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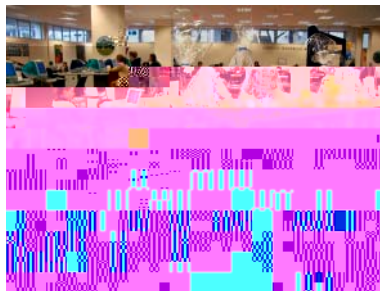
## U. L. O. H.

The Libraries held an Open House on Wednesday, November 9 to celebrate the completion of the renovations to the first floor of the McPherson Library. Lower book shelves and more open areas have improved sightlines, making the Library more welcoming and user-friendly. More than 150 new study spaces have been added, including 40 new computer workstations.

Complete with a ribbon cutting ceremony, this special event was an opportunity for the Libraries to let the UVic community know what it has to offer.

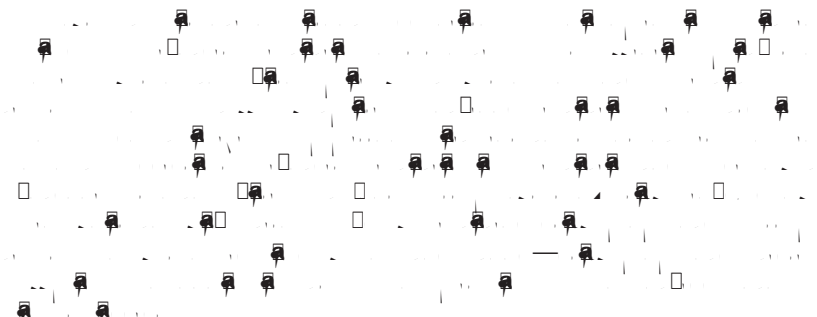
There were displays and demonstrations to showcase the services and resources of the Libraries, special events, and a draw for some fabulous prizes. A staff appreciation event followed in the McPherson staff lounge (story on page 12).

Visitors were greeted with balloons and departed with a fortune cookie containing a message about the future of libraries.



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In the early 1950's, when I entered college, Victoria College and Victoria Normal School enjoyed separate but equal existences in the "Old Normal School" building. (This building has experienced several incarnations, and is still used as part of Camosun College, Lansdowne Campus.) In contrast, the Ewing Building, which housed the college library, seemed to be exclusively college territory, and was almost brand new. The library itself looked very up-to-date — tile floors, formica counters, blond wood furniture, steel stacks and lots of windows. As was the situation in most libraries then and for the next few decades, we consulted the card catalogue to fi

# A H

The special event at Lantern Lane last August could not have had more appropriate hosts than Judith and Reg Terry, both former members of the Uvic English department. But the connections with Nelly McClung are much deeper than sharing the spirit of a house, for both Terrys are specialists in the nineteenth century. Like McClung, Judy is keenly interested in children's literature, the subject of her M.Phil. thesis from the University of London. She has taught, lectured, and given papers and workshops on the subject both here and elsewhere; and for many years was a regular reviewer of children's books for the *Victoria Star* and *the Vancouver Sun*.

Like McClung she is also a novelist: *Downstairs*, a downstairs view of the world of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, was published to great acclaim in England, Canada, and the United States. Not surprisingly, she is a frequent contributor to the *Jane Austen Society of North America* and in 1975 was one of the organisers of the Jane Austen Bi-Centenary Commemoration. More recently Judy has turned to larger worlds of exploration: her edition of *David Copperfield* by Matthew Lewis appeared in the Oxford World's Classics series in 1999.

An active faculty member, she has taught also in the Faculty of Education and Women's Studies, served on many committees and for three years was Advisor to the Vice President Academic and Provost on Faculty Women's Issues. Recently she took over the arrangements for the annual Uvic plant sale. We very much appreciate her enthusiastic contribution to the Friends of Uvic Libraries as a member of the active Programme and Events Committee.



# T L h h L h

Joan Coldwell

On a sunny August afternoon, a capacity group of Friends was warmly welcomed to the Gordon Head home of Judith and Reg Terry. This beautifully restored heritage house was the home of political activist and writer Nellie McClung from 1935 to her death in 1951. It was from here that she published her collected newspaper columns as *My Days* (1936) and *My Days* (1937).

The ship's lantern, a cheerful beacon in what was then an unlighted rural area, gave the house its name; it still hangs above what is now known as the coach-house, after being originally a barn, then a garage, then accommodation for the McClungs' son Horace and his new wife. Nellie's name can still be seen where she impressed it into the concrete of a narrow path leading to the coach-house.

The Friends' event began with a lively introduction to McClung's work by Professor Misao Dean. She explained how Nellie's advice to working mothers eased her conscience when she started on her post-doctoral research (five McClung children did not keep Nellie from a busy career as prolific writer, suffragette and leader in the temperance movement). Humorous readings from *My Days* (which went through 17 editions and sold 100,000 copies) were much enjoyed by the group.

After Judith had given a brief history of the house and its previous residents, guests were able to view old photographs and an almost complete collection of first editions of Nellie's work. We were invited to explore the entire house and especially to see the upstairs porch area where Nellie wrote, as well as to stroll in the beautifully maintained gardens. An old-fashioned afternoon tea of sandwiches, cookies and cake completed this most enjoyable event.

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Norma Cameron  
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Many people think that you have to be very wealthy to create a legacy. In fact, the majority of bequests come not from millionaires but from “ordinary people” wanting to help worthy recipients such as university students.

# F R M C

Gayle Garlock  
Deirdre Roberts

The Membership Committee continues to seek ways to expand the membership of the Friends, currently at 84 members.

In a new initiative to expand our membership by reaching out to other organizations with similar interests, the library hosted a lecture and reception for the Oak Bay Probus group. Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together in clubs, the basic purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities for them to keep their minds active, expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

Over twenty members came to hear Professor Larry McCann deliver the talk

His account of the development of Oak Bay was illustrated with fascinating photographs and maps. The group enjoyed the lecture, refreshments, and an introduction to Special Collections; shortly thereafter we acquired three new Friends.

The Committee is now preparing for a series of mailings to a variety of different groups. An account of Friends' activities and the many benefits involved in being a Friend should further expand our membership.

# M h F y A h Dhh Jane Buzza

The family members of William C. Mearns were honoured for their









of Governors, of British Columbia's Open Learning Institute. Nor did he hesitate to give back in other ways: his publications include many articles on English and German literature and, increasingly, significant works on the relationship between Time and cultural studies. (He was elected President of the International Society for the Study of Time in 1989.) After chairing a number of conventions he recognized the need for a publishing arm for our own scholars, and so established the English Literary Studies Monograph Series. As founding editor he saw sixty issues through the press; appropriately in 1994 number 61 was entitled *Time and Measurement*, edited by his English Department colleague Thomas Cleary with contributors from across North America.

When asked what was his favourite among his own books (five of them major contributions to Time Studies), Sam unhesitatingly cites *Time and Measurement* (1989) in which he deals with the process of standardization as it has affected not only time and all forms of measurement, but language, production methods, and modern technology. But when asked what he feels is his most special achievement during his academic career, we get an entirely different answer. Few recall how the first addition to the McPherson Library came about — it was due in great part to Samuel Macey's dedication to the process and place of learning, his belief that for people in the arts the library is their laboratory, and his experience with those very subjects Time and Measurement. Many of us will remember that by 1970 the McPherson Library was desperately short of space; there was literally no place for new books to be shelved. After eight years on Campus Planning, Sam was acutely familiar not only with the problem but recognized how to solve it: aware that the fiscal year would end in only three months and \$3 million in unspent capital grants was destined to return to the government, he persuaded the Board of Governors to establish a committee to prepare a "requirement study" for an addition to the Library. Working against time, the committee of three (Sam as Chair, along with University Librarian Dean Halliwell and Art Saunders of Campus Planning) submitted its study and estimation of costs in time. Rapidly accepted by the Board, the new addition became a reality.

It is sobering to read the envisaged scope of that project, now more than thirty years later finally being realized:

"The University's plans for the provision of adequate library facilities extend, at present, only through 1981... Since it is likely that the University, and certainly that its Library, will continue to grow beyond the size presently projected, provision should be made in the design of this second stage for subsequent addition.... Provision should be made for further horizontal expansion to the rear of the building in a subsequent stage."

Thanks to the Mearns family and a dedicated team in the Development Office, that 1971 dream of a further expansion of "the laboratory for the arts" will at last be fulfilled.

And of Samuel L. Macey himself? Once again, as always supported by his wife June, he studies "for the sake of learning alone". We are fortunate indeed that he also continues to be a Friend.

## Rememberance Day

To mark the Year of the Veteran, Friends of UVic Libraries hosted a Rememberance Day event on November 10. Dr. David Zimmerman, Professor of Military History, introduced guests to the largest collection of Canadian military records west of the Rockies, named in honour of Dr. Reginald Roy. The collection includes regimental archives, military maps, photographs, manuals, war posters and much more, including more than 400 oral history recordings.

Besides veterans and Friends of UVic Libraries, Reginald Roy was in attendance at this fascinating lecture and tour of Special Collections to mark this historic anniversary. The recent and ongoing digitization and oral history projects were a highlight of this event.



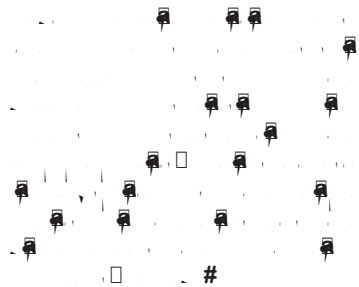




# U V I C L I B R A R I E S

As part of the UVic Libraries Open House on November 9, a Staff event was held in the McPherson staff lounge to celebrate past accomplishments and to acknowledge current and retired colleagues. The lounge was filled with employees and a number of retirees, all of who enjoyed historic and current photo displays put together for each unit. In her address, University Librarian Marnie Swanson reflected on Staff accomplishments: "Your achievements are too numerous to recount in this brief time. You have not only kept pace with constant change but have surpassed expectations of what we can accomplish together. Looking at these photos of our past makes one realize how much has changed and how much we have been through together. To those who have recently joined our work force I hope that you will become part of this rich history."

One of the original card catalogue cabinets will remain on display opposite the Reference Desk on the main floor. A plaque acknowledging the Libraries' history and honouring all UVic Libraries employees was unveiled at the celebration and will be mounted above the cabinet.



*The plaque above the commemorative cabinet reads:*

