UBC Library: Fall Update
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AADPP recipients announced

Three B.C. First Nations have received funding from UBC’s Irving K. Barber Learning Centre and the Museum of Anthropology to preserve their oral histories, traditions and culture. The latest recipients of the Aboriginal Audio Digitization and Preservation Program (AADPP) include the Tsilhqot’in National Government (Williams Lake), the Hupacasath First Nation (Port Alberni) and the Yuu’tłʔath First Nation (Ucluelet). The AADPP – now in its second year – provides matching funds for B.C. Aboriginal organizations to convert audiocassette tapes to digital formats for preservation and access. Each recipient is awarded up to $10,000 and the project seeks proposals bi-annually from within the province.

Read more.

UBC Woodward Library celebrates 50 Years

From November 17 – 21, UBC faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members will gather to celebrate 50 years of Woodward Library. A series of daily events will be open to the public – including tours, receptions, speakers and games.

Visit the Woodward Library 50th Anniversary website for more information on activities and exhibits.

Digitization projects increase access to unique collections

The UBC Library Digitization Centre has made several special collections and rare items available for viewing online.

- The second phase of the Arkley Croquet Collection digitization project is complete. The collection includes paintings, illustrations, engravings, advertisements, photographs, and more.
- Two albums from the Uno Langmann Family Collection of B.C. Photographs are available online – including images from an 1867 album called Views in British Columbia, and an early 1900s album entitled Fraser River Bridge.
- An entire decade of the music magazine Discorder – every issue from the 1980s – has been digitized. View magazine covers.

Open UBC showcases scholarship and innovative learning

From October 28 – 29, UBC Library staff presented a series of events as part of Open UBC, an annual celebration of open scholarship on campus. University Librarian Ingrid Parent provided opening
remarks to kick-off this year’s activities, which included a lively discussion on the future of scholarly publishing; a session on open badges; the essentials of open licenses and copyright; and more.

SBA Small Business Month

In October, UBC Library’s Small Business Accelerator (SBA) program celebrated Small Business Month. Throughout the month, the SBA shone a spotlight on the small businesses and entrepreneurs in B.C that are supported by the program. SBA staff hosted a booth at the SOHO SME Business Expo and participated in a variety of events across the province. Learn more about the Small Business Accelerator program, and sign-up for the SBA Newsletter.

UBC Okanagan Leader In Residence program

UBC Okanagan Library welcomed Margaret Haines, former University Librarian at Carleton, as the keynote speaker at the second annual Leader In Residence program.

University staff, faculty and community members gathered to hear Margaret’s public presentation on the major renovation of Carleton’s MacOdrum Library, which added 75,000 square feet in two floors and a five-story front extension – a renovation that took two years, during which time all library services kept running despite challenging working and learning environments.

This year’s Leader In Residence program provided unique opportunities for discussion and learning for the campus community and regional library, archives, and museum partners. The series of presentations, conversation circles, and activities encouraged collaboration, participation and leadership.

UBC Library signs Lyon Declaration

UBC Library is the latest academic research library to have signed the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Lyon Declaration on Access to Information and Development. The Declaration, launched in August at the annual World Library and Information Congress in France, is an advocacy document drafted by IFLA and a number of strategic partners in the library and development communities between January and May 2014.

Read more.

Work With Us at UBC Library

Are you curious about what it’s like to work at UBC Library? Read the staff profiles on the Work With Us page:

- Matthew Murray gains invaluable co-op experience in the Digitization Centre;
- Lori Walters supports scholars at the UBC Okanagan Writing and Research Centre; and
- Mark Christensen dives into research at the Koerner Library Research Commons.

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