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STAFF NEWS

WESTERN REGION

Greg Wolfe has recently been hired to fill the *Assistant Director* position, in Prince Rupert, that has been vacant since August. Greg is coming from Yellowknife and will begin his new position December 1st.

A new word you may want to add to your vocabulary.

DASHO:

The area between a car's windshield and dashboard, where coins, pencils, etc. cannot be humanly retrieved.



Learning Resource Centre News

Staffing

Louise Chaput, evening and weekend circulation clerk in Terrace, is back! And we're glad she is! Not only is she back on the front desk 20 hours/week, but she's busy in the back area an additional 15 hours/week, processing literacy (and other) materials, thanks to a \$7,000 literacy grant.

Lawrie McArthur has also returned to the Prince Rupert LRC - still part-time, but as campus librarian. *Tim McDonald* is our newest staff member, as fulltime library technician in the Prince Rupert LRC. Between Lawrie and Tim, the Rupert LRC is now open and staffed 50 hours/week! Last year, it was open approximately 70 hours/week (Monday to Friday), but only staffed 20 hours/week. Consequently, our inventory this summer revealed 496 items missing from the Prince Rupert collection!

Professional Development

Library staff from both the Terrace and Prince Rupert campuses attended a Northcoast Library Association (public libraries) day long workshop on reference services at Kitimat Public Library, facilitated by a public

services librarian from Prince George Public Library. The Terrace campus LRC hopes to host the Northcoast spring meeting.

Congratulations to *Penny Llewellyn* and *Louise Chaput!* They are both enrolled in a library technician program (via distance education) through SAIT in Calgary, Alberta, and both "aced" their first course! There are presently only two colleges in B.C. (VCC and Fraser Valley) that offer the two year library technician program, and neither offer it through distance education.

Budget

The LRC, in partnership with Elizabeth Snyder, Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, received a \$7,500 grant from the National Library (through their "adaptive technologies for libraries" program) to purchase an "OSCAR" (scanner), "VertPro" (speech program), Braille printer and "Zoomtext" program, plus a 486 DOS-based computer. This amazing system allows the visually impaired access to the library's print collection - and will soon be appearing, "on display", in the LRC nearest you!

The LRC received \$15,000 in capital, which was spent mainly on renovations to the Prince Rupert LRC plus new computer equipment, CD-Rom towers, printers, etc. It was money well spent, and Prince Rupert campus now can boast of a "real-library" - staff and all.

Collection

The acquisition budget was \$40,000 for the 1993-94 budget year, and is nearly two-thirds spent. One of the decisions made this year was to cancel some of the more expensive print indexes (i.e. Psychological Abstracts at \$700/year and Canadian Education Index at \$500/year) in favour of searching them "on-line" through UBC. this allows any user, from Houston to the Charlottes, equal access to a variety of indexes, rather than only the students in Terrace. ELN (Electronic Library Network) is looking at expanding the number of indexes available on-line to B.C. Colleges. Currently, the indexes available are: ERIC, Psych Info., CBCA (Canadian Business and Current Affairs), Canadian Newspaper Index, Microlog (Federal and Provincial government publications), Humanities and Social Sciences Indexes. Unfortunately there are still no science indexes available on-line.

*** News Flash ***

The following science indexes have just been added:

1. General Science Index
2. Biology and Agriculture Index
3. Wilson Applied Science Index

Public Services

Terrace LRC now has its own FAX machine - 635-1594. You may now fax requests as well as phoning or mailing.

A thoroughly revised (since 1983) LRC Policy Manual has been distributed widely throughout the college community. Feedback has been sparse, but helpful, and we are always open to suggestions.

Royal blue, plastic, barcoded library cards have now replaced the student photo ID cards the LRC was using last year. These library cards are good for "life" and do not have to be changed each time the patron's status changes, i.e. student, staff, community.

Houston

We are happy to report that two new people have joined the Houston staff. Steve Zubak has been hired to instruct the Futures Program and Charlotte Gorley is the Co-ordinator for the Student Success Program. Both these programs will start in November.

Tanya Widmark was busy on Friday, October 15 promoting the College and programs at the InterAgency Awareness Day in the Houston Mall. The InterAgency Committee is made up of members from different organizations who meet monthly to promote and keep the community informed of events/ programs taking place.

Halloween brought spooktacular fun at the Houston Centre. The Student Association and Advisor put on a potluck luncheon. Activities included a costume contest and scavenger hunt. The winners received gift certificates and College sweatshirts. The next social event will occur at Christmas with our Assistant Director, Ralph Troschke, acting as Santa Claus.

-Terri Stewart

Houston Representative

George and Yolanda Broderick are proud parents of a baby boy born November 5th, weighing in at 6 1/2 lbs. George works at the Prince Rupert Centre as a Business Administration Instructor. Congratulations, George & Yolanda.

Terrace

Terrace Student Association Council for 1993/94

President
(Fitness Centre Staff Liaison)
Stephen Nicholls

Secretary (Dorm Liaison)
Laurie Beauchamp

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