

Nexus

A RYERSON UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER PRODUCED BY THE LIBRARY

Library Joins the Faculty Teaching Chair Initiative

The Library will be participating in the new Faculty Teaching Chairs initiative to provide leadership in promoting teaching excellence. Each faculty is appointing one Faculty Teaching Chair (two in the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science) who will participate in a Leadership Institute sponsored by the Learning and Teaching Office (LTO), serve on an advisory committee for the LTO, and chair a Faculty Learning and Teaching committee composed of representatives from each of the schools in the faculty. Don Kinder, who co-ordinates the Library's Information Literacy program, will be the Library's Faculty Teaching Chair. Individual librarians representing the various faculty areas will also sit on their respective Faculty Learning and Teaching committee for a two-year term. Their presence will help promote ways to integrate the Library and information literacy more formally into curriculum across the university. Meet your librarian liaisons to the Faculty Teaching Chair committees!



Don Kinder,
Faculty Teaching Chair



Ursula Trescases,
Faculty of Arts



Cecile Farnum,
Faculty of Community Services



Dan Jakubek and Graham McCarthy,
Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science



Lucina Fraser,
Ted Rogers School of Management



Jay Wolofsky,
Faculty of Communication & Design



From The Chief Librarian MADELEINE LEFEBVRE

Welcome back to another busy fall term at Ryerson University Library and Archives (RULA)! This is an exciting time for students, faculty and staff, as we get to meet a whole new cohort of students and welcome back familiar faces to another academic year. The Library has had a busy summer, and I'm sure you'll notice some of the recent changes that have occurred.

Last spring, RULA joined the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL). This is certainly a great step forward for the Library, and for the university's growing reputation for excellence in research. Benefits of CARL membership include enhanced research capacity, opportunities for national and international collaboration, and government lobbying efforts. RULA's membership in CARL, along with its rapid recent growth, supports Ryerson's research agenda.

We have also recently streamlined our service desks in Borrowing and Lending Services, and have created a single service point at the Circulation Desk – you can ask for help with any of the tasks previously handled at the Audio-Visual/InterLibrary Loan (AV/ILL) Desk, and our circulation staff will be more than happy to help, or ask for assistance from the AV/ILL technicians as needed.

We also said goodbye to librarian Sue Giles, who is retiring after a 35-year career at Ryerson. We marked the occasion with a party on the fourth floor, with many retirees, colleagues from other universities and staff from Ryerson sharing in the celebration. More than anyone, Sue has witnessed the tremendous changes within the Library and the evolution of Ryerson as an academic institution. She will be greatly missed, but will remain with us on a part-time basis to help mentor the new data librarian.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask – talk to your [liaison librarian](#), or send us your [comments and suggestions](#).

You will read in *Nexus* about our continued collaboration with Student Learning Support and the expansion of student services as we prepare for the new Student Learning Centre. In September, we opened a Math Assistance Centre on the fifth floor of the Library. We have been working closely with the architects on their concept design for the Student Learning Centre, and we are looking forward to the design's "Big Reveal" later in the semester.

We pride ourselves on being proactive but also responsive. We are currently working hard analyzing the results of the LibQUAL survey we launched in the spring and we will be posting our approaches to addressing the feedback we received as time goes on.

Chief Librarian Madeleine Lefebvre

Supporting Open Access

With the open access movement growing in strength, the Library is pursuing a number of initiatives to support its growth and help our students and faculty understand its impact on scholarly communications. Ryerson's institutional repository, [Digital Commons @Ryerson](#), currently has over 600 submitted papers, with over 29,000 downloads just this year. With the continuous addition of graduate theses and dissertations, faculty publications and the planned inclusion of several open access journal series, the repository is well on its way to becoming the primary gateway to accessing Ryerson's research output. In celebration of [Open Access Week](#), the Library recently had an Open Access Zone during the Learning Commons Open House on October 19, to help raise awareness about open access on our campus.

The Library will also be piloting participation in [BioMed Central](#), a scientific publisher focusing on open access journals. All of the journals in [BioMed Central](#) are peer-reviewed, with many having impact factor data, as well as indexing in Google Scholar and Scopus, making it possible for authors to see how many times their own research has been cited. All original research articles published by [BioMed Central](#) are made freely and permanently accessible online immediately upon publication and are also licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution License, making it easy for authors to reuse and redistribute their own work, including deposit to institutional repositories.

The Library is contributing \$5,000 to an author's fund to support the costs associated with publishing in [BioMed Central](#), and to gauge the level of interest amongst Ryerson's researchers. If you are interested in publishing in [BioMed Central](#), please contact Digital Initiatives Librarian Brian Cameron at bcameron@ryerson.ca or ext. 6886. Look for more events highlighting open access in the near future.

New E-Resources

[Canadian Standards Association \(CSA\) Online](#) – digital access to CSA standards and standard-related documents. All of the documents are accessible 24/7 and are always up-to-date. Every document is available in Adobe Acrobat format so it can be viewed right in your Internet browser window. Documents can be printed for reference.

[Worth Global Style Network \(WSGN\)](#) – the leading online trend-analysis and research service providing creative and business intelligence for the apparel, style, design and retail industries. It offers a 12-year archive with more than five million images and 650,000 pages of information.

[SimplyMap](#) – Developed by Geographic Research, SimplyMap allows students to access thousands of variables, create professional-quality thematic maps and reports, and export information to Excel, PDF, Microsoft Word and more.

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Student Learning Support in the Besse Commons

In March 2010, Ryerson University's new Director of Student Learning Support, Christina Halliday, moved into the Ronald D. Besse Information and Learning Commons with a mandate to begin working with the Library on planning and preparing for the move to the new Student Learning Centre at Yonge and Gould.

Before Ryerson, Christina Halliday spent seven years as the director of the Writing and Learning Centre and an assistant professor of liberal studies at OCAD University. Prior to that, she completed a PhD in an interdisciplinary program in education at York University.

Dr. Halliday is responsible for Ryerson's core student academic support areas: Writing Centre, Access Centre, Learning Success Centre, English Language Support, Ted Rogers School of Management Student Services, and the new Math Assistance Centre (MAC) on the fifth floor of the Library. The "MAC" has been incredibly popular with students since opening for business. Dr. Boza Tasic, formerly a faculty member in Ryerson's Mathematics department, is co-ordinating the MAC and cultivating its development in this inaugural year.

Two important short-term goals of Student Learning Support are to encourage and develop communication and collaborations between the academic support units and the Library, and to get more input and advice from faculty and students on future directions. We were heavily involved in the recent Learning Commons Open House on October 19, which was a great opportunity to let students and faculty know about our services and hear their ideas on possible future directions. To encourage discussion and dialogue, a Director's Advisory Group for Student Learning Support will start meeting in October. If you have any input that you would like to share about the Student Learning Support areas, please contact Christina Halliday at: challida@ryerson.ca.

Library Stars

Congratulations to **Diane Granfield**, who is the first recipient of the Ryerson Award recognizing a librarian's excellence in professional service to the community. Diane's many accomplishments in the areas of virtual reference, subject liaison, and research publication were celebrated at an award ceremony in April following Senate, alongside her fellow award-winners from other faculty areas. To learn more, please see [Ryerson Today](#).

This year's recipient of the Student Employee of the Year Award is **Rinkal Patel**, who worked at the Library as an audio-visual/interlibrary loan assistant from July 2007 until April 2010. Rinkal is the fourth recipient of this award, which was created in 2008 with the purpose of recognizing students who distinguished themselves through excellence during their employment at the Library. The picture shows Rinkal, flanked by Chief Librarian Madeleine Lefebvre (left) and Librarian Ursula Trescases (right), after receiving the award in the form of a \$100 gift certificate during the annual appreciation party for part-time staff on April 28, 2010. Congratulations, Rinkal!



Special Collections goes Digital!

Over 1,000 images from the *Canadian Architect* magazine photograph collection have been scanned and uploaded to the [FADIS](#) database for use in university and college classrooms across Canada! These high-quality images document domestic, commercial and public spaces in the provinces of Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. Look for added content in 2010-11, including examples from the East Coast, Prairies and international design. Your Ryerson ID and password are required to access FADIS.

Training sessions on use of the FADIS database for teaching in the classroom, or managing your own instructional image collections are offered throughout the year by request. Contact Beth Knazook at eknazook@ryerson.ca or ext. 4996 for more information.

Welcome to the new members of RULA-SAC!

The Library recently formed its student advisory committee, RULA-SAC, for the 2010-11 academic year. There was an overwhelming number of applications from the student body to join RULA-SAC and we are excited to start working with the committee members to continue the excellent work that was accomplished during the inaugural year.

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Crack the Code

Thanks to the over 1,000 students who played the online scavenger hunt, and congratulations to the winners! Read more online at [The Eyeopener](#).



Check out the [fall schedule of the Library's Research Skills Workshops](#) – we've added many new workshops on topics such as health databases, geospatial data resources, census data and the mobile library.



Sue Giles, left, admiring her retirement gift of a GPS system, with Chief Librarian, Madeleine Lefebvre, right.

Staff Notes

Susan Patrick has relocated to the Archives to assume full responsibility for the Archives as part of her Archives and Special Collections portfolio.

Beth Knazook was recently appointed to the position of curatorial specialist. Beth worked previously in Special Collections as the photographic specialist.

Steven Marsden has joined the Library as a junior system programmer. Steven is a graduate of the Computer Science program at Ryerson. For the past year, Steven has been working with us as an open source programming assistant on the intranet redesign project.

Courtney Lundrigan has joined the Library as a co-op student from the University of Western Ontario's MA program in Library and Information Science.

Lutfal Islam has joined Borrowing and Lending Services as the library business systems specialist. Lutfal is a graduate of the ITM program at Ryerson, and has previous work experience with The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education.

After 35 years at Ryerson, Librarian **Sue Giles** retired in August, 2010. Her retirement celebration took place in September, with many past and current colleagues sharing in her many career successes (see picture on left).

Publications and Presentations in 2010

Susan Patrick, Ophelia Cheung and Dana Thomas authored [New Approaches to E-Reserve: Linking, Sharing and Streaming](#), published by Woodhead Publishing in 2010.

Sally Wilson and Graham McCarthy co-authored "The Mobile University: From the Library to the Campus" in [Reference Services Review](#), 38(2): 214-232.

Lei Jin and Laine Gabel co-authored "Creating Synergy: Team Networking at OLA Expo" in [Access](#), 16(3): 38-39.

Naomi Eichenlaub co-presented "Working with E-Book Metadata" at the British Columbia Library Conference (BCLA).

Cecile Farnum co-presented "Can I Make a Suggestion? Your Library Suggestion Box as an Assessment Tool" at the BCLA Conference and "Marketing and Communications 101: Starting the Conversation at Your Library" at the Quebec Library Association Conference.

Jane Schmidt participated in a panel discussion, "Preparing for the Profession: An Interactive Session for New and Emerging Professionals" at the Canadian Library Association (CLA) Conference.

Brian Cameron presented "[Author Rights: Maintaining Control Over Your Publications](#)" at the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) Conference in Toronto.

As part of her sabbatical work, **Trina Grover** has conducted "Getting Ready for RDA" workshops across Canada to help libraries prepare for the implementation of RDA, a new cataloguing standard.

Beth Knazook co-presented a session at the Archives Association of Ontario (AAO) Conference on the acquisition of the Kodak Collection. Beth also co-presented "[FADIS: Embracing Change and Interoperability in 2010](#)" at the TRY Library Staff Conference.



Want to keep up-to-date on what new books in your subject area have recently arrived in the Library? Check out the [NEW TO THE COLLECTION](#) application on the Library website!



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