

British Columbia Union Catalogue fonds

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Fonds Description

British Columbia Union Catalogue fonds. – 1976-1983.

36 cm of textual records.

Administrative History

The British Columbia Union Catalogue (BCUC) was a province-wide bibliographic database of library collections, representing both post-secondary and public libraries. First proposed in a series of reports in the early 1970s, it was established in 1977 and funded by the B.C. Ministry of Education. Participating libraries entered their catalogue records into a machine-readable database that was used to both generate local catalogues and produce a single union catalogue of all their collections. It was then distributed throughout the province so that users could locate materials anywhere in the province and obtain them through interlibrary loan. BCUC initially included the library collections at UBC, SFU, and UVic, and then expanded to include provincial college libraries. Richmond Public Library was the first public library to join the network in 1978. Provincial funding was discontinued in 1983, before the project was completed.

Custodial History

Records were kept by former BCUC Director Paul E. Baldwin, and then stored at UBC Library. They were later maintained by Nadine Baldwin, who transferred them to the University Archives.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of records documenting the origins and early history of the British Columbia Union Catalogue, and includes correspondence, reports, and publications. They are arranged primarily in chronological order.

Notes

File list available.

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Received from Nadine Baldwin in January 2011.

File List

Box 1

- 1-1 Bibliographic Control problems and Organizational Change Issues Posed by the Implementation of a Computer Based Co-operative Cataloging Support System. Paul Evered Baldwin. 1976.
- 1-2 British Columbia Library Network – A Study of Feasibility. Dr. Ralph M. Shoffner, Mary A. Madden.
With an additional report, BCUC Governance and Management – A Background Paper for the BCUC Replication Study. Paul E. Baldwin. Revised 31 January 1980.
- 1-3 Proposal to Fund the Establishment of a Computer Based Library Service Utility in British Columbia. July 1980.
- 1-4 DOBIS-WLN Impact Study – Report. Ann Turner, Carolyn A. Hoffman, Shirley Ward. Revised July 1980.
- 1-5 The DOBIS and Washington Library Network Systems. Dr. Ralph M. Shoffner, Mary A. Madden.
Including A Summary Analysis of the Impact on Cataloging of DOBIS and WLN. Ann Turner, Carolyn A. Hoffman, Shirley Ward. Revised July 1980.
- 1-6 RECON Alternatives for Eight British Columbia Public Libraries. Paul E. Baldwin, Leigh Swann, Marie McKee. December 1980.
- 1-7 BCLN Hardware and Computing Facilities Evaluation Study – Final Report. Stephen H. Smith. April 1981.
- 1-8 BCUC Data Base Loading and BCLN User and Data Base Requirements Study. Lynn Rosen, G.W. Brian Owen (University of British Columbia Library). April 1981.

Box 2

- 2-1 Final Proposal – BC CAT Action Group & Appendix & Responses 1977
- 2-2 BC CAT News [Newsletter of the B.C. Catalogue Action Group] 1977-78

- 2-3 1977/78 & 1978/79 Budget Request Drafts 1977-79
- 2-4 [BCUC – Genesis, goals, objectives, organization] 1977-82
- 2-5 Newspaper & Magazine Clippings 1978-79
- 2-6 TAG 245 – Newsletter of the B.C. Union Catalogue Project 1978-80
- 2-7 Director’s Report on the B.C. Union Catalogue – 1977/78-1980/81 1978-81
- 2-8 [Various reports] 1978-81
- 2-9 [BCUC Organization] 1978-82
- 2-10 [Responses to BCUC Replication Study] 1979-82

- Box 3
- 3-1 BCUC [Addendum to the monograph coding manual] February 1980
- 3-2 Director’s Report on BCUC 1980-81
- 3-3 Responses to BCUC Replication Study (WLN-DOBIS Response) 1980-81
- 3-4 Mail & Follow-Up 1980-81
- 3-5 BCUC MAN COM Questionnaire (Aug./81) – (Re. 1982/83 Production of BCUC Fiche) 1981
- 3-6 UTLAS Billing Forms 1981
- 3-7 [Various reports] 1981-82
- 3-8 BCLN – EDP Inventory Questionnaire 1981-82
- 3-9 Exec. Com [Executive Committee] / Apr. 15/82 1981-82
- 3-10 BCLN-BLIS Implementation Recommendations Report June 1982

- 3-11 "British Columbia Union Catalogue: the history of a provincial networking project" October 1982
- 3-12 BLIS Implementation 1982-83