VETERINARY LIBRARIES
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INTRODUCTION
The Veterinary Libraries have had a busy year. After Anne Kennett’s retiral at the end of September 2001
the Veterinary Libraries came under the responsibility of Irene McGowan, the Faculty Group Librarian for
Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Libraries have received much support from Irene and
colleagues in the Medical Libraries, assisting the smooth transition to the new library structure.

The staff worked hard to achieve various goals over the year. Eileen Burdekin and Doreen Graham
completed the reorganisation of the bookstock at Summerhall Library, allowing for the installation of the
successful book security system (Reserve book losses have dropped from £2500-£3000 per year to c£150).
Daphne Fiddes and Meg Grozier added Summerhall journal barcodes to Voyager, allowing online journal
issue to commence in October 2001, in line with the Medical Libraries.

Wilma Robertson and Dorie Wilkie added the barcodes of current journals at CTVM and EBVC Libraries to
Voyager. Wilma and Dorie ensured EBVC journal holdings details on Voyager were correct and updated
c150 holdings records. At EBVC Library a new service desk was installed and the library layout was
completely redesigned. CTVM and EBVC Libraries began online issue for all stock in April 2002.

The new Veterinary Nursing courses began in October 2001. There were 18 students on the four-year BSc
course and 20 on the one-year credit course. The total number of students will obviously increase each year
as new BSc students begin the course and library usage will increase.

Eileen Burdekin and Fiona Brown redesigned the Veterinary Medicine Subject pages for Library Online,
and Greig Christie undertook the work to load the amended pages onto Library Online.

In December 2001 the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) visited the Veterinary Faculty.
They toured the libraries, and Irene McGowan and Fiona Brown participated in their Teaching and Quality
Assurance Meeting. The Veterinary Faculty achieved AVMA accreditation, with the collection of African
Annual reports at CTVM Library being praised in AVMA’s accreditation documentation.

It has been a busy year for all members of staff, with restructuring, new members of staff, reorganisation of
accommodation and new tasks being undertaken.

FINANCE/EXPENDITURE

Income (recurrent) £124706.00

Expenditure
Books 10585.00
Journals 104186.00
BLDSC 2394.00
Databases & electronic resources 7679.00
Total £124,844.00
Overspend £138.00

READER SERVICES
• Timetabled microlab teaching sessions for First and Second Year students continued.
• A half day timetabled session was given by Eileen Burdekin and Fiona Brown for CTVM postgraduates.
• Fiona Brown and Marshall Dozier (Liaison Librarian, Medicine) held database training sessions for staff
  in Faculty Group 3. These sessions were held in the Wolfson Suite, EUML, the microlab at Summerhall
  and the microlab in the Hospital for Small Animals, EBVC.
• Fiona Brown and Marshall Dozier held information skills sessions for FG3 postgraduates in November
  and June. This formed part of the Transferable Skills Programme.
• Drop-in information clinics were introduced at Summerhall and EBVC.
• Inter-library loan processing for the three Veterinary Libraries was centralised at Summerhall. When Doreen Graham is on leave Wilma Robertson at CTVM Library processes all requests.
• Inter-library loan applications by readers increased by 8% for the three Veterinary Libraries.
• Online issue was introduced at CTVM and EBVC Libraries on 18th March 2002.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES
• Re-classification to the Library of Congress scheme was completed for all current lending stock in Summerhall and is ongoing for the A/V collection and store material.
• Re-classification to the Library of Congress scheme was completed at EBVC Library.
• Re-classification to Library of Congress is ongoing for CTVM Library stock.
• 17 journals were cancelled at the end of 2001, saving £11,421 at 2000-1 prices.
• With the re-instatement of journal barcodes Summerhall journals were issued on line from October. Approximately 80% of journal volumes have been added to Voyager, with all current titles added.
• All current title journal barcodes for CTVM and EBVC Libraries have been added to Voyager. CTVM is 70% complete and EBVC is 75% complete (all the open access journal barcodes have been added with the store stock ongoing).
• EBVC Library Store journals holdings were checked on Voyager, and 150 holdings records on Voyager were corrected.
• CTVM Reserve material has been integrated with EBVC Reserve, giving one Reserve collection for the libraries at the EBVC site.
• The new book security has reduced the Reserve stock losses at Summerhall – previously c£2500-£3000 of stock was lost annually, but after the recent Reserve stock check only 3 items were missing, at a cost of c£150.
• EBVC Library has no book security system and continues to lose a large amount of stock each year.
• Book orders decreased by 67%, because of funding cuts the book fund was cut by 61%, from £27,150 to £10,585.
• Mansoor Al-Shabibi, a work placement student in the Medical Libraries, produced measurements for each journal title held at CTVM and EBVC Libraries, with an average ‘year measurement’ – this will help with space planning in the new library.

ACCOMMODATION
• EBVC Library layout was redesigned prior to the introduction of online issue. The book section door was changed to emergency access only, and the office door removed, allowing through access of the entire library. A service desk was installed. The Reserve section was moved next to the service desk and the photocopier, reference journals and authenticated pc were moved to the old office area. Unfortunately, moving the shelving and installing the service desk resulted in EBVC Library losing 13 seats, 33% of its seating capacity. There are seats available in the Faculty Reading Rooms, opposite the library.
• CTVM Library had heating problems and new radiators were installed over Easter. The emergency exit doors were also replaced.
• Summerhall Library stock was rearranged to accommodate the new book security system.
• Estates and Buildings are conducting a feasibility study of Faculty needs at EBVC site, and will draw up plans for a new Library and IT facility. Irene McGowan, Ian Mowat and Fiona Brown are participating in this.

EQUIPMENT
• A book security became operational in October 2001 at Summerhall Library.
• Summerhall Library received a scanner, allowing document delivery by Ariel.
• CTVM and EBVC Libraries received new photocopiers.
• CTVM and EBVC Libraries received new flat screen monitors.
• The Voyager self-check module was installed on the pc at CTVM Library.
• Dorie Wilkie received a new desk on health and safety grounds, this became part of the new service desk at EBVC Library.
ACHIEVEMENTS
• Online issue was introduced at CTVM and EBVC Libraries on March 18th 2002. Staff worked hard to ensure inconvenience to readers was kept to a minimum and EBVC Library was only closed for three days during the Easter vacation.
• Staffing cover at CTVM and EBVC Libraries was changed – Wilma Robertson covers Dorie Wilkie’s lunch breaks. This ensures that, as far as possible, EBVC Library is not open unstaffed during term-time.
• Preliminary discussions took place re adding information skills material to EEvE, in line with Marshall Dozier’s developments on EEMeC. Marshall’s tutorials will be adapted for EEVeC.
• Irene McGowan and Fiona Brown participated in the ‘Teaching and Quality Assurance Meeting’ during the American Veterinary Medical Association’s (AVMA) accreditation visit to the Veterinary Faculty.
• Following their tour of the Veterinary Libraries during their accreditation visit, the AVMA team praised CTVM Library’s collection, in particular the African annual reports.
• The Veterinary Libraries hosted and arranged a training day led by the Animal Health Information Specialists.
• The Veterinary Libraries organised a BIOME training session, attended by EUL staff.
• Maureen McGovern and Heather Worlledge-Andrew from the James Herriot Library at Glasgow University’s Veterinary Faculty visited the Veterinary Libraries. They are keen to collaborate and share information on developments in user education.

AIMS
• Database tutorials will be added to EEVeC, based on those on EEMeC.
• First years will receive two information skills sessions, an introductory one in first term and a more detailed one in second term. This is a result of user feedback and has been approved by the Faculty’s Teaching and Curriculum Committee.
• The drop-in information clinics will be promoted and days and times changed, if appropriate.
• The three store collections on Summerhall Library’s Mezzanine will be integrated, weeded, reclassified and retro-catalogued (as appropriate) [this has already begun].
• The journals holdings will be checked to ensure that the shelf holdings, opac information and SALSER information match [already begun].
• The CTVM Library bookstock will be weeded [already begun].
• Reclassification of Summerhall Library stock will be completed.
• Summerhall Library’s Annual Report collection will be checked and any titles not on the catalogue and/or serials check-in will be added.
• User education at EBVC site will be developed, although this will be difficult as the teaching microlab is not of a high quality.
• Targeted user education for teaching, research and clinical staff will be developed.
• Pre-1984 PhD theses will be catalogued online.
• The loan period of all Veterinary Nursing course books will be changed from one week to standard loan.
• Library staff will regularly meet representatives of the Veterinary Students Council to discuss library services and developments [in process].

STAFF LIST
Fiona Brown Veterinary Liaison Librarian
Eileen Burdekin Senior Library Assistant
Daphne Fiddes Evening and weekend, Summerhall
Doreen Graham Library Assistant, Summerhall
Meg Grozier Evening and weekend, Summerhall
Wilma Robertson Library assistant, CTVM
Dorie Wilkie Library assistant, EBVC

STAFF CHANGES
• Anne Kennett retired on September 30th 2001 and Fiona Brown was appointed Veterinary Liaison Librarian.
• Wilma Robertson, previously at Darwin Library, was appointed to the CTVM Library post.
Appendix

Veterinary Libraries representation on non UoE Committees/Conference attendance
• Fiona Brown was returned as secretary to the Animal Health Information Specialists UK & Ireland Group for a second term.
• Fiona is second author (Marshal Dozier is first author) on a paper accepted for the 8th European Conference for Medical and Health Libraries, to be held in Cologne in September 2002.
• Fiona has been asked to Chair the Veterinary Parallel session of the above conference.
• Fiona received the Linda Warden Memorial Award, covering the conference fee for the above.
• Fiona Brown was asked to be the UK representative on the Scientific Organising Committee for the 4th International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists, to be held in Budapest in August 2003.
• In June 2002 Fiona was awarded the Institute of Leadership and Management’s ‘Introductory Certificate in Management’.

Veterinary Libraries representation on Veterinary Faculty Committees
• Veterinary Faculty Committee (FB)
• Board of Studies (FB)
• Teaching and Curriculum (FB)
• Educational Methods (FB)
• Student Affairs (FB)
• EBVC Site and Safety (FB)
• Summerhall Fire Safety (MOBUG) (EB)

Veterinary Libraries representation on EUL Committees
• Eileen Burdekin represented the Veterinary Libraries on the EUL Health and Safety Committee, Lending Services Group and the Service Targets and Statistics Working Group.
• Doreen Graham represented the Veterinary Libraries on the CIRC Development Group and the Inter-Library Loans Group.

Fiona Brown, 9th August 2002