UBC Library: Summer Update
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Community Report highlights sustainability

UBC Library recently released its 2014 Community Report, which highlights the many ways that the Library has supported students, faculty and community members over the past year. The latest edition focuses on sustainability – environmental, social and economic.

The report features articles on a special training program designed to help international students hone their tech know-how; a partnership with Better World Books that supports literacy initiatives while bypassing the landfill; digitization projects on the Vancouver and Okanagan campuses; and initiatives that support open and unfettered access to knowledge.

Arthur Erickson bio wins book prize

L-R: Ingrid Parent, University Librarian; David Stouck, author and prize winner; Brenda Peterson, UBC Librarian and wife of Basil Stuart-Stubbs. Photo credit: Don Erhardt

Family, friends, colleagues and book lovers gathered to celebrate the awarding of the second annual Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Book on British Columbia.

North Vancouver’s David Stouck won for Arthur Erickson: An Architect’s Life, a biography on the renowned local architect. The $1,000 prize, given by UBC Library and the Pacific BookWorld News Society, was established in memory of Basil Stuart-Stubbs, a bibliophile, scholar and librarian who passed away in 2012.

Interested in reading this award-winning title? Arthur Erickson is available at UBC Library and UBC Bookstore.

UBC Library launches Library PARC

L-R: Rue Ramirez, Associate University Librarian; Ingrid Parent, University Librarian; David Farrar, UBC Provost and Vice President Academic; Melody Burton, Deputy University Librarian. Photo credit: UBC Library

UBC Library recently celebrated a groundbreaking for Library Preservation and Archives, a modular storage facility being built to accommodate the future growth of our collections.

Very low circulation items from the Library’s collections will be relocated to Library PARC, freeing up physical space at branches for other uses – including student and research services, study spaces and informal learning areas, multimedia labs, scholarly exchanges and more.
Illustrated historical menus: a delight for foodies

A new exhibition in the UBC Library Chung Collection room highlights historical food menus from the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR).

UBC Library’s Rare Books and Special Collections teamed up with local historian and author of *Dim Sum Stories*, Larry Wong, to create the exhibit. “Bon Voyage / Bon Appétit: Menus from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company’s Ships, Trains, Planes, and Hotels” features an array of eye-catching and mouth-watering menus.

UBC Library’s Chung Collection contains more than 1,000 menus, ranging from the 1890s to the 1980s. The majority of the menus are in English, but there are a few unique menus in Chinese, Japanese, French and even German. Featuring unique historical delicacies, these menus offer a glimpse of “the elegance of dining” in the early days, says Wong.

The exhibition features CPR menus exclusively, but local foodies can also enjoy a few digitized menus from Vancouver’s Chinatown. Six menus are currently online and there are plans to add more over the summer.

Read more about the exhibition, currently on display in the Chung Collection exhibition room until the end of 2014.

Personal histories are community histories

One of the special images submitted in celebration of Preservation Week at UBC Library.

To help celebrate Preservation Week this year, UBC Library asked its community members to share their personal archives and family histories. These special heritage objects form the histories of our community.

Read the stories behind a Freemason ring, brass knuckles, a stamp collection, Russian prisoner of war photographs, a Bible with gold leaf-lined pages and more.

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