



## A Year of Preparation

### The Move to the New Campus.

Although, technically speaking, the move to Ambrose's new campus didn't take place until the 08/09 fiscal year the library staff spent much of 07/08 planning for it. Our



*new carpeting is installed in the Ambrose Library*

preparatory work involved everything from getting rid of obsolete supplies, to consulting with our vendor of compact shelving, to compiling a timeline of tasks to be accomplished in preparation for the relocation itself. The move itself went smoothly, and thanks to the help of more than 30 volunteers we managed to get all 100,000+ volumes back on the shelf in



*new shelving for the main reception area*

a matter of weeks. The best part is that we finally have room (15,000 sq. ft.) for both books and people; enough room, in fact for about 20 years' growth in both the student body and the library's collections. Our book collections are now housed entirely on compact shelving. Our mobile system

has been a big hit with patrons—and with other librarians: libraries are now beginning to turn to compact shelving as a solution to their space problems, and librarians from across the province have visited our library to see what can be done with the improved technology.

### Books to India Project.

Brian Thom, Ambrose's Associate Vice-President for Church Relations, stopped by the library one day last winter to ask if the library would be interested in donating some of its surplus theological books to the South Asia Leadership Training and Development Centre (SALT DC). This sounded like a great idea, and so we put together a collection of our own and then asked the Ambrose faculty for donations from their personal libraries. We ended up with more than 40 boxes of books, which Brian's friend, Ron Pearce of Empower Ministries, then shipped to SALT DC in Pipariya, India. Our donation helped SALT DC meet the Asian Theological Association's requirements for accreditation

### The Road to Ambrose.

In August 2007, Gordon Dirks, Ambrose's Vice-President for External Relations, asked the Communications Department and the Ambrose Archives to put together a display of historical photographs, posters, and artifacts—with an accompanying timeline—to celebrate Ambrose's predecessor institutions. Sandy Ayer, Director of Library Services and Archivist; summer student worker Peter Stanulonis; volunteer Jen Snow (an NUC alumna whose husband, Rob Snow, is department head for Christian Studies); and Wes Campbell and Sarah Judson of the Communications Department worked on the project, which was unveiled on President's Day (20 August), Ambrose's annual faculty-staff retreat day.

### Library Survey.

In February 2008 the library conducted an internet-based survey of its primary user community, the faculty and students of Ambrose. Ninety-seven people, or just under 20% of the Ambrose community, completed the survey. Seventy-two per cent of respondents rated the Ambrose library and its databases as their primary library resource, and almost all expressed a high degree of satisfaction with the library's collections and services. Respondents' comments provided many helpful suggestions for planning, e.g. increase the number of work tables in study areas, update and increase

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resources in the behavioral sciences, and hold community events in the library.

## Ralph Connor Collection.

Canadian Bible College (CBC) alumna Joyce Scott recently donated to the library her collection of about 130 books by Canadian author Ralph Connor. Connor, whose real name was Charles Gordon, was the first Canadian author to make his living from his writing. Although he is perhaps best known for *Glengarry School Days* (which is set in his native Ontario) many of his works are set in western Canada. The collection includes many first editions.

## Donation of Cult-Related Books.

This past spring, a seminary alumnus donated to the library a large collection of primary and secondary sources related to cults. Among the primary sources were extensive runs of bound periodicals complete with indexes. These represent titles that are not yet available in electronic form.

## Archives Attracts Evangelical Scholar.

During the summer of 2007, CBC alumnus and former faculty member Glen Scorgie spent a week in the Ambrose Archives doing research on evangelical mystic A. W. Tozer. Dr. Scorgie, who teaches at Bethel West Seminary in San Diego, Calif., is working on a biography of Tozer. He was especially interested in our archives' extensive collection of Tozer's correspondence.

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 Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
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## Check Out These Statistics

	July 06 - April 07 <sup>1</sup>	May 07 - April 08
Books purchased	2,093	1,747
Books added via donation	1,034	866
Total	3,127	2,613
Books withdrawn <sup>2</sup>	14,350	266
Net book volumes added	11,223	2,347
Total book collection	100,559	102,906
Bound periodical volumes added	104	554
Bound periodicals withdrawn	192	0
Total bound periodicals collection	4,431	4,985
Videorecordings (VHS and DVD) added	32	5
Total video collection	533	528
Sound recordings (CD's) added	70	88
Items deleted	0	402
Total sound recordings collection	1,684	1,370
Choral and orchestral scores added	14	0
Items deleted	0	178
Total scores collection	685	507
Microform journal units added	160	109
Microform journals (units)	28,580	28,689
Total volumes	136,472	138,985
Current journal subscriptions	353	353
Full-text electronic journals	36,495	54,865
Items circulated <sup>3</sup>	47,077	57,802

1 - Note that the 06/07 statistics reflect a ten-month reporting period because Ambrose changed to a May-April fiscal year in 2007.

2 - Note that we are always weeding our collection to keep it current and to allow for growth.

3 - Circulation has actually increased from 06/07 to 07/08, even when you take into account that 06/07 represents a ten-month period—and this at a time when circulation in most academic libraries is decreasing.

