



**Saint Mary's**  
University

**PATRICK POWER LIBRARY  
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Consortial activities set the agenda for the library on a number of fronts. Plans for the Council of Atlantic University Libraries' (CAUL/CBUA) Atlantic Scholarly Information Network are now well under way. An ASIN borrower's card, allowing access to university collections throughout the region, was instituted. Extensive planning and development of the Novanet GEAC system upgrade was undertaken. All areas of the library have been heavily affected by the upgrade. David Manning, Head of Acquisitions, played a major role in training library staff throughout the consortium. A funding request to the Windsor Foundation resulted in a \$250,000 donation, contingent on matching funds. A governance workshop was held to examine ways of streamlining Novanet operations. A major distance education proposal was developed. The consortium signed a province-wide Visunet licence, to enable access to the online resources of the CNIB. Peter Webster, Head of Information Systems, coordinated a Visunet training program. The library joined the Statistics Canada Data Liberation Initiative.

The long-awaited Canadian National Site Licensing Project (CNSLP) became a reality, and was promoted widely throughout the university. The CNSLP has allowed our faculty and students desktop access to resources we could never have afforded through regular budget channels. Many positive comments have been received from Science and Economics faculty.

The growth of computer use in the library was recognized in various ways: over thirty computer workstations were upgraded. A queued laser printing system was also instituted. The library's webpages were overhauled and expanded, in favour of a clean, uncluttered look. Security has become an increasing concern as we continually fend off computer viruses. Campus wide use of databases has increased 16% in the past year. Additional databases have been added, with the goal of making all products available from any computer on campus.

Considerable progress was made in transforming the library into a congenial space. In house usage continues to fall in favour of remote access. The challenge is to make the library an inviting and pleasant space in which to study.

The university became subject to the Nova Scotia Freedom of Information/ Protection of Privacy Act, and the University Librarian was appointed Chief Administrator. The Archives area was renovated and expanded to include a records centre, and a Foipop website was created. The university took the approach of routine disclosure: as a result, only six applications were processed, and none were refused access. A long-time library assistant was promoted to Archives Manager, and provided with training opportunities.

The pressure of the acquisitions budget was again recognized in the budget process with a significant increase. Although the revised acquisitions formula is working well, the necessity of holding the line on serials costs has meant that the print journal collection remains far from adequate. On a positive note, we have much wider electronic access thanks to the CNSLP, steady growth in our international collection, and an increasing profile in the Saint Mary's community and beyond.

## **MILESTONES**

- The library replaced 35 computers, added six more, and upgraded printers.
- Over 100 Arabic titles were acquired, and over 800 titles from the Dr John Lee donation were catalogued and added to the collection.
- There was a net reduction in serial titles holdings of 165.
- Over 30 electronic subject guides were added to the web page.
- The Criminology collection was developed through the New Program Fund.
- The reference desk schedule was revised to reflect changing user patterns. Interaction is changing to more on-the-fly individualized electronic resource training: fewer queries but longer time commitment per query.
- With the move of Media Services to the Sobey Building, a video playback service was added to the Reserve Room.
- The library provided over 1,100 identification cards for officials of the Tall Ships Festival, a highlight of the summer calendar.
- Peter Webster was appointed by the National Librarian to the Canada Council on Access for Print-Disabled Canadians.
- The University Librarian was elected to the Novanet Executive, and elected Vice-Chair of the Council of Atlantic University Libraries (CAUL/CBUA).
- Joyce Thomson took a professional development leave to work on a Master's program in Atlantic Canada Studies.
- Colleen MacKinnon joined us, and made a significant contribution to the development of our library homepage. She also developed a WebCT version of the library basics workbook.
- Librarians presented workshops for faculty through the Office of Instructional Development.
- Considerable staff turnover was experienced, and a position was reassigned. The remaining staff stepped into the breach on numerous occasions.
- More than 40 students, the majority of them international students, were part of the library team.

## STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

	1995/1996 (5 years)	1999/2000 (1 year)	2000/2001	% change 95/96 to 2000/2001	% change 1999/ 2000 to 2000/01
Questions at the Reference Desk	25,173	22,479	19,904	-20.9%	-11.5%
Students taught in Library instruction sessions	2,454	3,216	2,611	6.4%	-18.8%
Visits to the Library	515,187	434,420	416,733	-19.1%	-4.1%
Research database sessions	N/A	52,972	61,304	N/A	15.7%
Interlibrary Loans: Borrowing	998	824	821	-17.7%	-0.4%
Lending	1,537	1,203	1,860	21.0%	54.6%
Novanet Express: Borrowing	N/A	1,829	1,833	N/A	0.2%
Lending	N/A	2,221	2,810	N/A	26.5%
Total Circulation	223,249	166,930	159,307	-28.6%	-4.6%
Monographs Purchased from Acquisitions Budget (excludes grants)	3,069	3,247	3,911	27.4%	20.4%
Journal Subscriptions Renewed	1,207	939	945	-21.7%	0.6%
Journals as a Percentage of total Acquisitions Budget	58.0%	46.0%	45.0%	-22.4%	-2.2%
Electronic Resources as a Percentage of total Acquisitions Budget	8.3%	15.9%	14.8%	78.3%	-6.9%
Total Titles Added to Novanet, including retrospective cataloguing	5,879	6,089	6,064	3.1%	-0.4%
Average Cost of a Monograph	\$72.93	\$83.58	\$77.99	6.9%	-6.7%
Average Cost of a Journal Subscription	\$290.77	\$350.70	\$370.07	27.3%	5.5%
Acquisitions Budget	\$600,000.00	\$720,000.00	\$770,000.00	28.3%	6.9%
Volumes purchased per student	0.44	0.45	0.55	25.0%	22.2%