



Library Director Carole Compton-Smith, left, and Community Social Service Worker instructor Nancy Newman are collaborating with the Coquitlam Library to raise money for a library in Uganda.

## Library lends support in Uganda

The Douglas College Library is teaming up with the Coquitlam Library to “twin” with a village library in Uganda.

The local College and City libraries will provide support to the Ugandan library.

“It costs about \$3,000 to operate a library in Uganda for one year,” says Community Social Service Worker (CSSW) instructor Nancy Newman, who is helping coordinate the project, called Library to Library.

The CSSW Program has been involved in social service work in Uganda for three years. Library to Library has grown out of the program’s connections in Uganda, explains Newman.

“This project promotes connections in the community and literacy. It’s amazing the difference a library can make in a little village. It’s really a community centre,” says Newman.

The campus libraries are hosting a Library to Library fundraiser on November 14. Highlights include a reading by Philosophy instructor and author Leonard Angel. Kate Parry, an English professor at Hunter College in New York City and a part-time resident of Uganda, will do a presentation on community libraries in Uganda.

From October 28-November 18, the Douglas Library will also have a “fundraising blitz,” with on-site donation jars and a book sale, says

Director Carole Compton-Smith. During that time, fine collections will be put into the fund too.

The Library to Library fundraiser starts at 7pm on November 14 at the New Westminster Campus Boardroom. There will be a cash bar, snacks and lively conversation about the differences a library can make in a small African village. The suggested donation is \$20.

If you are unable to attend and wish to make a donation, please contact Nancy Newman at [newmann@douglas.bc.ca](mailto:newmann@douglas.bc.ca) or Carole Compton-Smith at [compton-smithc@douglas.bc.ca](mailto:compton-smithc@douglas.bc.ca)

## Web registration for College employees starts

Winter 2009 registration for College employees begins on November 13 at 10am. To receive your early registration date and time, ensure you fit into one of the following categories:

- You attended classes or applied for admission for the Winter, Summer or Fall 2008 semesters. Your student number is still active.
- You are a College employee with a student number but you did not attend classes or apply for admission for the Winter, Summer or Fall 2008 semesters. Complete a paper Application for Re-admission form to reactivate your student number and submit it to the Registrar’s Office at either campus. Identify that you are a College employee when reapplying.
- You are a College employee who has not yet taken academic courses at Douglas College. Complete a paper Application for Admission form and return it to the Registrar’s Office at either campus as soon as possible. Identify that you are a College employee when applying.

For all categories, contact the Registrar’s Office at 604-527-5527 to advise that you are planning to register for the Winter 2009 semester as a College Employee.

All applicants and re-applicants must meet the Douglas College Entrance Requirement of English 12 with a minimum grade of “C” or equivalent.

Also, contact Employee Relations regarding application and applicability of fee exemptions as a College employee, as well as the Education Training and Accord for funding.

## Christmas Hampers are back with a new format

The Financial Aid Office will coordinate Christmas Hampers for needy student families again this year — with a twist.

“Due to the tremendous support of the College community, the Christmas Hamper program has grown in size along with the work involved,” says Patty Lewis, financial aid and placement supervisor. “Organizers are introducing changes that, with participants’ help, will make the program sustainable,” she adds.

This year a \$100 gift card for groceries will replace food items. This allows students to purchase exactly what they need for their families and eliminates storage and transportation problems.

The hamper must be small enough to transport on public transit. By limiting the hamper to one item of clothing and one wrapped gift per child, the hamper should be small enough to fit into a gift bag.

To ensure every student receives his or her hamper,

there should be one contact person in each department that adopts a family. The student will be given that person’s contact information so they can arrange a convenient time to pick up the hamper directly from the department. If the student needs help with transportation due to the size of the hamper, it will be up to the department to arrange help.

Financial Aid will identify students who need a little extra help from its bursary applicants and will provide gift suggestions.

“We also want to thank Nancy Walker in the I-CARE program for coordinating hampers last year and to everyone who continued to provide support to families in our community,” says Lewis.

If your department would like to sponsor a student family this year, please contact either Marie Anweiler 604-527-5106 or Patty Lewis 604-527-5105.

## Re-gift for a good cause

Have you received a gift that is perfect – for someone else? Employees are encouraged to donate items in mint condition to I-CARE’s annual holiday fête.

Every December, the I-CARE literacy program hosts a party for its students and their families, as well as its volunteer tutors. A traditional feature is a mountain of brightly wrapped presents.

“Any gifts suitable for children or adults are greatly appreciated. In the past, Douglas employees have been generous and we are grateful for their participation. It really makes a difference,” says I-CARE Coordinator Nancy Walker.

Contributions can be dropped off at Developmental Studies field bases (4200 at New Westminster Campus or at B2002 at David Lam Campus). Please contact Nancy Walker at 604-527-5409 if you have any questions. Items must be received by December 1.

# Events Calendar

## November 7-15

The Departments of Theatre and Stagecraft present *The Early Girl* by Caroline Kava  
\*Not suitable for younger audiences  
Studio Theatre, 4140  
Info: 604-527-5723  
Tickets: 604-521-5050

## November 7

The Therapeutic Recreation Department and the Centre for Health and Community Partnerships present *Enhancing Health: The Therapeutic Art of Breathing*  
Noon, C1025, David Lam Campus  
Free admission

## November 13 - December 18

The Amelia Douglas Gallery presents *The Human Canvas*  
Tattoo Photography by Ron Long  
Opening reception Nov 13, 4:30-7:30pm  
Free admission

## November 14 - 22

The Departments of Theatre and Stagecraft present *When You Comin' Back Red Ryder* by Mark Medoff  
\*Not suitable for younger audiences  
Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre  
Info: 604-527-5723  
Tickets: 604-521-5050



Alumni Officer Andrew Senjack, left, and Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies instructor John Fox say sharing information with people in a social setting like the Living Library is refreshing.

## Employees become books in Living Library

College employees who sacrificed a Saturday morning to take part in the first off-campus Douglas College Living Library say they would do it again.

"It fits nicely with a College goal to be involved in the community," says John Fox, an instructor in the Community Social Service Worker and Co-Occurring Disorders programs.

Fox, along with French instructor Marie-Andrée Rivet and Alumni Officer Andrew Senjack, were "borrowed" for up to 30 minutes at a time to answer questions about their areas of expertise and experiences. Ten people in total from Douglas and the community volunteered to be living books. The event, which was co-hosted by the Coquitlam Public Library, took place on Oct 4 at Coquitlam Centre.

Fox admits that he initially thought the Living Library was "a weird idea." However, after being borrowed by two people, speaking with one about international aid in Africa and another about mental health care in BC, he was a convert.

"It was quite refreshing sharing information in a more social situation," says Fox.

Rivet agrees that it was worth giving up a Saturday morning to share her knowledge.

Rivet was borrowed by one person who wanted to practice speaking French. Another wanted to hear about her teaching methods.

However, the majority had political questions, says Rivet.

"They wanted to know why Canadians don't learn to speak French. For many people from other cultures where it's normal to learn several languages, they just don't understand it," says Rivet.

Senjack too, who was on offer as an expert in Mideast politics and travel, says the Living Library was a forum to "have some spirited debates."

"It's an interesting idea in which to meet with new people in the community for intelligent conversation, ideas and communicating," Senjack adds.

"All the human books were enthusiastic about the project and delighted in calling themselves 'used books' by the end of the morning," says Hazel Postma, associate vice president external relations and an organizer of the event. She hopes to make the Living Library a regular event.

The Living Library project is the first of its kind in Canada, if not North America, says Postma. To participate within the College, check out the list of employees willing to be borrowed at [douglascollege.ca/community/foundation/living-library.html](http://douglascollege.ca/community/foundation/living-library.html)

## College takes part in Meals on Wheels project

The Douglas College Centre for Health and Community Partnerships (CHCP) is taking part in a project reviewing the use of Meals on Wheels by Lower Mainland seniors.

Last Spring, during an informal phone survey of Meals on Wheels administrators, it was noted that the number of seniors served through its programs was shrinking in many communities despite the fact that the number of seniors is growing. Ultimately, the goal of the research project is to ensure seniors in need of the service receive it.

The Centre is working with the United Way, the Seniors Services Society, Langley Meals on Wheels and the College's Health Sciences and Child, Family and Community Studies faculties.

"I got involved in this project because I teach a course in gerontology. So I recognize the importance of older

people maintaining proper nutrition that is affordable," says Community Social Service Worker (CSSW) instructor Lawrence Becker, who is coordinating the project.

Currently, three fourth-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing students and one second-year CSSW student are assisting with research. CHCP Departmental Assistant Julie Olson is providing support on the project. More students and faculty are expected to join the project over the next couple of semesters.

"I hope the student researchers learn more about the strengths and challenges faced by Meals on Wheels, how such a service is delivered and the role that older people assume in our society," says Becker.

Already, many students in the CSSW Program have had practicum placements with Senior Support Services

in New Westminster and have been hired full-time on graduation, says Becker.

This project will allow student participants to conduct research from start to finish, learn how to collect and analyze data and present their findings to outside agencies.

"The community receives research expertise, the students learn how to conduct a study and the College expands its profile as working in a collaborative manner with community partners," Becker says.

The Meals on Wheels project is being funded with a grant from the United Way of the Lower Mainland.



Dr. David Black, Professor, School of Communication and Culture, Royal Roads University, addresses participants at Print Futures Writing Matters conference.

## Writing Matters

On October 18, professional communicators, faculty, graduates and students came together to participate in *Writing Matters*, a conference hosted by the Print Futures: Professional Writing Program. The conference focuses on writing specialties, skills and the inside story on writing that works.

Dr. David Black, Professor, School of Communication and Culture, Royal Roads University delivered his keynote address *Professionalism That Matters: Enlightened Professional Education and the Communication Culture* to illustrate what an enlightened and socially responsible professional ethos and education might look like.

The rest of the conference featured networking events, presentations from professional organizations, workshops and an engaging panel discussion entitled *If I Knew Then What I Know Now*.



## Leapin' librarians

Douglas College hosted the October meeting of the BC Council of Post Secondary Library Directors (CPSLD) at the David Lam Campus. Library Director Carole Compton-Smith is currently on the executive of this council. She invited Bob Cowin of Institutional Research to present his paper *Made in BC: A History of Postsecondary Education in British Columbia*.

**November 14**

The Therapeutic Recreation Department and the Centre for Health and Community Partnerships present *Enhancing Health: Exploring Meditation*  
Noon, C1025, David Lam Campus  
Free admission

**November 20**

The Arts at One presents *Student Showcase*  
1pm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre  
Free admission  
Info: 604-527-5723

**November 21**

The Therapeutic Recreation Department and the Centre for Health and Community Partnerships present *Enhancing Health: You ARE What You Think*  
Noon, C1025, David Lam Campus  
Free admission

**November 26**

The Douglas College Music Department presents *Douglas College Concert Band*  
7:30pm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre  
Free admission  
Info: 604-527-5723

**November 27**

The Arts at One presents *Student Showcase*  
1pm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre  
Free admission  
Info: 604-527-5723

## From brothel to breakfast this month at Douglas



From left, Bianca Spagnuolo, Becca Strom and Kelsey Wood play working girls in *The Early Girl* at Douglas from November 7-15.

Experience life in a 1980s Midwest brothel and a Southern '60s diner in the same month with two upcoming productions by the Douglas College Theatre and Stagecraft departments: *The Early Girl* and *When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?*

*The Early Girl* tells the story of seven women who work in a brothel in a small Midwestern American town in the 1980s. But rather than sensationalizing the lifestyle, *The Early Girl* takes a deeper look at the individual women in the brothel and the circumstances that brought them there.

"We thought the characters would be a good stretch for the cast. It's a very challenging ensemble piece," says director Cheryl Swan.

As the story unfolds, the characters deal with the reality of living and working in close quarters, with interesting and sometimes hilarious results.

"It's a comedy-drama," says Swan. "It's surprisingly funny."

*When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?*, set nearly 20 years earlier, is another comedy with some serious undertones.



Kimmie Kid and Jordan McChesney play it for laughs in *When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?* at Douglas from November 14-22.

Set in 1968, the play depicts the events of a single day at an American diner in a sleepy Southern town. Business is anything but usual at the diner when a troubled Vietnam war vet shows up for breakfast, looking for trouble.

"The late '60s was a time of big change. The core of the play is the Vietnam vet who shows up and enacts change upon the people in the diner," says director John Cooper.

Though the play takes place 40 years ago, Cooper says its themes, such as fear of change, are still very relevant today.

"It gets quite dark at parts but it is a comedy. It's hopeful at the end," says Cooper.

"It's a comedy...with teeth."

*The Early Girl* runs November 7-15, with matinées on November 10 and 15. *When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?* runs November 14-22, with matinees on November 17 and 22.

Warning: both productions have coarse language and adult subject matter. Tickets can be purchased through the Massey Theatre box office at 604-521-5050.

## Brodie Osborne-Campbell Memorial Scholarship awarded



Criminology student Lisa Bellano (second from left) was presented with the Brodie Osborne-Campbell Memorial Scholarship by, from left: Associate Vice President of External Relations Hazel Postma; Brodie's father, Douglas Criminology instructor Colin Campbell; and Brodie's mother, President of Legal Affairs at Simon Fraser University Judith Osborne.

Criminology instructor Colin Campbell and his wife Judith Osborne presented a scholarship in memory of their son, Brodie, to its first-time recipient last month.

Campbell and Osborne established the Brodie

Osborne-Campbell Memorial Scholarship to honour the life of their son, who died in April 2007 at the age of 15 of a bacterial meningitis infection.

Criminology student Lisa Bellano was presented with

the \$1,000 scholarship, along with a commemorative plaque on Oct 2. A second plaque will be hung in the New Westminster Campus Criminology department and will list the names of all future recipients of the Brodie Osborne-Campbell Memorial Scholarship.

Campbell and Osborne hope that in addition to helping students at Douglas, the award will raise public awareness about meningitis and the risks it poses to children and young adults.

In an April 2008 interview with the Vancouver Sun, Campbell explained what invasive meningococcal disease (IMD) is.

"There are multiple strains of IMD – groups A, B, C, Y and W-135 and four of these strains are preventable. Indeed, Brodie had been vaccinated for meningitis

C but died from the group Y strain that could have been prevented with the appropriate vaccine. There is no vaccine for the B strain and only the Maritime provinces currently fund vaccinations against the four preventable strains.

"In coming to terms with the loss of Brodie, my wife and I believe it is imperative that all parents be aware that immunization programs in British Columbia protect only against meningitis group C. Furthermore, parents should be aware that IMD typically infects not only infants and teenaged youth but also young adults well into their 20s."

For more information about the Brodie Osborne-Memorial Scholarship, please contact Douglas College Foundation at 604-777-6176 or via email [foundation@douglas.bc.ca](mailto:foundation@douglas.bc.ca).

### Occupational Health and Safety News

Do you know who your Health and Safety representatives are?

Do you know who to call to request an assessment of your workstation?

Do you know what the College "working alone" procedures are?

Do you know how to access WHMIS training?

Find the answers to these questions and much more on the Occupational Health & Safety website: [douglas.bc.ca/services/facilities/healthsafety](http://douglas.bc.ca/services/facilities/healthsafety)

### Learn more about Health Information Management

The Health Information Management (HIM) Program celebrates Health Information and Technology Week from November 3-7. This year's theme is *The Strength of Technology, The Power of Care*.

Medical information continues to evolve from the paper to the electronic world and so does the role that professionals play in terms of harnessing this technology, says HIM Program Coordinator Laurie Kenward.

"Health information management professionals facilitate access to quality health data so that health care providers can safely deliver care to the public, while the general public becomes more involved and knowledgeable in managing their own health care," says Kenward.

While doing this, health information professionals must also balance protecting the privacy of individuals with making information available so the general public can benefit from the best health care possible, Kenward adds.

To learn more, visit the HIM Program display in the atrium of the David Lam Campus, featuring posters, balloons and other materials November 3-7.

**November 28**

The Therapeutic Recreation Department and the Centre for Health and Community Partnerships present *Enhancing Health: Journal Writing – A Method for Coping with Stress*  
Noon, C1025, David Lam Campus  
Free admission

**November 28**

The Douglas College Music Department presents *Douglas College Chorus and Chorale*  
7:30pm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre  
Free admission  
Info: 604-527-5723

**November 29**

The Douglas College Music Department presents *Student Composition Concert*  
7:30pm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre  
Free admission  
Info: 604-527-5723

**December 6**

The Community Music School presents *Group Student Recital*  
2pm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre  
Info: 604-527-5469

**December 6**

The Community Music School and the Douglas College Choral Society present *Douglas College Choral Society 25th Anniversary Christmas Concert*  
7:30pm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre  
Tickets/info: 604-527-5469



## Hockey game abroad makes for road trip of the year

Sports Institute Faculty Programmer and Ottawa native David Munro took in an Ottawa Senators game in Sweden last month.

Munro says he's "the biggest Ottawa Senators hockey fan this side of the Rockies." So when the opportunity came to watch the Sens take on the Pittsburgh Penguins in Stockholm, Sweden, last month, he jumped at the chance.

"It was the road trip of the year, mixed with seeing some old university friends and taking in some of the beauty, history and culture of Sweden," says Munro. For the record, Munro is still unsure of who to cheer for when the two teams square off on December 28 at GM Place.

"With my family roots in Ottawa, the Senators have always been No. 1, though now living in Vancouver, the Canucks are certainly No. 1A."



The 2008 Uganda Project supporters were acknowledged last month for their support of the project. From left: International Education Executive Director Guangwei Ouyang; Communications & Marketing Office Marketing and Operations Manager Sean Kelly; Centre for Educational and Information Technology Director Piotr Kisiel; and External Relations Associate Vice President Hazel Postma.

## Employee support for Uganda Project Celebrated

The Community Social Service Worker (CSSW) Department hosted a luncheon and presented Douglas employees with plaques thanking them for supporting the 2008 Uganda Project. CSSW Coordinator John Fox gave College President Susan Witter a woven basket and Stephen Lewis's book, *Race Against Time*. Over lunch, CSSW graduates Laura Richard and Tara Derby spoke about their experiences in Uganda. Richard worked with schizophrenic patients in a hospital, while Derby helped set up a new child care centre at a clinic for people with HIV and AIDS and provided counselling to the clinic's patients. Refurbished computers donated to the students by the Centre for Educational and Information Technology were then given to a variety of causes in Uganda.



The 2008 SEP winners, left to right, back row: Darlene Neilson, *Once Upon a Vine* (Retail and Entrepreneur of the Year); Ed Lapins, *EAL Trucking* (Perseverance – tie). Front row: Rodica Cimpan, *Glenwood Childcare Centre* (Service); Priscilla Albana, *Albana Stone Corporation* (Global); Tim Chong, *Chi Activate* (High Tech); Allison Kanderka, *Alleycat Music* (Perseverance – tie); Eve Gauthier, *CE Construction Services* (Consulting); Phillip Soo, *Phil Soo Enology Consulting* (Home-Based Business). Missing: Wayne Williams, *New Space Renovations* (Construction and Manufacturing).

## And the winners are...

The Douglas College Self Employment Program (SEP) celebrated its 12th annual Entrepreneur of the Year Awards on October 22. Over 300 program alumni and special guests applauded the success stories of 20 nominated entrepreneurs. The big winner was Darlene Neilson of *Once Upon a Vine*, who took home the Entrepreneur of the Year Award and top honours in the Retail Category. Since opening her upscale Maple Ridge wine-making shop five-and-a-half years ago, Neilson has expanded the business by 1,000 sq ft to include a demonstration kitchen where customers can take cooking classes. A second location in Pitt Meadows will be opening early in the New Year.

## Briefly

The Library reminds instructors that they may now use online forms to place items on course reserve. The request form is linked under Information for Faculty on the Library homepage. Requests are generally processed within five working days, unless the material is not available or copyright clearance needs to be verified. Instructors are encouraged to submit their requests in advance.

Single (vision) and looking for love? Come to the **Vision Centre** to find the right

match with eyewear that's perfect for you. Call **Hanna** or **Wendy** at 604-777-6108.

The Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies is pleased to announce **Jeannette Shim** will move from her Instructional Facilitator position into the position of Administrative Officer effective December 1.

Employee Relations welcomes **Melissa Sigouin** as its new Client Services Assistant. Sigouin, who took University Transfer courses at Douglas, recently received her BBA, Human Resources and

Entrepreneurship from Simon Fraser University. She has completed the first exam toward her Certified Human Resources Professional designation. Sigouin has front-line customer service experience along with work experience in various human resources projects.

The Office for New Students' (ONS) Student Outreach Coordinator **Melody Puruganan** got what a lot of brides wish for: a wonderful wedding with none of the organizational headaches. In August, Puruganan's now-

hubby Jay McKiernan gave her a few days' notice that they were going on a vacation. He had already cleared the dates with ONS. After the couple got to the airport, family and friends started showing up one by one. McKiernan then told his beloved that they were heading to Vegas to get married. Congratulations!

Douglas College Foundation extends congratulations to coordinator **Sarah Lock** and her husband Tobin on the birth of their twin girls. Micah Lindsay and Leadon Jean arrived on September 29.

In the Registrar's Office, **Terin Woo** moves from auxiliary to regular as Admissions Officer at the David Lam Campus, replacing Jill Cowan.

At the Training Group (TTG), **Claire Turner** moves from Finance as a Budget Analyst. **Tannya Cranna** moves from TTG's Maple Ridge office to the David Lam Campus as Program Assistant.