



University Librarian Jonathan Bengtson is flanked by library staff eager to serve cake.

Re: **DEFINING** UVIC LIBRARIES

MCPHERSON LIBRARY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On November 14, 2014 we celebrated the past, present and future of the McPherson Library which opened its doors on November 14, 1964. Community members joined University Librarian Jonathan Bengtson, library staff and students to enjoy nearly 1000 pieces of cake. In 1964 the library was described as “the heart of the university” acting as a “unifying and dynamic force within the whole university.” Students, faculty, alumni and community members continue to enjoy the outstanding breadth of its facilities and collections.



SAVE THE DATE:

- **Lecture**

University of Victoria,
University Librarian's
Lecture Series

**The Alchemy of Special
Collections** – given by
Richard Ring

January 15, 2015, 4 p.m.

Room 129, Mearns
Centre – McPherson
Library

- **Exhibit**

Yeats at 150

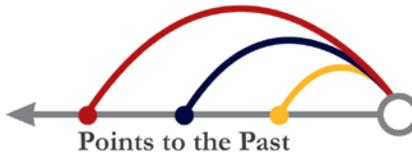
Curated by Dr. Elizabeth
Grove-White
(Department of English)

Mar. 7 2015 – July 12,
2015

Legacy Maltwood
(at the Mearns Centre –
McPherson Library)

**Get details of upcoming
library events at
[http://www.uvic.ca/library/
featured/events/index.php](http://www.uvic.ca/library/featured/events/index.php)**

NEW PROVINCE-WIDE ACCESS TO RESEARCH MATERIALS



As part of an agreement spearheaded by the University of Victoria Libraries, in collaboration with Simon Fraser University Library, and University of British Columbia Library, permanent free access has been negotiated for all B.C residents to the entire Gale Digital Collections – nearly 200 million pages of digitized historical content.

To access these resources, please visit the [Points to the Past website](#).

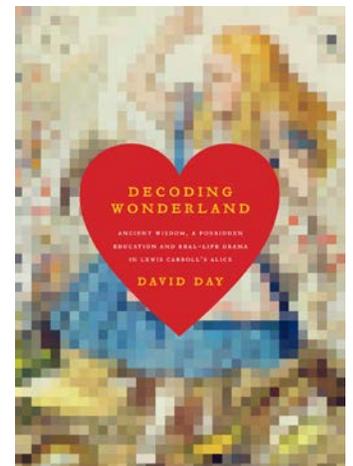
This groundbreaking initiative is the first of its kind in Canada.

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE “DECODING WONDERLAND” WITH DAVID DAY

Join internationally renowned author and UVic alumnus David Day for an insider glimpse of his forthcoming book, *Decoding Wonderland: Ancient Wisdom, a Forbidden Education and Real-Life Drama in Lewis Carroll's Alice*.

Day will unlock the many astonishing layers of meaning – philosophical, mathematical, classical and theosophical – encoded in the fairy tale.

Scheduled for release in October 2015, Day's book celebrates the 150th anniversary of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. UVic Libraries will recognize David Day with its 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award at a ceremony on February 4th.



Lecture: February 5, 2015 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Royal BC Museum – Clifford Carl Hall. Registration is required as space is limited.

To register, visit <http://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/decoding-wonderland/>.

THE RAINER ENDOWMENT



Jim and Doreen Rainer in the Special Collections Reading Room – Photo Credit: UVic Photo Services

“Donors such as the Rainers not only provide essential, direct support for library collections, they help the university nurture its connection to our community.”

Jonathan Bengtson, University Librarian

The Rainer Endowment provides funds for the purchase of out-of-print and rare materials to support learning and research at the university. UVic Libraries’ collections provide students and faculty members with opportunities for experiential learning and original enquiry – and since UVic Libraries are open to the public, these collections are available to community members as well.

The items purchased through the generosity of the Rainers reflect Special Collections’ diverse holdings, notably in the areas of British Columbia history, English, Canadian, and American literature, contemporary poetry, book arts, and historical bibliography. Noteworthy purchases in recent years include the rare *Finnegan’s Wake* work in progress, *Storiella as she is syung*, by James Joyce, and the Victorian periodical *Women’s World*, edited by Oscar Wilde – an early example of a magazine designed for female readers.

Gifts from donors such as the Rainers enhance student experience by providing primary materials for research projects that excite students in their work at the University of Victoria.

This excerpt is from *Investing in Achievement* <http://www.uvic.ca/givingtovic/assets/docs/2014newsletter.pdf>

NEW APPOINTMENTS

ASSOCIATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, LAW



Kim Nayyer has been appointed as Associate University Librarian, Law effective January 1, 2015. Kim has been with UVic Libraries since 2011, providing research help and instruction in the Diana M. Priestly Law Library, launching its social media platforms, with responsibility for management of the Priestly Law Library collection since 2012. Kim has a BSc from University of Alberta, an LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School, and an MLIS from University of Alberta. She is also a member of the Bars of Alberta and Ontario, and since 2013 she has taught introductory and advanced legal research and writing courses for the Faculty of Law.

ASSOCIATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP & STRATEGY

UVic Libraries is pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Goddard as Associate University Librarian, Digital Scholarship & Strategy, effective February 1, 2015. Lisa comes to UVic from Memorial University where she has been Scholarly Communication Librarian since 2012, and has held various prior positions at Memorial including acting AUL for IT in 2010 and Head of Library Systems from 2003-2009. She holds a BA from Queen's University, an MLS from McGill University, a Graduate Diploma in Information Technology from Memorial University, and is currently completing an MA in Humanities Computing at the University of Alberta.



UVIC COMMUNITY MAPPING COLLABORATORY

The Community Mapping Collaboratory (CMC) is a joint university-community mapping initiative where universities, civic governments and communities come together to solve sustainability challenges. UVic Libraries is an active academic collaborator and one of the three hubs at the university. The Mearns Centre for Learning – McPherson Library offers reference services as well as serves as a repository for Canadian green maps to preserve the collection for future study. A dedicated Maps and GIS Librarian, Daniel Brendle-Moczuk, can provide access for students, faculty, and community members to the mapping and reference resources of the university. More information about this innovative, physical and virtual space can be found at <http://mapping.uvic.ca/node/1640> with links to the CRD Community Green Map and the Indigenous Digital Harvest Stories Map.



UVic Community Mapping Collaboratory

