friendly vibes. This initiative was made possible by VCC Small Eco Grants.



Enhancing Our Collection

We are thrilled to announce several enhancements to our library collection aimed at promoting inclusivity, diversity, and academic excellence.

First, we have created a new children's books collection in Indigenous languages, featuring dual-language titles in Algonquin, Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe), Cree, Dene, Inuktitut, Kwak'wala, Mi'kmaq, Mi'gmaq, Michif, Mohawk, n'syilxwcn, Ojibwe, Plains Cree, Salishan, Syilx (Okanagan), and Tahltan. This collection supports the preservation and celebration of Indigenous languages and cultures.

We have also initiated the process of replacing outdated, offensive, and harmful terms used to search and describe Indigenous materials in our collection. This effort reflects our commitment to creating a more respectful and inclusive library environment.

Our eBook collection has been enhanced with the addition of titles from Harvard Book Review Press and ProQuest College Complete to Ebook Central. These resources provide access to a wealth of scholarly and literary works.

Finally, we have added two new databases, LexiComp and Road to IELTS, to support our users in their academic and professional pursuits. LexiComp offers comprehensive drug information, while Road to IELTS provides valuable preparation resources for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exams.

We are excited about these new initiatives and additions, and we look forward to continuing to serve our community with diverse and valuable resources.



Research

The library organized the annual Teaching, Learning, and Research Symposium's Student Showcase, celebrating and sharing student research and learning from across the college. The event featured live lightning talks and digital posters, culminating in the distribution of \$500 in prizes. It was a fantastic opportunity to recognize and reward the outstanding academic achievements of our students.

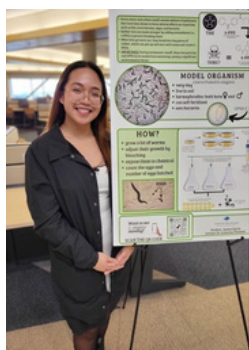
Submitted by Lara Wright, Associate University Librarian

Large Graphic Narrative Collection Donated to VIU Library

VIU Library is now home to a large [collection of titles within the graphic narrative genre](#). Donated by Dr. Marni Stanley, retired Dean of Arts and Humanities at VIU, this collection comprises an important, progressive and relatively rare corpus of material within the academic library context and is one of the most valuable in-kind donations ever received by VIU Library. Topics covered include gender, health, autobiography, and 2SLGBTQ+ Studies. A 2020 study of 630 state university campuses in the U.S. found that graphic narratives make up less than 1% of all books in academic library collections; comparable collections such as those at [Yale](#) and [University of Pennsylvania](#) are exceedingly rare, especially in Canada.



New graphic narratives collection.



Student researcher beside her research poster at DiscoverFest.

DiscoverFest

This past October, the VIU Library joined in the fun at DiscoverFest, a new family-friendly festival hosted by VIU to showcase all the fantastic offerings of the university. The event was packed with activities, including demonstrations, an artisan market, live music and dance performances. The library was a hit, especially with its “make-your-own button” craft station outside, which delighted children and parents alike. Inside, students presented their insightful research through poster sessions, while therapy dogs were on hand for some cuddle time. DiscoverFest truly brought the VIU community together in a celebration of creativity, knowledge, and fun!

VIU Librarian Recipient of CRKN’s Ron MacDonald Distinguished Service Award

This past October, VIU librarian Dana McFarland was honored at the CRKN Member Summit as the recipient of the prestigious [Ron MacDonald Distinguished Service Award](#). We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dana for this well-deserved recognition, celebrating her significant contributions to digital preservation and library services across Canada.

Special Collections News

For several years we have been working on bringing Special Collections scope, practices, and services into closer alignment with the mission, purpose, and values of the Library and University. When a senior History class, with a focus on the food history of the region, reached out to us in the spring, we were able to do some responsive and targeted collection development and digitization of existing items to improve accessibility. These efforts resulted in the creation of the [Vancouver Island and Region Cookbook and Food History Collection](#) within our digital repository, VIUSpace. Due to ongoing budgetary restraints at the University, the Library must carefully consider the extent to which we can actively pursue collection development at this time, and we are not currently seeking additional donations to the collection.

GLAM Highlights

This December, VIU Library hosted our annual GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives and museums) event, providing an excellent opportunity to connect with folks from the mid-Island community. Our team prepared an array of delectable treats, using recipes from a selection of historic cookbooks housed in our Special Collections, to share with attendees.

