



## Scholarly Publishing Update by Lynn Copeland, University Librarian

The Canadian Association of Research Libraries and the Association of Research Libraries recently published *Create Change: creating new systems of scholarly communication*, a call to scholars to participate in the shaping of a future for the creation, dissemination, and acquisition of scholarly publications. Challenges to profit-driven, royalty-free publishing of scholarly work are occurring, at least on a modest scale. Whether they can be sustained, and how these changes relate to that other massive disconnect, the introduction of the electronic journal, remain to be seen. But consider:

- Dr. Michael Rosenzweig (Arizona State University), a bellwether in scholarly publishing change, recalled recently that, after *Evolutionary Ecology's* price increased significantly under Chapman & Hall, "ITC sold Chapman & Hall to Wolters Kluwer. My dream of lower prices changed from fantasy to foolishness. There was every reason to expect further price inflation." Kluwer refused to sell the journal to a university press. So, "guided through the uncharted desert by our fiery attorney, a pillar of the community, we girded our loins, put sandals on our feet, took up our staffs and set out for the Sea of Red Ink" by establishing *Evolutionary Ecology Research*. "Publishers now claim far more rights than they actually have. And most academics simply believe them."
- Professor Mark Riley, an international leader in the area of nuclear structure physics and a member of the Florida State University Physics Department, wrote that "as a faculty member at a state university (where resources are finite) I have become deeply aware of the spiraling cost of journal subscriptions over the last few years. These increases are having a dramatic, and negative, effect on our library materials budget and thus our educational institution. I am dismayed by the pricing and inflation policies of Elsevier and the significant part they have played, and are playing, in the present journal budget crisis. So while I respect the quality of *Nuclear Physics A* as a scientific journal, I feel honor bound to minimize my involvement with Elsevier Publishing at this time.... Although I have been a referee for *Nuclear Physics A* (and *Physics Letters B*) for many years I request that my name be removed from your list of referees."
- Dr. Ted Bergstrom (UC Santa Barbara, [www.econ.ucsb.edu/~tedb](http://www.econ.ucsb.edu/~tedb)) has announced a "new millennial resolution to stop refereeing papers for journals that charge subscription rates to libraries in excess of \$1000 and to exercise preference for journals that charge less than \$300" because "I just don't see why we should supply free labor to the monopolists who are gouging our university budgets."
- In November 1999, the fifty-member Editorial Board of the *Journal of Logic Programming* published by Elsevier Press, resigned en masse after 16 months of unsuccessful negotiations about the price of library subscriptions with the publisher. They founded a new journal, *Theory and Practice of Logic Programming* with the Cambridge University Press.
- The *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* recently announced its new publishing agreement, under which Wiley will reduce the institutional subscription rate from US\$2085 to \$1390 per year. According to Dr. Jonathan Friedlaender, Chair of the Publications Committee for the AAPA and Professor of Anthropology at Temple University, SPARC's (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) existence was a critical factor in negotiating the successful agreement: "the publisher knew we'd been in contact with SPARC and were considering their advice of starting a competing journal." SPARC's primary goal is to facilitate a more effective and responsive system of scholarly communication.

The future of electronic publishing and of scholarly publishing is an unknown. Individual scholarly publishing requirements for tenure and promotion conflict with the 'good of the Commons' as represented by the Library. In consultation with faculty, the SFU Library has favoured SPARC sponsored journals over their expensive counterparts; this has freed up funding for other materials. The journal *Algebraic & Geometric Topology* (electronic copy is free and available on our Web site; authors retain copyright) competes with *Topology and Its Applications* (at US\$2500 per year, it was cancelled as part of SFU's 1998 cancellation project). We have sponsored or participated in a number of fora within and outside SFU devoted to these issues.

For thought-provoking reading on the subject, pick up a copy of the *Create Change: creating new systems of scholarly communication* pamphlet. The Canadian version is available from Ilona Stec ([stec@sfu.ca](mailto:stec@sfu.ca) or 291-4084) in the SFU Library

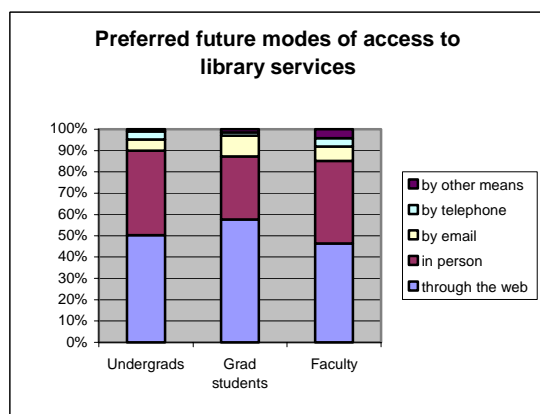
Management office. Check out the SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) Web site at <[www.arl.org/sparc/](http://www.arl.org/sparc/)>.

## You told us!

In support of the teaching, learning, and research goals of the University, the SFU Library seeks input from the SFU community on an ongoing basis. Feedback is received from individuals through conversations with liaison librarians, interactions with staff, and comments submitted via the Web. The Library also solicits feedback from the larger community on a wide range of issues through regular User Surveys.

The latest surveys of SFU Library users were conducted in November 2001. Separate surveys were mailed to randomly selected samples of 600 graduate and 800 undergraduate students, as well as to all 736 faculty members, including adjuncts, retirees and visiting professors. Return rates were approximately 30% for each group, typical for mail-out surveys.

Not surprisingly, the size and content of the Library's print and electronic collections were a strong concern for both students and faculty, although the quality of the Library's services and staff was also clearly recognized. Interlibrary Loan and Reference were mentioned as particularly important services.



Although there were some differences in responses between those from different Faculties or with different academic statuses, there was also a strong degree of consensus in the priorities the survey respondents felt the Library should pursue, such as increased access to electronic journals, more print journals and books, faster interlibrary loan service, and adequate numbers of librarians and other staff.

Perhaps the most interesting message was that while increasing numbers of users access many of the Library's collections and services via the Web, most also use the Library in-person and continue to be concerned about print collections, hours of opening, air quality and other aspects of the physical Library. The complete Survey reports will be available on the SFU Library Web site this spring.

## Children's Book Collection Donation



Long-time Library staff member Emily Sheldon has donated a large and important collection of children's books to the SFU Library. The collection is mainly modern children's literature from Europe and North America. Most will go into the Library's Curriculum Collection located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

The donation includes about 2000 books by and about authors and illustrators like Kenneth Grahame, Hans Christian Andersen, Mitsumasa Anno, Carl Larsson, Beatrix Potter, Lewis Carroll, Arthur Rackham, Howard Pyle and Tomi Ungerer. Thank you, Emily!

## Expediting Document Delivery to the South Science Building

In February 2001, the SFU Library launched a pilot project to deliver interlibrary loan (ILL) documents directly to a dedicated site in the South Science Building from supplying libraries. By eliminating the use of campus mail to forward requested articles on to faculty, staff and graduate students in the Science buildings, this project will save up to 3 days in the time it takes for documents to be received, while we continue to observe copyright restrictions on ILL delivery.

When faculty members, graduate students and SFU staff place ILL requests for articles from Library databases or using the online ILL request forms, **MBB Reading Room** will now appear on the list of possible pick-up locations. If you select this pick-up location, you will be notified by e-mail when your document arrives and you will collect it yourself from the MBB Reading Room (SSB 7115), rather than waiting for it to arrive in your departmental mailbox.

**NOTE:** Use of this option is not restricted to Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (MBB) department members; the reading room is convenient to many offices and labs in Chemistry, Biology, Kinesiology and Physics, as well as MBB.

During the initial phase of the project, this delivery option will be available only from the direct requesting partners of SFU Library — those libraries with an REQ button beside them in the online holdings table. This list amounts to over 40 libraries including all major western Canadian universities and CISTI. This service option is available only for photocopies; books will still be held at the Library for pick-up.

Detailed information about Interlibrary Loans can be found at <<http://www.lib.sfu.ca/kiosk/other/ill.htm>>. Questions or comments about the service can be directed to Gwen Bird, Interlibrary Loan Librarian.

## New e-resources available

The SFU Library has increased its e-journal collection by expanding our subscription to Project MUSE, adding JSTOR and resources funded through the CNSLP, as well as other full text sources. These are core collections of titles, many of which we have in paper, but online access allows users to view them from library and campus computers, in faculty offices, or from home. These collections also have great potential in the development of our online Reserves resources. Online journals are accessible through the Library's **Electronic Journals Database** and the Library's catalogue, as well as from a number of article indexes. If you have questions or comments about these sources, contact your liaison librarian or Todd Mundle, Head, Collections Management.

After months of negotiation, we are delighted that the **Canadian National Site Licencing Project (CNSLP)** has announced the list of online journals and indexes now available to faculty, students and staff at SFU and sixty-three other participating Canadian research libraries. They are:

- **Academic Press' IDEAL** service (205 journals)
- **American Chemical Society** Web Editions (34 journals)
- **American Mathematical Society - MathSciNet** (including Math Reviews Online)
- **Institute of Physics Publishing** online journals (33 journals)
- **Royal Society of Chemistry** Electronic Journals (23 Journals)
- **Springer Verlag's LINK** service (495 journals)
- **Web of Science** (1998 onwards)

These online sources include a number of titles that SFU does not currently hold, even in print. Subject coverage is mainly in the sciences but both the IDEAL and LINK services also provide coverage in the social sciences and humanities. The Web of Science also includes citation indexes for Science, Arts and Humanities, and Social Sciences.

This \$50 million project is funded by Canadian Foundation for Innovation, the BC Knowledge Development Fund, participating universities, and the other provinces. The current funding will cover three years, with the expectation that SFU and the other institutions will develop an exit strategy to continue these subscriptions. Over these three years, the Library will work with the SFU community to determine how best to reallocate our collection budget dollars in light of this news.

For the past two years SFU Library users have enjoyed access to over 40 titles through **Project MUSE**, a collection of journals from university presses. Access is now available to all 165 Project MUSE titles. Launched in 1995, with coverage back to 1993, Project MUSE provides current full text access to journals in the arts, social sciences, humanities, and mathematics.

**JSTOR** (Journal STORage) Arts and Sciences I Collection is a unique digital archive of 117 core scholarly journals, beginning with the very first issues of each title. The collection covers material from the 1800s up to between 1 and 8 previous years. Over 4 million pages are now available in 15 disciplines, mainly in the arts, humanities, and social sciences. The capacity for searching across disciplines makes this a very powerful source of information.



Other full text resources recently added include:

- **E\*Subscribe** (ERIC documents from 1993 onwards)
- **NRC Research Press** titles
- **ARTFL** (a University of Chicago project with full text French resources from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> century)

## Thanks to our donors!

We're delighted to recognize the generosity of donors to the SFU Library Alumni Endowment Fund, now at \$1.35 million. The annual income from this fund, upwards of \$60,000 this year, along with that from the Library Endowment Fund and the new Library Technology Endowment Fund, provides the means to expand Library collections and services. This year, Library Endowments contributed funds for the CNSLP electronic resources project, the JSTOR e-journals archive, and workstations for a new lab for our burgeoning research skills instruction program. Lynn Copeland, University Librarian, says she's "thrilled with the level of support from alumni and the campus community" and notes that many loyal faculty and staff provide regular donations through payroll deduction.

Julie Saito, Annual Campaign Manager in the University Advancement Office, indicates that donors like to recognize the role of the library as "the one 'common-place' of learning at SFU where all departments come together.... It was the one place where you really felt like you were part of a community.... Alumni see their donation to the Alumni Library Endowment Fund or the Library Technology Fund as a solid and tangible investment." Guy Flavelle, Assistant Manager of Policy & Planning with Western Economic Diversification Canada and Director of the Alumni Association, noted that when he was a political science and economics student at SFU, "my time immersed in the 'stacks' was among the most pleasurable of my university experience."

At SFU, alumni continue to enjoy library privileges after graduation. Thousands of alumni contribute to these funds as a way of expressing their appreciation for lifetime access to the services and print collections. As Saito says, "Giving lets them have a continued sense of building the University Library from the ground up, one book at a time." For details about donating to the SFU Library, contact Cathrine Wanczycki, Library Advancement Officer at cwanczyc@sfu.ca or 291-5946.

## Instruction goes the distance

Liaison librarians are going the distance – some as far as Prince Rupert – to show students how to make the best use of library resources. It's all part of an effort to deliver library instruction to students when and where they need it.

Percilla Groves, liaison librarian for Education, has taught graduate students in SFU's Education programs in Abbotsford, Nelson and Prince Rupert. Her mission is to "publicize the services we have available to students off campus and show how to use them". In addition to instruction on finding books and journal articles, Groves demonstrates how to order articles and how to link to full text online. These committed students, some of whom have not been in school for 20 years, are excited about all the new electronic possibilities, such as accessing complete ERIC documents from their home computer.

At the Harbour Centre campus, Belzberg librarians and the Executive MBA

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program have worked together to develop library instruction tailored to the students' changing needs as they progress through two years at SFU. Prior to the start of classes, liaison librarian Cindy Swoveland delivers an orientation to familiarize each new cohort with the Library. During the program, students are supported through study group instruction, e-mail assistance and online library guides. Finally, they receive individual consultations about their graduate research projects.

According to Susan Burns, Executive Director, EMBA, "Our students really appreciate the personalized attention they get." As more students participate through online instruction and distance learning, librarians are using Web technology to teach library research. Many librarians create course web pages that list the best resources for an assignment and the most effective approach to finding and evaluating information. These guides are created in collaboration with faculty to support or substitute for a library class.

From large class instruction to one-on-one appointments, in person, on location or via the Web, liaison librarians are committed to matching library instruction to the needs of SFU's programs and students.

## Credit and Debit/Interac Card Payments effective April 1, 2001

No cash on hand? Make your Library payments by Visa, Mastercard or debit/Interac banking beginning April 1, 2001. You can pay overdue fines, lost book replacement and processing charges, and purchase extramural cards and cassette tapes.

Due to the limited availability of funds, the Library will not provide additional cash when payments are made or accept credit/debit card transactions in exchange for cash or change. The Library is also unable to accept payments by phone.