



The Library

# Guide to UBC Library Services for Alumni

The UBC Library invites you to stay in touch. Alumni who come to the campus may search the Library's catalogue, connect to online article indexes and electronic texts, consult books, journals and other materials, attend a training session, and obtain basic information/reference assistance, all free of charge.

For information about services at UBC Okanagan Library,  
please contact the Okanagan Branch circulation desk at 250.807.9107.

## The UBC Library Website

### Access on campus

The UBC Library Web-based information system is available in all libraries. At computers in the Library, alumni can connect to the catalogue of holdings, online article indexes, and most other databases.

### Access off campus

Due to licensing agreements with database vendors, remote access to most article indexes and other databases is limited to UBC students, faculty, and staff only. For alumni, remote access from home or elsewhere is restricted to the catalogue and to some other online resources. For more information go to [www.library.ubc.ca/home/accessrestrict.html](http://www.library.ubc.ca/home/accessrestrict.html)

## Community Borrower Library Cards

**Please note:** these Library privileges are for Alumni Association members' personal use only and may not be transferred to other family members or used for business purposes.

The Library is pleased to offer FREE community borrower privileges to UBC alumni who have obtained the Alumni Association "A Card". Community Library cards normally cost \$120 per year.

To obtain UBC Library borrowing privileges:

Obtain your "A Card" in person from the UBC Alumni Association office, the Brock Hall Welcome Centre, or Robson Square Library. In addition to free Library privileges, the "A Card" entitles you to discounts on other campus services. For more information, call UBC Alumni Affairs at 604.822.3313 (toll-free at 1.800.883.3088), or the Robson Square Library at 604.822.3501.

**To activate your "A Card" for UBC Library Services, bring it to the Circulation Desk, Walter C. Koerner Library, Robson Square Library, or UBC Okanagan Library, any time they are open. Please also bring one piece of government-issued photo ID.**

For more information about Library cards call 604.822.3869 (UBC Vancouver) or 250.807.9107 (UBC Okanagan).

## Borrowing

Most books can be borrowed for 2 weeks and can be renewed if not requested by other borrowers. Interlibrary loans are available at a minimum charge of \$30 per request.

**Certain materials such as journals, reference books, videos, and course reserve materials, cannot be borrowed.**

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## Collections

The UBC Library is the second largest research library in Canada and includes 23 branches and divisions at campus locations in Vancouver and Kelowna.

The Library's collections include 6 million books, 5.3 million microforms, in excess of 97,000 print and electronic journal and serial subscriptions, a rapidly growing digital collection of 430,000 (pages, images), 520,000 e-books, and over 833,000 maps, audio, video and graphic materials.

Specialized branches include the I.K. Barber Learning Centre, home to Science and Engineering, Art + Architecture + Planning, Rare Books and Special Collections, University Archives, The Chung Collection and The Chapman Learning Commons, in addition to Canada's first Automated Storage Retrieval System (ASRS). The Walter C. Koerner Library houses collections in the humanities and social sciences, Woodward Library is home to the largest biomedical collection in western Canada, and the Asian Library offers books and journals in Asian languages.

UBC Library is also a depository library for publications of the governments of BC, Canada, and the United Nations. Its collections of rare and unique books and archival materials support researchers from around the world.

## Information Technology Instruction: *Information Connections*

The Information Connections program provides instruction on using an increasing variety of electronic information sources.

Classes cover the essentials of searching the Library catalogue, finding information on the World Wide Web, and more.

Alumni are welcome to attend many of the *Information Connections* training sessions. Most sessions are drop-in. Pre-registration is not required. Attendance at some subject-specific sessions may be limited to students and faculty.

A schedule of current sessions is available in the Library and on the Library Website at [www.library.ubc.ca/home/instruct/welcome.html](http://www.library.ubc.ca/home/instruct/welcome.html)

Classes for groups of alumni can be arranged, for a fee. For further information contact the UBC Alumni Association (604.822.9629).

### For more information contact:

#### UBC Library

Information & hours

phone: 604.822.6375

email: [www.library.ubc.ca/home/forms/query-form.html](http://www.library.ubc.ca/home/forms/query-form.html)

Alumni Library cards  
& borrowing privileges

phone: 604.822.3869

UBC Library Website

[www.library.ubc.ca](http://www.library.ubc.ca)

#### UBC Alumni Affairs

"A Cards", Alumni Services

phone: 604.822.3313; 604-822-9629

email: [alumni.association@ubc.ca](mailto:alumni.association@ubc.ca)

toll free: 1.800.883.3088

web: [www.alumni.ubc.ca](http://www.alumni.ubc.ca)