

UBC Library Friends

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Woodward Library marks its 50th Anniversary

By Linda Ong

Friends, UBC Alumni, donors and students participated in week-long celebrations in recognition of Woodward Library's 50th anniversary in November. Woodward Library officially opened on November 12, 1964 with the help of a generous gift from the Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Woodward Foundation.

In recognition of Woodward Library's past and future, a number of open houses were held during the week of November 17 for faculty and students. These events included workshops, a games day, an Engineering Maker Faire Open Robotics event, and a concluding formal anniversary reception hosted by Ingrid Parent, University Librarian and featuring guest speakers Dr. Kendall Ho, Director for the eHealth Strategy Office and Dr. Douw Steyn, a professor from the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences.

"Woodward Library was my 'go to' library as an undergraduate," Dr. Ho reminisced. "Even though libraries are undergoing huge

changes with digital knowledge, they make our craft and science contemporary and they will take us to the cutting edge in supporting health and science research and education."

Dr. Steyn, an Earth and Ocean Sciences professor, made light of his "forecast" for the future of libraries. "Libraries have moved into our homes, our offices, our airport lounges. There is a greater dependency on them, not less," he remarked, adding that he has enjoyed a long, diverse, and rewarding relationship with UBC libraries as a graduate and researcher.

Perhaps most noteworthy throughout Woodward Library's celebrations was the intent to capture the branch's illustrious history—as detailed through a digital timeline on the Library website—and to shine a light on how the needs of tomorrow's faculty and students must continue to be reflected in Woodward's collections, spaces, and people.

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Images (clockwise from left):

Dr. Kendall Ho of UBC's Faculty of Medicine reminisces about his student days at Woodward Library.

(L-R) Dr. Douw Steyn, Dr. Ingrid Parent, Ms. Aleteia Greenwood and Dr. Kendall Ho make the first cut into Woodward Library's birthday cake.

Guests and Library staff learn about 3D printing from students at the Engineering Maker Faire Open Robotics table.

Images: Andy Fang



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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Message from the University Librarian



The Winter issue of Friends typically reads like a year-end review of UBC Library. This year, perhaps more than any other, the stories reflect the Library's history and future. Our progress in digitizing collections has inspired and supported teaching, learning and research at the University and beyond. Our provincial reach, as part of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre's mandate, continues to engage faculty and students and impact BC residents. Our role in campus history has been celebrated through branch anniversaries (such as Woodward Library's 50th) and acknowledged through ongoing fundraising campaigns.

As the year draws to a close, the Library is at a particular juncture. 2015 will mark the end of the Library's Strategic Plan. An academic review of the Library is currently underway (the last one was completed in 2008) and the recommendations from this review will be shared in the new year. President Arvind Gupta has shared his priorities on research innovation and excellence and the Library will undoubtedly have a key role to play. All of these factors will shape and influence the

Library's priorities in the coming years.

The new year will also be cause for celebration as UBC Library celebrates its 100th anniversary. There are a number of events and initiatives being planned by the Library's Centenary Working Group and I invite you to find out more by visiting www.library.ubc.ca throughout the year. Many of the activities will be open to the general public, as well as the campus community, and I hope to connect with you at some of these events.

To read more about the Library's year in review, please visit <http://eepurl.com/-Ig5D> for my message to the University community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Library.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ingrid Parent".

Ingrid Parent
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN



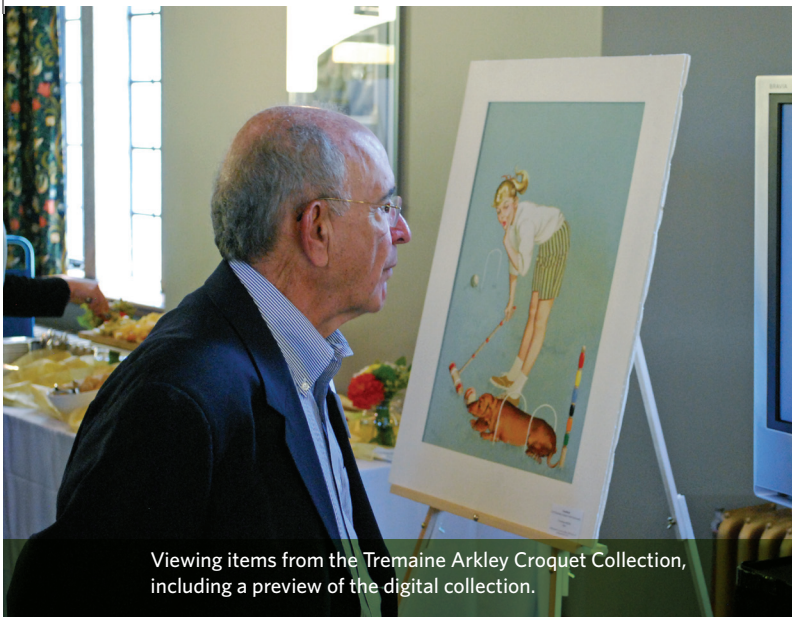
Ingrid Parent, University Librarian (left) and Jackie Lee-Son of the Woodward Foundation (right) at Woodward Library's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Image: Andy Fang

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Woodward Library is situated in the midst of UBC's broad research activities in the health disciplines, the life sciences and the applied sciences. Building UBC's research capacity inherently depends on strong resources and support from the University library, noted Alethea Greenwood, Head of Woodward Library. "A redesigned Woodward Library will include centrally located, technology-enabled spaces as well as specialized research support. By transforming our spaces, Woodward will be equipped to serve the needs of 21st century students and library users."

Explore Woodward Library's history with our digital timeline at <http://woodward.library.ubc.ca>.



Viewing items from the Tremaine Arkley Croquet Collection, including a preview of the digital collection.

Arkley Croquet Collection Celebration

By Andrea Coutts

In early September, UBC Library staff and guests gathered to celebrate the unique Tremaine Arkley Croquet Collection, donated by Tremaine Arkley, a former player for the U.S. National Croquet Team. The collection includes fascinating illustrations, engravings, photographs, cartoons and paintings, dating from the 1850s to the 1950s.

University Librarian Ingrid Parent welcomed Mr. Arkley and his wife Gail, along with family and friends, to an evening of refreshments and a viewing of original and digitized items from the collection. One such digital display included stereographs—images that, when viewed with 3D glasses, came springing to life, much to the delight of those in attendance.

Mr. Arkley spoke passionately about the collection, and provided a fascinating history of croquet. Guests learned that the sport has a long egalitarian tradition—it was the first recreational activity that women could compete in publicly alongside men.

Having toured the Library's Digitization Centre earlier in the day, Mr. Arkley remarked upon a revelation he experienced when learning about the digitization process. "It's the great equalizer—digitization takes items of vastly differing individual values and makes them part of something greater. All these pieces are now available to anyone, rich or poor, anywhere in the world," Arkley said. "The pieces in the collection don't have that reach until they are digitized—but now these images are available to everyone."

Mr. Pierre Dunn, President of the Vancouver Croquet Club, attended the event dressed in his regulation croquet whites and discussed his enthusiasm for the present-day sport. Guests were invited to attend a game, or perhaps sign up to join the Vancouver Croquet Club themselves!



Ingrid Parent, University Librarian with donors Tremaine and Gail Arkley.



Tremaine Arkley describes the history of items from the collection as Rare Books Librarian Katherine Kalsbeek looks on.



Tremaine Arkley (left) and former AMS Croquet Society President Daryl Wile (right) at the Tremaine Arkley Croquet Collection Celebration.

Images: Don Erhardt

To explore the Tremaine Arkley Croquet Collection online, visit <http://digitalcollections.library.ubc.ca/>.



Located at UBC's Vancouver campus, the innovative Learning Centre is built around the refurbished core of the 1925 UBC Main Library, one of the first buildings constructed on the UBC campus.



At the Spring 2008 opening of the Learning Centre, Irving K. Barber (left), his wife June Barber, and then BC Premier Gordon Campbell. In 2002, Dr. Barber donated more than \$20 million for the construction of the Learning Centre at UBC. The BC government contributed \$10 million, and UBC provided the balance of funding.

The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre: Making a Provincial Impact

By Tara Simonetta

The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre (IKBLC) is dedicated to the intellectual, social, cultural, and economic development of people in British Columbia. Through providing enhanced access to information, knowledge, and innovative teaching, IKBLC creates the opportunity for future generations to be at the forefront of learning.

With digital collections in high demand, the Learning Centre offers two digitization programs supported by endowments established with Dr. Barber's gift. The *BC History Digitization Program* offers matching grants to BC heritage organizations to allow for the digitization of unique local historical materials, providing access to a rich set of information and images reflecting BC's history and culture. Now in its sixth year, the program has awarded over \$1 million in grants to 129 projects.

The *Indigitization* program supports the preservation of aboriginal linguistic and cultural traditions, the enhancement of technology skills and capacity building in BC First Nations communities. This program focuses on digitization of audio cassettes that hold important linguistic and cultural information, as well as oral history. Since 2012, ten First Nations communities have benefitted from the program.

In 2013, the Learning Centre collaborated with the UBC Centre for Community Engaged Learning to create hands-on learning experiences for students. *Community-Based Experiential Learning* allows students from a range of faculties to take courses with out-of-classroom components—a recent example includes Forestry students visiting Bella Coola to create a forest management plan. Another partnership is emerging with the *Aboriginal Enhancement Schools Network*. The Learning Centre provides funding for K-12 classroom teachers in 15 schools to encourage transition to post-secondary studies by aboriginal students.

The Learning Centre also offers the *Small Business Accelerator*, an online portal that provides access to resources and information for BC entrepreneurs and small businesses; free online access to over 200 webcasts reflecting a range of IKBLC's scholarly output; and art and culture exhibits that reflect and engage with the cultural make-up of the province. The impact of Dr. Barber's investment in community and education continues to flourish now and into the future.

To learn more about the programs IKBLC has to offer, visit <http://ikebarberlearningcentre.ubc.ca>. To learn how you can contribute, contact us at 604 827-3943.

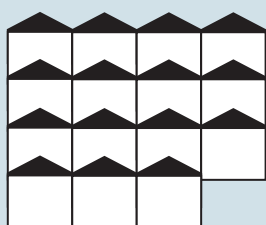


Interior signage highlighting the Learning Centre's mandate for lifelong learning and provincial outreach.

Images: Martin Dee

UBC Library Snapshot

UBC Library advances research, learning and teaching excellence by connecting communities within and beyond UBC to the world's knowledge. The Library, a high-ranking member of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), is the largest library in British Columbia and provides access to expanding digital resources and houses an on-site digitization centre. For more information, visit library.ubc.ca.



15 branches across
2 campuses



315 full-time staff

- 88 librarians
- 184 management & support staff
- 43 student employees

Rankings

- **14 out of 115** university libraries in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL)
- **2nd** among Canadian academic libraries (ARL)
- cIRcle, UBC's information repository, **ranks 2nd in Canada** and 44th globally among 1,650 repositories.

COLLECTIONS

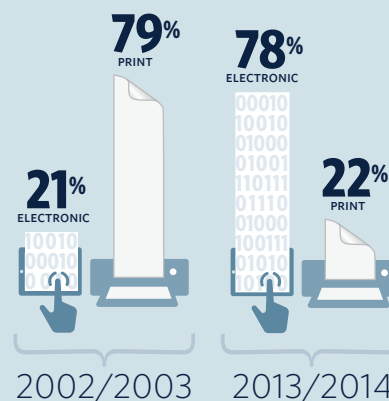
- › More than **7.4m** volumes
- › More than **1.8m** e-books
- › **330,000+** e-journals
- › **500,000+** items in locally produced **digital collections**



More than
5 million e-book downloads
8 million e-journal downloads

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Expenditures shifting from **print** to **electronic**



on-campus

3.8M⁺

visits (JAN-DEC 2013)

library.ubc.ca

11.1M⁺

UBC Library on SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter

4,8K

16 accounts

Facebook

9,9K



Librarians provided 1,768 instructionals to more than **41,427 participants** and answered reference questions

- 54,648 in-person
- 10,756 online



A British aeroplane worker welds frame tugs for planes.
Source: World War I 1914-1918 British press photography collection.

Digitization shares UBC Library's treasures with the world

By Matthew Murray & Tara Simonetta

UBC Library's investment in digitization is a key part in redefining the vision and mandate of the organization and has triggered new opportunities to support teaching, learning and research at UBC and beyond.

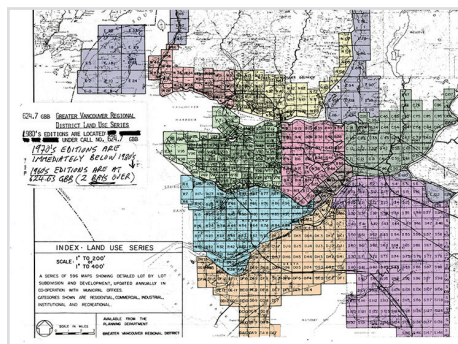
Many of the digitization projects currently underway in the Library's Digitization Unit are of special importance to British Columbian history. For example, the *BC Historical Newspaper Project* is the Library's most heavily used digital collection. Featuring digitized issues of more than 30 BC community newspapers, the portal has been used by staff at Heritage Vancouver to locate missing 1912 Vancouver building permits. As well, staff at Revelstoke Museum and Archives used research information from the collection as part of an exhibition on the history of snow and avalanches.

Another digital collection widely used is the Greater Vancouver Regional District Planning Department Land Use Maps, comprised of 596 detailed maps produced in 1971, 1981 and 1983. These world-class resources are used by UBC students in urban planning and geography and are frequently consulted by the local business community, specifically environmental engineers, site remediation consultants and property development firms.

Earlier this year, the Library partnered with UBC's Beaty Biodiversity Museum to digitize 11,200 records containing key environmental data on the *UBC Fish Collection*. This collection, the third-largest of its kind in Canada, features more than 850,000 specimens and more than 50,000 DNA and tissue samples. In the past, the fish data have been used for environmental assessments, conservation efforts, understanding the factors influencing the formation and extinction of species, and more.

These are only a sampling of the projects underway. Digitization of the *World War I British Press Photograph Collection* and the *Tremaine Arkley Croquet Collection* are now complete and the *Uno Langmann Family Collection of BC Historic Photographs* and Greek epigraphic squeezes are in progress, along with many more exciting projects.

To view the Library's digital collections, please visit digitalcollections.library.ubc.ca.



Clockwise from top: an ornamental fan from the Arkley Croquet Collection; a Greater Vancouver Regional District land use series map, 1980 from the Library's Digital Collections; a cover image from Discorder magazine, circa 1984.

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Celebrate UBC Library's 100th ANNIVERSARY

2015



Students studying at one of the Library's earliest locations, the Fairview campus.



An image from 1951 of the Library in the BC Research Council Building.

Images: Library Archives



Arthur Erickson, David Strangway and Nicholas Koerner looking at model of new Walter C. Koerner Library



Collection moves, like this one from 1975, are still common in libraries. Here, Bryan Husband moves books to Sedgewick Library.

2015 marks the Library's 100th anniversary (as well as UBC's centennial) and special programming has been developed by the Library's Centenary Working Group to commemorate the occasion. Outreach activities include lectures, exhibitions, special events and campaigns beginning in January.

For more information about the Library's anniversary events, please visit www.library.ubc.ca or follow us on Twitter @ubclibrary.



WINTER 2015 EVENTS

Kick-off launch at Koerner Library, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre and Woodward Library
Student digital film contest



SPRING 2015 EVENTS

Lecture featuring Dr. Frances Wood
Evelyn Nodwell photography exhibition



SUMMER 2015 EVENTS

Aboriginal Unhistory Month
Canadian Health Libraries Association Annual Conference



FALL 2015 EVENTS

Launch of Library PARC
Uno Langmann exhibition
Digital Library Federation Conference

Image: Barj Dhahan



A rare photograph of the Sikh Sangat of Macau taken March 13, 1927. Donated by Mr. Barj Dhahan.

Rare Sikh Sangat Photo in Macau at UBC Library

By Tara Simonetta

Last year, UBC Library acquired a rare historic photograph of the Sikh Sangat in Macau, taken in 1927. The photo was donated to the Library by Barj Dhahan, co-founder of the Canadian Indian Education Society and is symbolic of the holy assembly ("sangat") gathered to worship God on account of the belief that the Guru lived and moved among them, and would bestow happiness.

In addition to this donation, Dhahan also created the *Dhahan Prize for Punjabi Literature* to inspire and promote Punjabi literature on a global scale. The prize is awarded in partnership with UBC's Department of Asian Studies. The first recipient of the \$25,000 prize is California-based author Avtar Singh Billing for his novel, *Khali Khoohan De Katha* (*The Story of Empty Wells*).



Student panelists (L-R) Robele Baker, Cameron Frayne, Julia Yang and Kenny Park shared their Library experiences at the Parent Reception.

Parent Campaign builds resources for student success

By Tara Simonetta

“Having an extensive collection at hand helped me to hone my research skills”
- Kalie Stieda, 4th year, Honours German

Each year, UBC Library holds a Parent Campaign that helps provide resources for students. The campaign reaches out to parents of new students, offering them the opportunity to directly impact the well-being of students. On October 23, the Library held its annual Parent Reception, a special thank you for donors to the campaign.

The reception included a student panel discussion about how the Library impacts learning. Second-year student Kenny Park described the abundance of technology and software available. Fourth-year student Kalie Stieda mentioned her frequent use of physical collections. “Having an extensive collection at hand helped me to hone my research skills,” she told attendees.

These students not only understand the importance of the Library, but the impact donations can have—three of the panelists are employed at the Library using funding from the Sandra Cawley Student Engagement Endowment, created by Library Advisory Board member Sandra Cawley.

Support from the Parent Campaign helps maintain access to the latest technology and world-class resources; not only is the Library a place to work and collaborate, but also ‘a home away from home’—a place where students spend time thinking, talking and even unwinding.

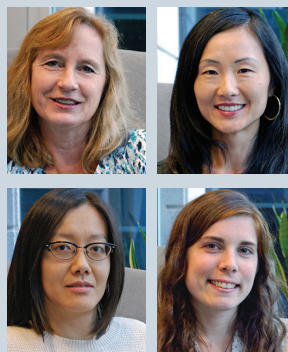
To contribute to the Parent Campaign, visit us online at <https://startanevolution.ca/library>.

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