



Douglas College

2007 – 2008 Highlights

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Activities & Partnerships

College Wide

Librarian Katherine Miller has taken her role as Science and Technology liaison librarian to the next level, travelling to the faculty areas at both campuses to raise student awareness about the resources and support offered by the library.



Katherine Miller shows this student how the library can help with her research



One of our newer employees, Kat Elliott (left) worked with Lisa Sim (right) to create our colourful Lobby display for this year's Freedom to read week events.

Reuse & Recycle

In our effort to model good citizenship we have partnered with New Westminister Public Library twice this year; first by reusing NWPL's Self-check unit parts for repairs to one of our own units, and then by giving NWPL one of the book scanners we no longer use.

Membership

Douglas College Library is a member of:

- ⇒ BC Electronic Library Network (ELN)
- ⇒ Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL), Associate Member
- ⇒ Electronic Health Library of BC (e-HLBC)
- ⇒ Archives Association of BC (AABC)
- ⇒ BC Library Association (BCLA)
- ⇒ Canadian Library Association (CLA)
- ⇒ Council of Post-Secondary Library Directors of BC (CPSLD)



Left to Right: Our own Kathleen Peters with NWPL's Ann Lunghammer Et Adrian Nicolae

We have also shipped our recently removed security gates from the Coquitlam Campus Library up to Nelson's Public Library. It's all part of our effort to keep library technology out of the landfills.

Scholarly Endeavours

Early in the Fall, Two sessions were offered to faculty on "Re-thinking Collections: Scholars and Librarians in the Open Age". Heather Morrison from the Electronic Library Network (ELN) and Brian Owen from Simon Fraser University (SFU) spoke on Open Source Software and Open Access Journals.



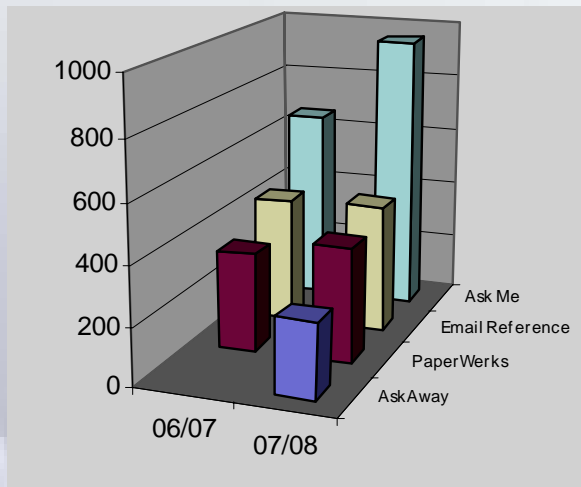
New Security Gates at New Westminister Campus

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Students, Statistics & Services

This year there has been an interesting upturn/downturn in usage patterns in the library. The number of students actually coming into the libraries has increased yet the use of services and collections has tended to decline. Do students now use downloaded music instead of CDs and YouTube instead of DVDs? We do not ask these questions in our statistic gathering. We do need to engage our students more so in the Fall of 2008, we will ask the students what they know and what they use in the library, by initiating a 'Question of the Week'.

Service Initiatives



This chart highlights a few of the areas in which we have endeavored to reach students on their terms, thinking outside the conventional library service model.

Library Facts

Cross-Campus:

Library users (Gate Count):	604,468
Hours of operation per week:	149
Reference Hours per week:	149
Number of Books:	150,345
Number of Videos/DVDs:	10,709
Number of Databases:	108
Number of Student Use Computers:	169

Top three databases:	Searches
Academic Search Premier	93,534
PsycInfo	28,053
CINHAL Plus FT	22,667

Personally Speaking

During this past year the library has lost over 50 years of collective experience. First to retire was Robin Ripley our resident artist who left her part-time position over the summer to pursue her art full time. Next we said goodbye to both Eleanore Dunn, Library Operations Supervisor in the Audio Visual Department and Audio-Visual Assistant Jo-Anne Webb. They retired in December but happily, they returned to bid Tom Childs, Audio Visual Equipment Assistant well as he bicycled off to retirement this May.



Jo-Anne Tom Eleanore

Many members of the library received recognition for years of service:

- ⇒ Christian Guillou – 10 years
- ⇒ Helen Dartnell – 15 years
- ⇒ Robin Ripley – 15 years
- ⇒ Susan Ashcroft – 20 years
- ⇒ Jo-Anne Webb – 20 years
- ⇒ Mary Matthews – 30 years

Eleanore Dunne also was included in the Team Excellence Awards for her work on the Art Exhibit Committee.

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