

UBC Library – Spring update

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Learning Centre renos complete

A one-stop service hub, along with new teaching and learning pavilions, are the highlights of a [recently completed renovation at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre](#).

Last fall the Learning Centre began construction to create a one-stop service point for users, and the space opened during the first week of March.

The new multi-service desk offers support for checking out books and answering reference questions, and features IT support – all from one desk. In addition, self-checkout machines have been added to ease the flow of traffic.



Rendering of the multi-service desk at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre.

The refurbished space also includes new pavilions for the Writing Centre, AMS Tutoring and Peer Academic Coaching. "It offers improved space for our programming partners," says Simon Neame, Director of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre. He added that the new spaces are more flexible and allow for collaborative work.

Access to the Library is now available via the third level entrance.

New B.C. prize for scholarly books: shortlist announced

Three books that reflect the compelling culture, geography and history of British Columbia are featured in the inaugural shortlist for a new award focused on scholarly works.

The annual [Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Book on British Columbia](#), sponsored by UBC Library and the Pacific BookWorld News Society, recognizes the best scholarly book published on a B.C. subject by a Canadian author.

The three shortlisted titles for 2012 are:

- *Journey with No Maps: A Life of P.K. Page* by Sandra Djwa (McGill-Queen's University Press);
- *British Columbia: A New Historical Atlas* by Derek Hayes (Douglas & McIntyre); and
- *Father August Brabant: Saviour or Scourge?* by Jim McDowell (Ronsdale Press).

The recipient will be announced by April 2013. The inaugural prize, worth \$1,000, will be awarded at a reception on May 7 at UBC's Irving K. Barber Learning Centre. Please visit the [full announcement](#) for further details.

The Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Book on British Columbia was established in memory of [Basil Stuart-Stubbs](#), a bibliophile, scholar and librarian who passed away in 2012. Stuart-Stubbs's many accomplishments included serving as the University Librarian at UBC Library and as the Director of UBC's School of Library, Archival and Information Studies.

Westland digitization

Interested in environmental issues in British Columbia? Then make sure to check out [Westland](#), the newest addition to UBC Library's digital collections.

Last year, one of the largest private video collections in Canada, and a fascinating recording of B.C.'s complex and inter-related ecosystems, came to UBC Library thanks to a donation from the Halleran family and the support of community partners including Columbia Basin Trust. The Halleran Collection, valued at \$750,000, consists of nature-oriented video programming produced in British Columbia over the decades – first by Mike Halleran and then by his son Terry.

The core of the collection consists of the *Westland* series, whose programs aired on the Knowledge Network between 1984 and 2007. The Library recently digitized 195 of these programs, which examine a broad range of issues associated with forestry, freshwater fishing, endangered species and ecosystem restoration.

In addition to the broadcast programs the donation also includes an extensive library of 2,000 source tapes.

ciRcle rises in rankings

ciRcle (circle.ubc.ca) – UBC's open access digital repository launched by the Library in 2008 – has moved up in international rankings, according to

Webometrics (the ranking of web repositories).

In the [world ranking of all repositories](#), ciRcle is ranked at number 38 (up from number 53).

In the [world ranking of all institutional repositories](#), ciRcle is ranked at number 32 (up from number 44).

ciRcle was also ranked [second in Canada](#) in the latest Webometrics findings.

LibQUAL+® at UBC Library

UBC Library is once again participating in LibQUAL+®, an internationally recognized survey that gathers feedback on Library collections, services and spaces.

The web-based survey was sent to a random sample of students and faculty on February 12. It closed on March 4, and the Library will share survey results with the campus community by the fall of 2013.

More information about LibQUAL+® is available at the Library's [About Us](#) site and related [FAQs](#).

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