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COFFEE AND COMPUTERS

One of my son Conor's and my favourite things to do is watch quirky movies and a favourite is *Coffee and Cigarettes*, with Tom Waits, Iggy Pop and a host of other notables. The Robertson Library has been working on its own version of the C&C model, but in this case it is Coffee and Computers.

The recently opened and very popular Samuel's coffee shop (named after Samuel Robertson) has been a great success, providing students with much needed nourishment and reinforcement as they study and do research. I am sure Samuel's will not only sustain our students but also increase the visits to the Library and the Webster Centre, the other core learning service in the Robertson building.

In addition, three new computer facilities will be launched between May and August of this year, all providing much needed computing resources to our students and the larger campus community. The Language Lab will be a state-of-the-art language and learning facility with the latest computer equipment and software that will be accessible to students and members of the P.E.I. community engaged in language courses and training. Next door, the Collaboratory will host a number of cutting edge multimedia production systems that can be used to create rich media presentations and will be optimized for small group work. The Information Commons will be across the hall and will provide UPEI with a host of computer resources and new seating that will be ideal for personal or group work. Our Information Desk, temporarily relocated to Circulation with the introduction of Samuel's, will be in the centre of this new learning area.

These new facilities are being installed in response to the feedback we have received from students and others in the University community. They also reflect Robertson Library's critical role as the information crossroads of UPEI.



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Private faces in public places
Are wiser and nicer
Than public faces in private places.

– W. H. Auden (1907-1974)



FREEDOM TO READ WEEK 2009 LIBRARY EVENTS



Robertson Library hosted two open-to-all reading sessions (Tuesday, Feb. 24 and Friday, Feb. 27 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) where various members of the UPEI faculty and staff read and discussed excerpts from various books which have been “challenged” in the past for their content and/or point of view. Books included some old familiar favourites (e.g. *Huckleberry Finn*, *Catcher In The Rye*) as well as a few more contemporary titles, such as *Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone* and *The Giver*.

Many thanks to: Laurie Brinklow, David Buck, Roger Cook, Nola Etkin, Cathy Gillan, Suna Houghton, Simon Lloyd, Brent MacLaine, Margaret McPike, and Shannon Murray for their enthusiasm and reading participation!

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DIGITIZATION UPDATES

IslandLives (Bringing P.E.I.’s Local Histories to Life)

UPEI students have been hired to work on UPEI’s signature IslandLives Project. Students working on this project are utilizing the Library’s new Indus 5004c Book Scanner and have digitized over 140 community histories.

New processes have been developed as the project has progressed. Following digitization, the works are reviewed for image quality, and appropriate file naming, while embedded images (photographs, maps, and illustrations) are extracted for description and inclusion in the repository. Following quality assurance, these images go through several post-processes to ensure a superior level of accessible and retrievable data.

A number of projects supporting IslandLives are also ongoing. The Computer Science 482 class is developing a web-based editor that will display a page image and its accompanying text and users will be able to correct text, encode names, and dates. Paul Pound and Alexander O’Neill have completed the migration of Islandora, the key software component for IslandLives. Additional contractors are working on methods for automatically annotating encoded files (thereby creating more powerful searching capability), developing user-friendly interfaces, and integrating the Djaroka JP2000 image server with Islandora. By making the Islandora software freely available, UPEI is sharing many of these innovative developments with the world.

Additional Projects

The Library is working with the Fine Arts department to digitize the slides used in their curriculum. Students are scanning the slides and creating basic metadata that will be used to search and browse this collection. The Guardian digitization project is currently in its development phase. The Library has recently received new microfilm duplicates of *The Guardian* that will be used to create a digital version of the newspaper.

Digitization Summit

Robertson Library and partners (including Provincial Library Service, Public Archives and Records Office, and P.E.I. Museum & Heritage Foundation) are hosting a Digitization Summit on June 15th and 16th. The Summit will feature strategy sessions, presentations and a variety of hands-on workshops.

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Special Projects



CLA/3M AWARD

The Robertson Library staff has received the 2009 CLA/3M Canada Award for Achievement in Technical Services for transforming our serials workflow in an innovative manner.

This transformation began in June 2008 when we became the first academic library to adopt the open source Evergreen Integrated Library System – a system with neither an acquisitions nor a serials module. This roadblock became an opportunity for innovation. The library team created a series of connected spreadsheets to manage new acquisitions and serials and then turned to an open source program developed and used at Simon Fraser's Library to manage electronic journals. Changes made to the program allowed for the inclusion of print journals. The result was a merged list of all the Library's journals with location and up-to-date holdings information, searchable from the Library's web page. The addition of an open URL resolver allowed users to link from databases to the electronic journals. So, if your online journal is not available, you may be directed to either an in-house paper copy or an InterLibrary loan form.

Having benefited from the work done at Simon Fraser University, the staff here are now working to benefit other libraries using the CUFTS software. We are helping to maintain the currency of some of the journal lists and also are developing a list of electronic Canadian government document serials.

On behalf of the Library, the award will be accepted by University Librarian, Mark Leggott at the 2009 Canadian Library Association (CLA) Conference in May.

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Samuel's Coffee Kiosk opened to line-ups on March 16, 2009 in the Library. Its name was selected from submitted suggestions and refers to Samuel Robertson, a P.E.I. educator in the early 1900s. The Library takes its name from him as well.

PRESENTATION TRAVEL

Mark Leggott will provide the keynote closing address entitled "Disrupting the Library Transporter Beam" at the Rethinking Resource Sharing Forum in Dublin, Ohio on May 14th.

Mark will be presenting "Research 2.0: Evolving Support for the Research Landscape in Open Repositories" and "Islandora, a Drupal/Fedora repository system" at the Open Repositories Conference 2009 (May 18-21) in Atlanta, Georgia.

On May 21, **Grant Johnson** will present "Bits and Pieces from the UPEI Evergreen Experience" at the Evergreen International Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dawn Hooper and **Betty Jeffery** will be presenting a Poster Session at the Canadian Library Association Conference (May 29-June 1) in Montreal, entitled "Bring the Library to the Student Using a Course Management System". At the same Canadian Library Association conference, **Mark** will be presenting "eBooks, Google Books: Gadzooks!" on May 30th.

Donald Moses will be presenting at the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) 2009 conference in Halifax entitled "Who's Your Father?' or, IslandLives: Crafting A Digital Community History Project."

Melissa Belvadi will also present at APLA 2009. Her session, on June 11th, is entitled "New Tools, New Workflows."

Simon Lloyd is co-presenting with Donna Campbell at the "L.M. Montgomery : Writer of the World" Conference, running August 20 -23 in Uppsala, Sweden (<http://www.ahmansson.com/montgomery2009.html>). The session is titled "The Images of Anne of Green Gables Across Cultures and Time."

James Murphy will be co-presenting on "Open-Source ERM: A Collaborative Implementation" at the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) conference in June in Asheville, NC.

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PROFILE METADATA & EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Metadata Group:

Metadata just means *data about data*. When you *tag* a picture in Flickr, you are creating metadata. Library staff have been tagging books long before the Web existed. Metadata helps patrons to find materials on a particular subject. The metadata group (formerly Cataloguing) manages the data in the catalogue and makes physical books findable in the library. We are also involved in managing metadata in other places. One project is to maintain a list of Canadian government electronic serials in our Journal Titles lookup system. This will benefit not just UPEI but other libraries with whom we share that same system. As the emerging technologies group gets further involved in digitization projects, the metadata group helps to provide the information needed for the search engines to give more successful search results.

The metadata group includes Judy Callaghan



and Dale McClure.



Emerging Technologies Group:

The emerging technologies group (formerly Systems) designs and manages the technological infrastructure of the Library. This includes both day-to-day support and long-term planning for: the public computers throughout the library, the computers the staff uses, the library web site, various servers that provide information (like the catalogue and journal titles search), and many other uses of technology behind the scenes. Two major projects worthy of note that the emerging technologies group are working on are the Virtual Research Environment (VRE) and digitization of Island materials. The VRE is a web-based service that provides web space and online tools for faculty working on big research projects to store and work with their data and collaborate with other researchers both here and at other institutions. Any faculty member can request a VRE and the systems staff will set it up to their unique research needs, train them on its use, and provide additional support as needed with the online software that it runs on.

The Library is also involved in several major digitization projects, with an emphasis on materials related to P.E.I. This includes the IslandLives project that was highlighted in the last *Off the Shelf* as well as periodicals like the *Red & White* and *Island Magazine*. We are also working with the *The Guardian* to create a full-text search engine of older years of that newspaper. Plans for digitizing other Island-related materials are in the works.

The emerging technologies group includes (from l. to r.) Grant Johnson, Jerrad Gilbert, Paul Pound, and on contract, Chris Bulman, Alexander O'Neill, Peter Lux, and Donald Moses

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UPCOMING RETIREMENT

On June 30, Norine Hanus will begin her retirement from the University and the Robertson Library. As both a colleague and friend, Norine's easy-going generosity will be missed.

Norine began at UPEI as a reference librarian from 1969-73 – although her first month was spent in the library of the former Prince of Wales College helping to amalgamate the collections of UPEI's antecedent institutions. Between 1973 and 1996, she focused on raising a family and later worked with the Eastern School District where she helped establish the Teachers' Resource Centre.

After re-joining UPEI in 1996 as Collections Librarian, Norine piloted a number of key initiatives such as developing the electronic journals collection and later the Library's foray into eBooks. She was active in library associations and served as President of the P.E.I. Professional Librarians' Association (PEIPLA) and the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA).

We wish Norine (and husband Ed) lots of time to travel, putter in the garden, and enjoy their grandchildren.

