

**BCLA Cataloguing & Technical Services Interest Group (BCCATS)  
Fall 2023 Virtual Meeting: Thursday, Oct 26, 2023  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**In attendance:**

Lamari Hakima (Surrey School District)  
Andrea Gorgec (Burnaby Public Library)  
Adam Farrell (New Westminster Public Library)  
Maryann Kempthorne (UBC-Emerging media lab)  
Michael Baird (Okanagan Regional Library)  
Andrea Anderson (North Van District Public Library)  
Anna Loster (Legislative Library of BC)  
Eileen McMillan (Surrey Libraries)  
Charlie (BGC Engineering Library)  
Krista Scanlon (NVDPL)  
Susie Jones (Vancouver Public Library)  
Tamarack Hockin (Capilano University Library)  
Britannia Gammond (Northern Lights College)  
Grace Rempel (Vancouver Public library)  
Brigette Liang (Kwantlen Polytech University Library)  
Elizabeth Wright (Vancouver Island Regional Library)  
Gwenda Bryan (Camosun College)

Stacey Steil (Camosun College)  
Ryan Vernon (Langara College)  
Jennifer Pringle (BC Libraries Cooperative)  
Shawna Buhler (BC Hydro Library & Archives)  
Laura Green (North Van District Public Library)  
Yizhi Ni (Capilano University Library)  
Claire Lauron (Kwantlen Polytech University Library)  
Leona Li (Kwantlen Polytech University Library)  
Brian McGuiness (West Van Memorial Library)  
Laura Green (North Van District Public Library)  
Susu Myint (Burnaby Public Library)  
Jacqueline Huck (Fraser Valley Regional Library)  
Chelsea Merkl (BLG Library)  
Hillary Webb (Emily Carr University)  
Sue Andrews (UBC Library)  
Richard Violette (Greater Victoria Public Library and  
Special Libraries Cataloguing Inc.)

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome and acknowledgements**

Territorial acknowledgement

**2. Introductions of guests and new members**

Welcome by Chair

**3. Additions to and approval of the agenda**

No additions

**4. Approvals/Amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting**

Approved with no amendments

**5. Business arising from the previous meeting (Maryann Kempthorne)**

**5.1 Conference Proposal BCLA Conference**

Deadline: November 17

No offers. With the deadline in a couple of weeks, Maryann and Ryan have offered to be resources for anyone who is considering putting together a proposal for BCLA.

Chair opened floor for any BCCATS members with ideas for conference proposals.

## **5.2 Continuing Education Committee**

Maryanne gave a call out to those interested in joining a continuing education committee.

The following people expressed interest in the Continuing Education Committee:

- Richard Violette
- Michael Baird
- Jennifer Pringle
- Adam Farrell
- Tamarack Hockin

The group discussed potential ways for the group to communicate including:

- Asynchronous (via email or BCCATS branches forum)
- Occasion virtual synchronous meeting

Most people seem to be interested in asynchronous communication, but there is interest in a mixed model of asynchronous and synchronous communication.

BCCATS has been maintaining an [ongoing list](#) of professional development. Other ideas that were discussed included requesting Terry Reese training. There is some PD money in BCCATS funds.

The first step is a survey to BCCATS groups about topics.

Additionally, the group considered who may be missing from these conversations (i.e., not on the BCCATS branches or BCCATS meetings) and who else should be in these communications. The Chair offered to reach out to Rina to see how many members are in the BCCATS forum and ask about strategies to reach a wider audience.

After the survey, the Continuing Education Committee will gather to discuss next steps.

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## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 Canadian Federation of Library Associations Cataloguing and Metadata Standards Committee (CMSC) update (Ryan Vernon)**

The consultation on Cataloguers Code of Ethics has wrapped up. The Proposal on Cataloguer Code of Ethics is being submitted to CMSC based on feedback from surveys completed over the past year.

The next meeting of CMSC is later this fall. Ryan will provide an update on the meeting on the BCCATS forum.

Ryan Vernon is upcoming chair of CMSC

### **6.2 Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) update (Sue Andrews)**

Sue is the rep for Canadian association of research libraries.

They are currently reviewing proposals for new RDA.

The group is delaying the implementation date for new RDA since people aren't quite ready.

Additionally, there is some tweaking of rules:

1. Instructions on using term of rank for beneficial person/religious person/terms of office/service/rank of spiritual group – making these rules more international (less Christian focused)
2. Divorce rules for naming places from rules for naming governments. More distinction is being developed between them.

Work is being done by the Program for Coordinator Cataloguing (PPC) to create training modules for new RDA. These modules would be self-paced.

Sue asked the group if there is interest in a presentation on new RDA. Sue would be willing to participate with others that are interested in presenting next year.

The group will review the feasibility of participating in new RDA group learning sessions (based on Program for Coordinated Cataloguing modules) in the new year based on the progress on new RDA and if training is ready.

The countdown clock for implementation of new RDA is set to May 2026.

### **6.3 New Chair (Maryann Kempthorne)**

This meeting was Maryann Kempthorne's last as BCCATS Chair. Thank you, Maryann, for all your work in this role!

An election was had for new Chair of BCCATS. Nominations from the floor were called and Maryann nominated Tamarack Hockin. No other nominations.

Tamarack will be taking on the role of BCCATS Chair.

### **6.4 Awards Committee (Maryann Kempthorne)**

The constitution of the awards committee and the call for nominations are in process.

## **7. Other Business**

### **7.1 BCCATS Meetings**

When posting meeting times, include time zones. BC has more than one time zone.

### **7.2 BCCATS Training**

A question was asked about posting videos of previous training. Shawna can add these to [BCCATS Resources](#) page and requested the links for these videos to post them.

### **7.3 BCCATS Spring meeting plans:**

- Idea of hosting hybrid meeting at Langara
- Cleire offered KPU Richmond as an option for a hybrid meeting space as well

## **8. Meeting adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m. Pacific Daylight Savings Time

**Roundtable Report: BCCATS Fall Meeting: October 23, 2023**

**North Vancouver District Public Library: Collection Services Department**

**Krista Scanlon, Manager, Collection Services**

1. Library Operations:

- New Acquisitions Technician hired to cover 1 year maternity leave
- New Teen Engagement Librarian hired
- Branch Coordinator at Lynn Valley vacant at end of October; position posted
- Manager, Collections Services retiring January 2024; position posted
- Work underway on new Strategic Plan: 2024-2027
- New ILS/Website confirmed: Innovative Polaris; pre-launch data migration work underway; tentative launch March 2024
- Planning continues for Kiosk Express Library at Lynn Creek Town Centre opening Fall 2024; Envisionware Kiosk will be identical to the photo below used in LA County



2. Collection Services Department Operations:

- Acquisitions and Cataloguing staff working with Innovative & Backstage with data migration and profile work
- Continue to order, receive, catalogue and process lots of materials
- Receiving full MARC records from ULS
- Purchasing some fully pre-processed DVDs/Blu-rays from Library Bound
- Staff completed mid-year review of personal work plans for 2023

### 3. Projects:

- New collection launch: 2 French language Children's Collections building on the success of their English Language counterparts
  - i. French Language Caring Community Kits
    - Each backpack has a Native Northwest puppet and five French children's books by Indigenous authors. Most also include a title related to the impacts of residential school and Orange Shirt Day
  - ii. Les Trousse de Marionnette (French puppet kits)
    - Each kit includes a French language book and a puppet



- Collection update: Teen DVDs/Blu-rays
  - i. Ending this collection
  - ii. Remaining DVDs/Blu-rays will be re-classed & moved into Adult
- New Digital Offering: SUMMA & SUMMA Kids
  - i. Canadian streaming video-on-demand collection for public libraries.



- Indigenous Collections Strategy: Advancing Reconciliation Through Library Collections
  - i. Presented written Indigenous Collections Strategy to Library Board in September (goal from 2020-2023 Strategic Plan)
  - ii. Looking at Indigenous Collections through the lens of Truth & Reconciliation, working in relationship with Tsleil-Waututh & Squamish nations, other Indigenous groups, and local, provincial, and national libraries and organizations, the goal is to have collections that:
    - are progressive & relevant
    - create understanding
    - represent authentic Indigenous voices
    - facilitate community learning and growth with respect to Indigenous culture, language, and knowledge
    - includes 12 proposed strategies to be considered when it comes to collections, some of which, like subject heading work and collection content, well-underway
- New collection launch: LEGO/DUPLO
  - i. In response to patron request for LEGO kits
  - ii. Initial launch planned for December
  - iii. Will circulate like puzzles/board games: 3-week loan with holds and renewals
- New collection launch: North Shore Digital Libraries
  - i. Hosted on ARCA; available through NVDPL, NVCL & WVML
  - ii. A special collection of digitized newspapers from North Vancouver and West Vancouver, including the North Shore News from 1976-2000
  - iii. NVDPL responsible for coordinating digitization of this first run
  - iv. Launch planned for early November

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# **University of the Fraser Valley Library**

## **BCCATS Roundtable Report**

**Fall 2023**

Submitted by Liz Hughes, Cataloguing, Technician in Charge

### **Staffing**

Keltie Ross resigned as Collections Librarian in July to take a position at the College of the Rockies. Martin Warkentin has temporarily resumed supervision of Technical Services and Collections, while continuing with some of his permanent responsibilities.

In the wake of some retirements last year, librarians' portfolios have gone through some shifting. Brenda Phillip has taken on Special Collections and continues to oversee the digitization of the Newman Western Cookbook Collection. She is adding donations and arranging for more. Some donations have included items that don't fall into the Western Canadian criteria, but she is adding them on a case-by-case basis if they are of particular interest. One example is wartime cookbooks with recipes for rationing.

### **Projects**

Two library technicians are training in cataloguing: Michelle Tang, Collections Support Technician, is adding book cataloguing to her e-book tasks, and Susan Gibb, Circulation Technician, is training in cataloguing as well. Both are also creating brief records for cookbooks prior to them being added to the collection.

The change to Unicode was successful and required minimal cleanup.

Efforts to Indigenize the catalogue continue. Due to the change to Unicode, more names and words in Indigenous languages are appearing correctly, as are other languages. Also continuing is the adding of local access points for Indigenous materials.

The Teacher Education Program is still adding kits or altering them, with both object and book kits needed for this fall. Shelving space is at a premium, but the program is scheduled to be moved to the Mission campus next year. Moving this "Curriculum Collection" will be a major task for both public services and cataloguing/systems.

# Vancouver PL BCCATS Roundtable Report

October 27, 2023

Grace Rempel, Head Bibliographic Services (BSV)

## Cataloguing Update

1. TSV continues to strengthen its processes regarding maintenance of digital products. We have come up with an effective strategy and approach to address Horizon 'dead' OverDrive records. The Coordinator, Collections & Technical Services has played a key role in this endeavor, matching the ebook/eaudio ISBNs in Horizon against those in our MarketPlace account. BSV cataloguers have removed approximately 7,500 ebook/eaudio records that are no longer held by VPL. We are approaching the completion of this project and hope to transition to a weekly Selections-based process for ongoing identification of OverDrive titles requiring deletion from Horizon.
2. BSV had created a new catalogue assistant position in Q4 of 2022 to support the transition of brief multilingual materials to full-level cataloguing. This has been an intense endeavour, and kudos go to our catalogue-librarian with a linguistics background who has fine-tuned the majority of our instructional documentation. And, additional kudos go out to our cataloguing assistant team—there was an initial hesitancy to enter the uncharted territory of cataloguing materials individuals did not have language fluencies in; but the focus, patience and effort have paid off. This year, we have successfully transitioned to fully cataloguing Korean, Vietnamese, and Panjabi. We will continue into 2024 by transitioning Japanese, Hindi and Tagalog to full level cataloguing as well.
3. The Internet Archive project has launched. On October 23, the operator for the Scribe Digitization Machine began work on site. In the coming weeks, we will analyze the metadata and best determine how to display the information in BiblioCommons and on the IA platform. We are still actively working on other critical pieces of the project, e.g.: the process to achieve due diligence in contacting publishers.
4. NACO name authority refresh was completed by BSV staff members in September. This was an intense one-month program that provided many important updates. Particularly relevant to the current climate: clarifications to the creation and structure of Indigenous group authorities.
5. Late spring onward allowed for vigorous testing in preparation for the October Horizon migration which would allowed for underlying DB update to structure. Huge thank you to our ITS department for all their critical work on this piece. This migration involved substantial improvements to the 'system' by transitioning from SQL to MSQl; as well, primary improvements for the ACQ based functions. A hopeful outcome may be an improvement to some diacritics problems because the OS level (display code table) will transition to a more modern environment.
6. BSV is working closely with Information Services (ISV) to participate in ISV staff training on Horizon and BiblioCommons. We will try to fine tune the instructional scripts and examples to equip public staff with the knowledge to best help and inform patrons on how to search and retrieve information at VPL.



7. Efforts are underway to assess the Broken URL report. Broken URLs have been an issue for many years. A maintenance strategy needs to be developed with regular time allocated to keeping the report at an acceptable number.
8. Special Collections (SPE) microfilm item holdings project has been completed; we have also recently completed the cataloguing of just under 1500 of the 4000 SPE Pamphlet project.

#### Staffing & related matters

9. TSV staffing news: as mentioned above, the latest Catalogue Assistant to our team is coming up on his 1-year mark in BSV; a Catalogue support position has also been filled in the last year. InterLibrary Loans restaffed its full-time position, with a 1-year full time temp role recently being filled to assist in the substantial ILL workload. A retirement in Selections as well as in Preparations have been restaffed.

## **Roundtable report, Surrey Schools: Learning Resources Services (LRS)**

**Hardeep Nikolaev, Hakima Lamari, Kelsey Witowich, Caroline Roberts, Carla Ganotisi, Lisa Conceicao, Library and Information Technologists.**

**This year has been filled with project work along with our usual cataloguing and processing tasks. Our schools have been placing large library orders, and the longer wait times and vendor supply issues have created large backlogs for our LRS team.**

### **System**

- This summer we had our annual system upgrade, to Destiny version 20.

### **Staff**

- To work through our large cataloguing and processing backlog, we were able to establish a Library Technician spare board employee pool with the help of HR. It took time to interview and hire candidates and then the training period was long due to local processing and cataloguing practices, but we have two people who helped us get through the backlog and get on track for the new school year.

### **New Schools**

- Surrey School District is growing very fast. It has already opened 5 new schools since 2020 and is planning for two more in the next two years:
  - **Ta'talu**
  - **Snokomish**

### **Cataloguing & Processing**

- In March 2023 each teacher librarian in the district was given a budget of \$1000 to purchase authentic indigenous resources for their library collection. The list of resources was curated by the teacher librarian helping teacher and indigenous community members within the school district and consultants outside the district as well.

LRS coordinated the ordering, purchase and cataloguing of the materials ordered by each school in the district. The processing for this project was not standard and was split between the vendor and the Education Services department. The Teacher Librarians were expecting to have all the Dewey Decimal Classification numbers removed and the prefix IPC (Indigenous Peoples Collection) added to the cutter in the copy records and spine

labels. LRS met and provided details of the impact special collection processing (no Dewey number) would have on the ILS but teacher librarians wanted to continue down that path.

- A covering TL at an elementary school site reported to LRS that they received several complaints from staff and students about the condition of the school library and difficulties finding materials. In December 2022 LRS sent a team to complete an inventory, visually weed the collection, and reorder mis-shelved books. In 2023, other schools requested this be done for their libraries as well. The possibility of creating a regular inventory team is being considered.
- Each year the LRS team orders, physically processes, catalogues and ships out five different sets of award books to the schools in our district. These books are selected by a group of Teacher Librarians. The five sets are:
  - o Book of the Year (fiction books for elementary schools)
  - o Picture book of the Year (easy fiction books for elementary schools)
  - o Narrative Nonfiction book of the Year (nonfiction books for elementary schools)
  - o Teens Read (fiction books for secondary schools)
  - o Album de l'année (fiction books for French immersion schools)
- Genrefication: more school sites are looking into genrefying their nonfiction collections to increase student interest, not always looking at the impact it will have on the ILS and reporting functionality. When the Dewey numbers are removed, the reports generated within Destiny lose their value because they cannot accurately reflect how sections of the nonfiction collection are represented at that site. We are continuing to follow the idea and provide input when requested. There is currently no district standard in place for removing Dewey numbers from nonfiction items.
- Teacher-Librarians' and TOCs' Destiny training sessions have continued as in past years, prior to COVID. They are well attended, especially with the large amount of turnover at the schools this year. Turnover is usually due to retirement, and various medical leaves.

## Staff Updates

Lots of changes over the last few months. Several employees have moved on to their retirement, a new director has started and we welcomed several new employees:

- We have a new Director, Learning Services. Erin Howard started her position at the beginning of September 2023. Erin joins the college from Lethbridge Community College where she was Director of Learning Services. We are excited for Erin to be here!
- Carrie Charlesworth, Assistant to the Director, retired last year, and we are happy to have Rae Parkinson join the Learning Services team from another department in the college.
- Librarians Jennifer Lambert and Jackie McFarlan have retired and Margie Clarke is working 60%. 2 new Librarians started in the last year - Will Meredith from Royal Roads University and Vruti Patel from GVPL – and Rebekah Prette starts October 30.
- Library Technician Jennifer Stenberg has moved from cataloguing to Library Services Supervisor. Library Technician Stacey Steil is the new Cataloguing Technician, moving from serials, ejournals and website. Library Technician Gina Wiebe started in August and has taken on the Serials & Eresources portfolio.
- Tabitha Lewis has joined Learning Services as the Manager for the new Makerspace. See below for info about the new space

## Library Services & Spaces

- The libraries are busy this fall. A lot more students are on campus, seats are full in the library and the study rooms are in high use. This includes a dedicated room for Indigenous students at Lansdowne.
- The demand for laptops is high. We have approx. 200 semester loaned laptops and 40 short loaned laptops to lend to students. The mobile hotspot lending program has expired and there are no plans to renew this.
- We are welcoming therapy dogs from the Pacific Animal Therapy Society every month until April. This is very popular, students and staff enjoy the time they get to spend with these dogs.
- A new Makerspace has been completed and new equipment is beginning to arrive! Located in the refurbished Wilna Thomas building, it provides students with technology and support to collaborate and create such as 3D printing, sewing, laser cutter, audio and video and VR equipment. Students attend free workshops and borrow books and tech. We will be seeing more books related to makerspaces and these technologies coming to cataloguing. Find more information, and a virtual tour at <https://camosun.ca/makerspace>

## Library Technology

- We have added a new Electronic Resource Management system called ROAM to help us manage subscriptions. Staff are close to completing the migration of data to this new system and looking forward to ditching the spreadsheets they've been working from!

## Decolonization & Indigenization

- Librarian Robbyn Lanning collaborated with partners in Eyē? Sqâ'lewen - Centre for Indigenous Education & Community Connections and the Camosun Graphics Department to design an Authentic Indigenous Voices (AIV) Icon & Designation for resources in the library that identify Indigenous creators. Their work includes a visual icon that is being added to LibGuides and AIV selection guidelines. Cataloguing Technicians are adding a statement to the 595 field of the MARC record for items that have been identified by librarians as AIV. More information can be found here: [https://camosun.libguides.com/indigenizing\\_citations/voices](https://camosun.libguides.com/indigenizing_citations/voices)

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- We continue to work with the BC Libraries Coop and Sitka academic partners to decolonize descriptive practices.

## Collections

- With an increase in requests for streaming media, we recently added Criterion-on-Demand to our subscriptions
- We spent approximately \$4,000 of our special collections budget to purchase books on solar and renewable energy in conjunction with the [EBSCO Solar grant project](#), *Array of Hope*.

## **BC HYDRO LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES**

### **ROUNDTABLE REPORT: BCCATS FALL 2023 MEETING**

#### **SIERRA UPGRADE**

- May 2023 – Backup API project completed
- Currently, working on upgrading to Sierra 6.0

#### **ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION ACCESS CHANGES**

The web proxy client we were using reached end of life last year, and we transitioned to a new proxy server which caused some interruptions in access to our online subscriptions. After additional interruptions in August/September this year, the decision was made to move from IP authentication to a Single Sign On (SSO) solution for our electronic subscriptions. We moved some of our key resources to SSO authentication earlier this year and are working to move the remaining to SSO by the end of this year.

#### **DIGITIZATION PROJECT AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW REPOSITORY**

Earlier this year, we worked with our Enterprise Content Management System design team to create a tailored application for the library's digitized materials. We then select the metadata fields for the library and archives' historical collection of internal magazines and photographs. Over 11,000 photographs/negatives and almost 100 employee magazines were loaded into the repository this year. Thanks to all the UBC co-op students who spent the past few years scanning and digitizing this material!

#### **STAFFING UPDATES**

Katie Sloan recently has taken over the role of library and archives manager. Katie brings lots of knowledge and experience from her work in the provincial archives.

The role of Technical Services/Cataloguing Librarian was recently filled by Shawna Buhler. Big thanks go to her predecessor Zara Hockey for all her work in this role over the past five years.



# BCCATS ROUNDTABLE REPORT FROM CAPILANO UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, FALL 2023

## Staffing

Our Technical Services (TS) Department is undertaking hiring for three positions: TS Supervisor, Acquisitions Technician, and a Resources Support Technician. The Resources Technician position is a new role and will primarily be supporting e-resource discovery and library assessment data collection and analysis; please look for this forthcoming posting on the Partnership Job Board.

We recently said goodbye to our incredible Technical Services Supervisor, Shawna Buhler, and wish her all the best in her new role with BC Hydro Library & Archives!

## Authority Control Project

We are reviewing the results of our second round of testing with the vendor (Backstage Library Works) and anticipate completing our backfile clean-up by end of 2023. We're reviewing results from the subject crosswalks offered by the vendor: We have declined to use their "Indigenous" vocabulary (partly in light of LOC's announcement earlier this year to prioritize evaluation of headings for Indigenous Peoples); we are currently considering whether to use the Homosaurus enhancement offered (crosswalk is mapped to LCSH only).

Another consideration is implementation of Real World Object metadata using ISNI and/or VIAF. If other cataloguers have insight or resources to help inform best practices here, we would appreciate your input.

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## CataloguerGPT

Glen Greenly, CapU Library's Systems Analyst, has been developing an original cataloguing utility program leveraging OpenAI's ChatGPT API. Glen shared a proof of concept at our May [Artificial Intelligence in Libraries unconference](#). We are in the early stages of planning some testing at CapU Library using a limited collection of PDF ebooks. Glen's slidedeck will be attached alongside this report, and he welcomes questions and requests to participate in future beta testing. [ggreenly@capilanou.ca](mailto:ggreenly@capilanou.ca)

## New Systems

CapU Library has acquired Panorama, an Ebsco product for library data analytics. We are working on setting up data ingest and loading from a variety of sources, and anticipate having it fully in production (dashboards developed and training) by early next term.



**BCCATS Round Table Report October 2023**  
**BC Libraries Cooperative**  
**Submitted by Jennifer Pringle**

**Sitka Consortium**

Currently 107 libraries at 212 locations in 3 provinces are using a shared ILS on Evergreen. This year we've added two post-secondary libraries.

On Sunday (October 22<sup>nd</sup>) we upgraded the shared Evergreen ILS from version 3.9 to version 3.11.1. This new version brings new features and bug fixes including significant improvements to the acquisitions module.

**BC Libraries Cooperative Recent and Current Projects in Technical Services:**

Decolonizing Description - Co-op staff continue to work with the Sitka Cataloguing Working Group and staff from member libraries to update subject headings in Sitka's Evergreen. Further discussions of the subject headings and the update process in a large consortium are on-going.

**Co-op Support Related to Cataloguing and Acquisitions:**

[Continuing Training](#) – Co-op Support regularly offers continuing training webinars to Sitka libraries. In August we offered “[Purchasing Power: Improvements in Acquisitions](#)” which highlighted the changes in the acquisitions module, primarily to purchase orders and line items, that were coming to Sitka's Evergreen with the October upgrade. Topics for 2024 are still being finalized but at least one session is expected to be related to cataloguing.

Training Resources – Sitka's Evergreen documentation and resources have been updated for Evergreen 3.11.1. Work on further updating and expanding our available resources continues into 2024 with a focus on resources for the acquisitions module and batch loading MARC records for cataloguing.

Library Schools – The BC Libraries Cooperative continues to provide access to our Evergreen training server to classes at the Library and Information Technology programs at UFV and Langara.

# Emily Carr University Library

## BCCATS Roundtable report

October 2023

Submitted by Hillary Webb

### Staffing Changes

This October we welcomed Vanessa Kam as our permanent University Librarian!

<https://www.ecuad.ca/news/2023/d-vanessa-kam-appointed-university-librarian>

### New Collections

#### NeuroTools

Tools that can support anyone, but that are built with special consideration for neurodiverse folks! Our collection was put together in consultation with the [ECU Disability & Neuro-Divergent Collective](#). Some tools include reading aids, pencil grips, spinner rings, a wobble stool, visual timers, and massage balls. These tools are available for 7-day loan.

#### [Roman Izdebski Industrial Design Collection](#)

Roman Izdebski (1946–2020) was an industrial designer trained in Warsaw (MFA, Academy of Fine Arts, 1975). After teaching industrial design from 1976 onwards in various post-secondaries in Canada, he joined the faculty at ECU. The Roman Izdebski Industrial Design Collection, with a focus on technology (communication, audio devices, computation, etc), household appliances, toys, beverage containers, cutlery, and more, was donated to ECU. It illustrates vividly how the design of objects has evolved over time, serves as a vital educational tool for students, and supports design curricula. An inventory of the entire collection, including individually researched descriptions and photographs of each object, was completed by ECU students Eden Zinchik (BDes, Industrial Design, 2023) and Carson Adams (BFA, Photography, Class of 2026).

#### [AtoM](#)

AtoM, the ECU Archives database, is now available for searching descriptions of the Archives' holdings and is the best way to start archival research. More descriptions and digital objects will be added continually, with Renée Van Halm's fonds to be added in September.

<https://www.ecuad.ca/library/research/ecu-archives> and direct:

<https://ecuad.accesstomemory.org/>

## Decolonization

(report by Jonas Emmett)

For our decolonizing description work, we had a SLAIS student research different approaches to dismantling our E78–E99 section and reclassify that material throughout the collection. She conducted a literature review and contacted some other academic libraries, and wrote a report of her findings for us. We are now in the early stages of determining which way we might go about reclassifying those items. For a more straightforward project, we have also been retroactively transcribing Inuktitut syllabics from title pages and covers and adding them to those records that originally excluded them.

## Events

### Summer Reading Salon

Over the summer, the ECU Library hosted a bi-weekly reading salon to read and discuss Chelsea Vowel's intriguing book of short stories, "Buffalo is the New Buffalo", which "explore(s) radical possibilities for Indigenous resilience" (Quill and Quire). We selected this book of stories of "Metis futurism" as a celebration of Canadian Indigenous writing and storytelling. To support the reading salon the library received a micro-grant from the Faculty of Culture and Community to purchase a number of physical copies for participants and refreshments.

### Sensory Friendly Study Nights

For the fall semester the library is piloting a sensory friendly study night in the artists' books room on the lower level of the library every Thursday evening from 6-8pm. The space is scent-free, food-free and as quiet as possible. These events are meant for neurodiverse students and those with sensory sensitivities, but all are welcome. Please show up scent free

What to expect:

lowered lights and a variety of table lamps to choose from

a selection of neurotools\* from the library collection

ear plugs and over ear protection

a selection of different seating options and privacy carrels.

Stop by to study, work on a project, or relax.

### Open Artists Books

Twice a month we curate a collection of artists books, archival material and prints from our Wosk collection around a series of themes (for example: Labour for fair-employment week, Halloween, Climate for Climate Action Month, queer creators, and food & cooking)

## Other news

### Monthly Roundups

We continue to publish monthly roundups on the university website to highlight one of our amazing databases, share new books, eBooks, media and magazines, and to introduce community curated displays, and library exhibitions.

September new resources highlights: <https://www.ecuad.ca/updates/library-roundup-sept-2023>

### Carta Nominations

The ECU Library + Archives is a member of the CARTA (Collaborative ART Archive), whose goal is to preserve and provide access to web-based art resources. We are still seeking nominations for web sites that are at risk of being erased and updated frequently and should be preserved as research resources. Please fill out [this form](#) or email [archives@ecuad.ca](mailto:archives@ecuad.ca) with any nominations. CARTA also launched its new research portal earlier this year: <https://carta.archive-it.org/>

### Bias Statement

We added a statement acknowledging bias in language in our catalogue and library collection to our search bar. This was prompted by a request from our Aboriginal Gathering Place manager Kajola Moorewood, who is participating in the NIKLA Indigenous Advisory Circle for the Respectful Terminology Platform Project. Our [full statement](#) is available on our website, our AtoM database, and in our Indigenous topics guide. The statement is also printed and available in the book stacks.

General Search

Books & Media

Databases

Journals

*Search here for: Print and Digital collections*

SEARCH

**Advanced Search** > **Research Guides** >

The Library + Archives at Emily Carr University of Art + Design aims to create records that are inclusive, respectful and do not cause harm to those who interact with our collections. We acknowledge that our existing descriptions and records may contain language that is racist, colonial, homophobic, ableist, or that uses other offensive terms that may cause harm. Our team is dedicated to minimize harm through continual reflection and reparations in our language and systems. [Read our full Acknowledgement of Bias in Library + Archives Descriptive Language →](#)

# BCCATS Roundtable Report from the Legislative Library of British Columbia

Fall 2023

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## Library Updates

1. The Library has long had a single email address where clients can reach us for research help but as of earlier this year that address changed from its old, clunky version to the new and intuitive [library@leg.bc.ca](mailto:library@leg.bc.ca). We hope this new address will simplify things for both clients and staff.
2. 3 staff members attended the annual Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Canada conference which was held in Ottawa, Ontario this year. This is always a welcome event as legislative libraries are quite niche in the library world, so it's beneficial to meet with and learn from colleagues who do similar work.
3. Every holiday season library staff participate in decorating our library rotunda with the Bookmas tree and this year will be no exception! It usually goes up near the end of November, so if you find yourself traveling to our province's capital during the month of December, we welcome visitors to come take a look.



## Staff Updates

We are happy to be at a full complement of staff once again in both our Reference and Technical Services departments. In the Reference department, we hired a permanent, full-time librarian to fill a vacancy, who started during the summer. In the Technical Services department, we hired two permanent, full-time library assistants, both positions to fill recent retirements.



### Technical Services/Systems Updates

1. The Library has begun digitization of its news releases which are currently available only on microfilm. This multi-year project will increase the accessibility of this valuable collection.
2. After procurement for a hosted installation of Archivematica completed in the spring, our systems team has been busy beginning to process our many years of backlogged TIFF files.
3. The Library is exploring the use of DSpace, an open-source repository application for digital materials, and has set up a test server for it.
4. We recently completed a major pilot project, conducting an inventory of the reference collection. The work of the project was to compare what we have on the shelves to the catalogue. Staff first scanned thousands of items and added barcodes to any that were missing them. This generated a list which was compared to data from the library catalogue. More than 2000 items didn't match up, so staff played detective for each one to determine whether it had been mis-shelved, not checked out or catalogued correctly, or even lost. At the end of the project, more than 22,000 items had been inventoried. The project took over a year to complete. Now the goal is to tackle the rest of the collection!
5. Work continues to investigate options for performing a backfile clean-up of our authority files and streamlining authority control work. We are grateful to the BCCATS community for providing background and input on their experiences with this process. Currently, we have been in contact with vendors for initial information and are awaiting budget approval.

**Surrey Libraries  
BCCATS Roundtable Report  
Fall 2023**

**Library Updates:**

- Surrey Libraries is celebrating it's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.
- Work continues for the Mobile Library which is proposed to start running in 2024. The van is currently being retrofitted for shelving and to comply with Surrey's emissions program.

**Collections Services Updates:**

- Eileen McMillan will be retiring from her position as Collections Services Supervisor on February 29, 2024.
- We welcomed Collections Services Librarian, Sarah Johnson to our team. She is filling in while Maria Yang is Acting Collections Services Manager, as Niki Penz is Acting Director of Collections & Technology while Amy Ashmore is off on maternity leave.
- The Cataloging department is continuing to investigate vendors for Authorities Control work. Thanks to those in the BCCATS community who have given us input on what they do and which vendors they use.
- The current department turn around time is between 3 and 4 weeks, which is a massive improvement over this time last year.
- Starting in the winter we will be actively curating collections of Tigrinya and Ukrainian junior language materials to meet the community's needs and support junior programming.
- Our next Tech-to-go collection will be CO2 monitors. These are scheduled to launch in either November or December.