



Library Newsletter

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This first Library Newsletter issue of the fall academic term provides an update on new resources and various changes that have taken place in the Library over the summer months. I hope that you will take full advantage of the many services the Library has to offer and encourage you to contact the Library staff with any questions you may have. The subject librarians and key administrative staff are listed on the Library Home Page at www.brocku.ca/library. Best wishes for a successful and productive term.

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New Librarians

The Library is very pleased to welcome three new librarians. Candice Dahl and Daniel Payne have joined Reference Information Services as Instruction/Reference Librarian and Humanities Librarian respectively. Debbie Kalvee, from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, assumed her responsibilities as Associate University Librarian on August 1.

Retirement

John Burtniak retires from his position of Head, Special Collections and Archives on September 30 after 36 years of service. A reception will be held in his honour in the Pond Inlet on September 25 from 3-5 pm. If you wish to attend or contribute to a gift, please contact Mary Little at Ext. 4648 or by e-mail at mary@spartan.

In the future, Special Collections and Archives will be managed by Lynne Prunskus, who currently holds the position of Special Collections and Archives Librarian. A search for a support staff assistant is presently underway.

Physical Changes

Several major projects were completed over the summer months. All of the old carpeting on **Floor 8** was removed and replaced with tile carpeting. The logistics of managing this challenging project without causing disruptions in service were daunting. Two additional ranges have been added on the east side of the floor to reduce the pressure on the crowded book stacks. Oversized fine art books in the N classification range are now shelved separately at the beginning of the N section on Floor 8. This allows the large art books to sit spine out on the shelf rather than on their sides or on the floor.

On **Floor 7**, the shelving capacity has been increased substantially by replacing double study carrels with singles and adding extra shelving sections throughout the entire floor. Several changes were also made to the **Browsing Room** on Floor 7. The physical arrangement of the current issue display units has been reconfigured to increase shelf capacity on this floor. In addition, this area now contains only the most recent issue of print journals on subscription. All other current issues are shelved with the back volumes of the journal in question.

N.B. The number of full text electronic journals offered by the Library now far exceeds the number of print subscriptions. Library staff are involved in ongoing user education to ensure that students and faculty are aware of this significant change.

Additional shelving was added on **Floor 5** to accommodate all of the music journals. With this latest change, all resources related to music (books, scores, journals, recordings) are found in close proximity.

A major project on Floor 2 with respect to **Government Documents** is underway and will continue for several months. The Government Documents Collection has been re-defined as a working collection of materials on government policy, programs, inquiry and statistics. Materials that do not fit this definition are gradually being re-located to the book stacks, as are newly received items. All changes will be reflected in the Library Catalogue as they happen. This project will free up space on the main floor for additional workstations and other services.

New Electronic Resources

The best way to keep track of the Library's growing collection of electronic resources is to monitor the Library Home Page (www.brocku.ca/library) where new products are featured. Access to all of the Library's databases and full text resources is available from the Database link on this page.

Several recent agreements are particularly significant. The Library now subscribes to the Arts and Science I Collection of **JSTOR**, (short for Journal Storage), that provides a complete electronic archive with significant chronological depth for 117 scholarly journals. The collection includes such titles as *Shakespeare Quarterly*, *American Historical Review*, *Yale French Studies*, and *The American Economic Review*, providing complete coverage from the first issue onward. One of **JSTOR's** prime objectives is to replicate the print journals accurately; all content thus is delivered in image format in order to capture all of the special characteristics of the original (e.g. charts, pictures, mathematical symbols, foreign languages). Since **JSTOR** is an archival rather than a current subscription service, it does not include new journal issues, but rather adds content on an ongoing basis to maintain a rolling 5-year wall.

The Library is participating in a consortium agreement to provide access to the **ACM Digital Library**, a large collection of highly regarded journals, magazines and conference proceedings in the field of computer science, published by the Association for Computing Machinery.