



## SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES

Thursday 16 December 2021  
2:31-3:17 pm  
via Zoom

#### Attendees

##### Senators

F. Andrew  
G. Averill  
L. Burr (*Vice-Chair*)  
M. MacPhee  
S. Matsui (*Chair*)  
S. Mehta  
A. Scott

##### Ex Officio

S. Parker  
P. Ratner

##### Guests

K. Delaurier-Lyle  
J. Mitchell

##### Regrets

J. Bulkan  
C. Godwin  
T. Jiang  
S. Kandola  
E. Kwakkel  
R. Topping  
L. Wang

##### Senate Staff

B. Menard

#### Call to Order

The meeting of the Senate Library Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:31 pm on 16 December 2021 by Lawrence Burr, Vice-Chair.

#### Agenda

***THAT THE Senate Library Committee adopts the 16 December 2021 agenda as presented.***

**Carried by general consent.**

#### Minutes

***THAT THE Senate Library Committee approves the 18 November 2021 meeting minutes as presented.***

**Moved: P. Ratner  
Seconded: G. Averill  
Carried.**

#### Business Arising

None.

#### University Librarian Update

**As presented by Susan Parker.**

On January 12, 2022, the UBC Library will be announcing a donation that was catalyzed by a consortium of donors.

Work continues on developing the gallery space being created on the main floor of Irving K. Barber Learning Centre (IKBLC) to display the Chung Collection and Lind Collection. Construction on this space is anticipated to begin in mid-2022 with opening anticipated in 2023.

The Library is collaborating with the Centre for Culture, Identity and Education (CCIE) in the Faculty of Education on receiving a collection of print materials related to apartheid in Africa and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

The Digital UBC Planning Advisory Committee is helping to draft the strategy for information technology at UBC. The Library is participating in discussions and in offering feedback related to the work of this committee.

The Library will be receiving an external review. The panel of reviewers has been confirmed. The panel is expected to be on-campus for a visit in early March 2022.

#### **Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISP)**

**As presented by Susan Parker, Julie Mitchell and Karleen Delaurier-Lyle.**

The Library is actively engaged in the ISP. The Library now has a dedicated team, led by Julie Mitchell, that is beginning to work on processes of the ISP.

X̱wi7x̱wa Library is located on the unceded, traditional and ancestral territory of the x̱w̱məθkʷəy̱əm (Musqueam) people. Understanding this positionality of being a guest on someone else's territory is part of the basic training for all X̱wi7x̱wa Library staff with encouragement to reflect daily on this positionality. X̱wi7x̱wa Library is the only Indigenous-focused branch of an academic library in Canada. A locally developed classification and subject heading system is used to organize and describe information that stems from Indigenous perspectives of learning and knowing. The X̱wi7x̱wa Library's collection development policy has also been updated to address the ISP and practical considerations.

The X̱wi7x̱wa Library produces Decolonization and Anti-Racism Guides ([https://guides.library.ubc.ca/antiracism/decolonization\\_anti-racism](https://guides.library.ubc.ca/antiracism/decolonization_anti-racism)) which aid in finding key resources, search strategies and open access information sources to facilitate decolonial and anti-racist research. Anticipating a future need, these guides were initiated ahead of the release of the ISP. They are developed based on questions that are frequently asked at the reference desk.

Critical Indigenous Literacy for Children's Picture Books is a collaboration in response to the Education Library having materials that required the mediation of an Indigenous teacher. Critical Indigenous Literacy Kits (<https://guides.library.ubc.ca/c.php?g=703332&p=5141103>) were created to address this need. These kits were adapted to the needs of the X̱wi7x̱wa Library and further in response to limitations imposed by the pandemic.

One of the IKBLC's flagship programs is the Indigitization Program. This program is a partnership between local Indigenous groups and academics from UBC and from the University of Northern BC (UNBC). The imperative of this program is to

facilitate capacity building in Indigenous information management by providing matching funds to Indigenous organizations to do analogue media digitization projects and to provide guidance, instruction and equipment for digitization. This supports sustained cultural heritage management. This program has supported 48 projects with over 34 organizations. This program has partnered with BC Electronic Library Network (BCELN) to get an instance of a database called “arca” to store communities digitized heritage materials. Indigenous data sovereignty has been a major consideration in this partnership.

The UBC Learning Exchange and X̱wi7x̱wa Library recently collaborated on a “Wikipedia edit-a-thon”. Librarians from these branches worked with community members in the Downtown East Side (DTES) to edit some problematic information on Wikipedia about the DTES and Indigenous people. During this event, over 187,000 articles were viewed, over 1,260 words were added comprised in 25 totals edits.

Recently “100 Years of Loss Exhibit” took place on the second floor of the IKBLC. This exhibit showed a timeline of the Residential School System in Canada. The display was made available through the Legacy of Hope Foundation. The exhibit showcased UBC Library’s commitment to the importance of education about Truth and Reconciliation.

A goal of the Indigenous Strategic Plan Steering Committee is to create a sense of shared commitment across the Library to advance the goals of the ISP.

Discussion:

Discussion ensued about the projects and initiatives of the Library.

**Next Meeting** The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 20 January 2022 from 2:30-4:00 pm.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 3:17pm.