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2006 – 2007 Highlights

Activities & Partnerships

College Wide

Outreach activities continue to play a large role in the library year. Once again we participated in initiatives planned by the Office of the New Student: Connect in late August with evening orientation at New Westminster and daytime tours at Coquitlam and Fully Loaded Orientation Week (FLOW), which includes a week of activities at the start of the September semester. Both of these events saw increased participation over the previous year.



Carolyn Soltau
September 2006

Then the Library partnered with Student Development for another Open House day at both campuses. All three activities have now become part of our promotional cycle and are accomplishing much by way of visibility.

Student Led

In January the Library was pleased to team up with students from Health Sciences in their community effort. We collected canned tuna instead of library fines in support of Kim Smart's and Art Doza's work to assist the lunchtime sandwich program at The Door is Open Centre in the downtown eastside.



Art Doza, Helen Clarke, Carole Compton-Smith & Kim Smart
January 2007

Library Salutes!



Susan McCaslin & Tom Whalley
February 2007

In February the Library celebrated Freedom to Read Week with an eye-catching display of banned books in the library lobby. Another event, initiated during this week together with the Scholarly Activities Co-ordinator, Tom Whalley, was a lunch-time author reading given by Douglas College English Instructor and published poet, Susan McCaslin.

Susan has many published works. The one shown here also has a library catalogue thumbnail book jacket illustration. This is a recent new feature to be found in the library catalogue.



In early April Patti Romanko organized a celebration for our second "honorary library borrower" award given to Gerard Edwards, recently retired from Business and Commerce. This is the second such award the library has given to a retiring faculty member who has played a large role in partnering activities with the library.

In May the library also partnered with Scholarly activities to present a celebratory tea for employees who had recently published or presented in any media or recently received a new degree or credential.



Linda Villarreal & Kathryn Cernauskas
May 2007

Achievements & Milestones

- Our Serials & Microcomputer Librarian, Christian Guillou presented usage of the social networking software "Second Life" at the Faculty of Health Sciences Joint Scholarship Day in May 2007.
- Helen Clarke, Serials Technician, received her 35 year employment award this year.
- Ask-Away Virtual Reference Service received three awards this year in celebration of its collaborative and innovative launch within the post secondary academic libraries of British Columbia.

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Collections & Services

Electronic Resources

Douglas College Library is pleased to be providing access to new and upgraded databases in support of the recent approval of several degree programs. These include Business Source Complete, CBCA, Child Development and Adolescent Studies, Full Text International Index to the Performing Arts, JSTOR Arts and Sciences III, IV and Complement collections, Project Muse, Science Direct College Edition: Physical Sciences Journal Collection, SocIndex with Full Text, and Sport Discus with Full Text.

The library received a special collection of music scores of the works of BC composer Barbara Pentland as a gift from the Canadian Music Centre. The digital reproduction of these scores was the work of music faculty Kathryn Cernauskas while on educational leave.

Health Sciences collection move to Coquitlam

A great deal of the work done on the Douglas College Library Collections over this past year has been in preparation for the move of the Health Sciences materials to the Coquitlam Library for January 2008. The print and serials collections have been analyzed for usage and currency. The Health Sciences faculty have been involved in the review of all materials working from reports generated by Collections Librarian, Susan Ashcroft.

Scoped Collections

We now have a scoped collection, this means that you may choose to only look for video and DVDs or only search our selection of music scores or CDs or if you are at Coquitlam you may choose to search only the collection at that campus. This is accessed through the library catalogue.

Reference Services



In September 2006 the twenty-seven post-secondary academic libraries in British Columbia committed to supporting this new mode of reference service where any student could access the service online and be assured of getting a librarian to respond to research questions both via the chat mode and by "pushing" relevant library webpages to the researcher's computer. The Library was an early adopter of this innovative style of service even before it became a provincial service. Interestingly the face to face reference service at Douglas also experienced an increase in questions asked.

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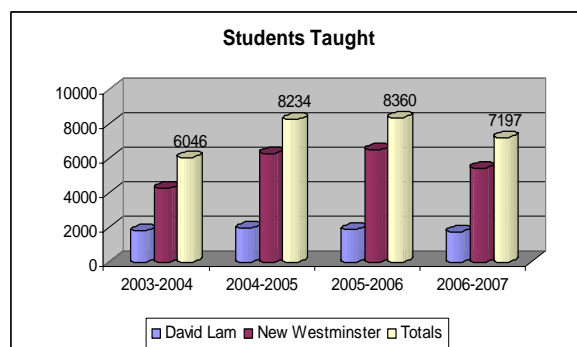
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Employee Publications

A new feature that can be found on our homepage is an area for employees to submit published journal articles, presentations or media works and for these to be available in a specialized collection "Employee Publications." This innovation has been presented to the Scholarly Affairs Committee and others engaged in scholarly development.

Instructional Services

This year there was a 23% increase in classes taught and at the New Westminster Library there was an almost equal split of classes taught in the Fall and Winter semesters. In previous years the Winter semester has been slower for instructional classes but that trend has now changed. In total 78% of classes are taught at the New West Campus and 22% at Coquitlam.



Library Facts

Cross-Campus:

Library users (Gate Count):	577,833
Hours of operation per week:	142
Reference Hours per week:	142
Number of Books:	147,719
Number of Videos/DVDs:	10,214
Number of Databases:	83
Number of Student Use Computers:	189

Top three databases :	Searches
Academic Search Premier	233,917
CINHAL	119,714
PsycInfo	77,760