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Many thanks to faculty members who took the time to respond to the Library's recent faculty survey. It is clear from your responses that you value the support and expertise of the Library's staff, and the many services provided by the Library. We appreciate your comments and suggestions, and are currently assessing your responses for possible future action. A summary of the survey results is available at www.brocku.ca/library.

*Margaret Grove
University Librarian*

◆ New Associate University Librarian Appointed

The Library welcomes Pamela Jacobs, who was recently appointed as Associate University Librarian, Collection Resources. In this new position, Pamela will provide strategic leadership to the divisional unit that includes Collection Management, Cataloguing, and Special Collections & Archives, and will contribute to the overall leadership of the Library. Pamela brings a unique perspective to Collections through her academic experience in the Library at the University of Guelph, and her recent position as Canadian Manager of YBP Library Services, a company that provides books and supporting collection management services to academic libraries.

◆ Retirements

The Library recently bid farewell to **Phyllis Wright**, who took early retirement at the end of March. Phyllis made many valuable contributions to the Library during her career, and most recently held the position of Head, Collection Management.

Patricia Wilson, Humanities Librarian, will be taking early retirement at the end of June 2005. Pat has played a major role throughout her career in the development of the Library's instruction program and the promotion of information literacy to the Humanities.

◆ *InfoSkills Plus* Program

Since last September students from every Faculty have participated in the new *InfoSkills Plus* certificate program offered jointly by the Library, the Student Development Centre, and Career Services. The hands-on workshops in the program are designed to enhance skills in researching; locating, citing and evaluating resources; finding information online; essay writing; and database searching. Students can have their participation documented on their Experience Plus transcripts, and those who take the two core workshops and three or more electives receive an *InfoSkills Plus* certificate from Career Services. For more information on *InfoSkills Plus* contact Candice Dahl at cdahl@brocku.ca or see <http://www.brocku.ca/library/infoskills.htm>.

◆ What's New?

To keep track of the latest resources and services on a regular basis, monitor our blog at <http://www.brocku.ca/library/news/>.

Sage Journals Now Available

We are delighted to announce that the **SAGE Full-Text Collections**, comprising over 220 of the most popular peer-reviewed journals in the social sciences, are now available to the Brock community. The 3-year Sage agreement was negotiated by the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL), and offers Ontario universities up to 36 years of back issues with more than 80,000 articles, book reviews, and editorials, with all the original graphics and tables. The Sage agreement is the first major social science e-journal package negotiated by OCUL, and will be a major asset for many Brock programs.

The Sage collections are currently being loaded on Scholars Portal and will be available shortly.

Royal Society of Chemistry Backfile Agreement

The Library has recently acquired perpetual rights to the **Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) Journals Archive**. This provides the full text of over 200,000 articles published by RSC from 1841-1996, and complements the Library's current subscription to RSC titles. The

agreement was concluded by the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN), of which Brock is a member, on behalf of 44 institutions across the country. The Archive will be loaded on Scholars Portal in the near future, and in the interim will be accessible on the RSC server via the Library's Database page.

Other Additions

Web of Science. The Library's access to the **Web of Science** backfile was recently expanded to provide coverage from 1965 on. The **Web of Science** includes the *Science Citation Index Expanded* and the *Social Sciences Citation Index*. Coverage of the *Arts and Humanities Citation Index* is complete, beginning in 1975. The **Web of Science** will soon be available from the Scholars Portal platform, thereby allowing for more integration with other information resources.

Philosopher's Index. The **Philosopher's Index** is a bibliographic database and the premier international resource in Philosophy, with links to full text covering scholarly research in journals and books since 1940.

Communication and Mass Media Complete. This database offers full text for over 200 titles, citation coverage for approximately 80 additional sources, and entries from recent encyclopedias and handbooks. CMMC was recently awarded a "Best Reference 2004" designation by the *Library Journal*.