

# Preserving the UBC 2010 Winter Games Legacy with cIRcle

By Tara Stephens.

The 2010 Winter Games may be over, but the excitement surrounding cIRcle's 2010 Olympics and Paralympics Project is just beginning. The project, which began in earnest in October 2009, aims to showcase and preserve UBC's intellectual output related to the Games via cIRcle, UBC's Information Repository. The project librarian seeks out faculty, students, and alumni who are discussing, researching and writing about the many aspects of the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics. Response to the project has been extremely positive with tremendous support received from the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Secretariat, the UBC Library, and faculty, among others.

This unique content recruitment initiative has created valuable opportunities for cIRcle to connect with researchers, presenters and Games participants from around the world. During UBC's Torch Relay Celebration on February 11<sup>th</sup>, students, faculty, staff and visitors lined up at the popular cIRcle booth to test their Olympics and Paralympics knowledge with our trivia game "Go for the Gold!". Participants learned about the Information Repository and its services while celebrating the spirit of the Olympics and UBC's contribution to the Winter Games.



cIRcle staff members Tara Stephens and Julia Thompson at the popular cIRcle booth during UBC's Torch Relay Celebration. Photo by Jill Pittendrigh.

The project's momentum continued when the first contribution to the cIRcle 2010 UBC Olympics and Paralympics community was successfully archived—a presentation entitled, "[The open-source outbreak: H1N1, the Olympics and new directions for public health](#)," given by Jennifer Gardy (UBC alumna, Researcher for the BC Centre for Disease Control, and popular Globe and Mail blogger). The download statistics for this presentation and other recently added items from UBC Olympic Experts reflect a marked interest in cIRcle's Olympics-related content, making the repository a key player in preserving UBC's 2010 Winter Games Legacy.

This sentiment was echoed in the opening address given by UBC's University Librarian, Ingrid Parent, at cIRcle's special event, "Up close with cIRcle: Revealing Your Research to the World," during Celebrate Research Week (March 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>). The event featured presentations from UBC scholars highlighting their experience using cIRcle to disseminate research. UBC Olympics Expert [Joe Weiler](#) (Professor, Faculty of Law) described his own positive experience discovering the breadth and diversity of content being gathered by cIRcle and expressed much enthusiasm about the benefits to researchers in having ready access to this material.

Be sure to visit cIRcle's [UBC and the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games](#) page to view the latest material and keep up to date with our progress!

Details of cIRcle's other projects and achievements are featured in a slide show created by cIRcle Graduate Academic Assistant, Marisa Tutt (MAS/MLIS Candidate, SLAIS). The slide show is available via cIRcle [here](#).

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