

Bibliophile

The Newsletter of the
Royal Ontario Museum Libraries

Library hours for ROM staff

Monday
9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.



Tuesday
9 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.



Wednesday & Friday
9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.



Always ready to serve
we are only
a call or email away!

Library Staff:

Arthur Smith, Librarian &
Acting Head
5596

Jack Howard, Librarian,
5718 ext. 2

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Technician
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Technician
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Life in the ROM Libraries

The ROM Libraries have had a busy academic year, due in large part to the number of curatorial staff who have been teaching this past year. We have had a number of overseas researchers here for extensive periods as well.



① Sackler Reading Room,
ROM Main Library

The Libraries continued to play an active role in ROM programming, including presentations for the **Royal Patron Circle**, the **Bishop White Committee** and **Friends of the Canadiana Collections**. ROMLife classes were offered by **Arthur** over four weeks in February featuring treasures from the Rare Book Collections. The Library will be co-

sponsoring a ROMLife programme in November which will feature selections from the R.S. Williams music score collection to coincide with the Italian design exhibition.

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Special Library Acquisitions

ROM Governors Library Acquisitions Fund
While the Library acquisitions budget is intended to cover the cost of most book and journal acquisitions, occasionally there are requests for titles priced in excess of \$500. For these titles we are able to make application to the ROM Governors for special funding. Curators are encouraged to contact **Arthur** or **Jack** if they need any titles that meet the \$500 minimum limit. Purchases may be for either the general or special collections.



② ROM Staff 1914

Electronic Resources

Access to the University of Toronto Libraries (UTL) electronic resources is available through the INTERNET for researchers with a valid UTL card. If you require a card, contact **Champa** for a letter of authorization, which you can take to Robarts Library to obtain the special photo card. The Sackler Reading Room and Far Eastern Library computers have access to the electronic resources, and library staff is available to offer assistance.



“New book suggestions are welcome”

Book Acquisitions

The book acquisitions budget was expended by mid-February. Book suggestions from curatorial staff had to be placed on hold until new funds became available on April 1st. **Champa** has been filling the back orders from February and March, and new book suggestions are welcome.

For curatorial staff who will be teaching in the next academic year, please try to get your book requests to the Library by the end of July. (For course materials on East Asian subjects, contact **Jack** or **Kangmei**.) Course reserves may be placed in either the Sackler Reading Room or the Far Eastern Library, depending on the subject matter.



③The Far Eastern Library Reading Room

Staffing

Jennifer Donovan, our student assistant, completed her first term with us at the end of April. She will be returning to the ROM in September for a second term.

Library Exchanges

Our exchange programme with our national and international partners continues to be an active source for new acquisitions. The copies we distribute are financed by the Louise Hawley Stone Trust, and revenues from our Inter-Library Loans cover the significant postage costs. We have just completed a major mailing of “*High Style*”, “*Deco Lalique*” and “*Korea around the 1900 : the paintings of Gisan*”, the exhibition catalogue for the current exhibition in the Levy Gallery. Numbers 1 and 2 in the “*Contribution in Science*” series were distributed earlier in the year.

Have a new Museum publication exchange partner in mind?

Suggestions for exchange partnerships are welcome, and should be made to **Arthur** or **Jack**.

New Location Codes

Earlier this year we arranged with UTL to establish two new location codes, which will appear in the online catalogue; one for the Egyptian books and the other for the West Asian books. These titles must be retrieved through the service desk in the Far Eastern Library.



④ Far Eastern Library 1937

Forms for Book Suggestions and Inter-Library Loan

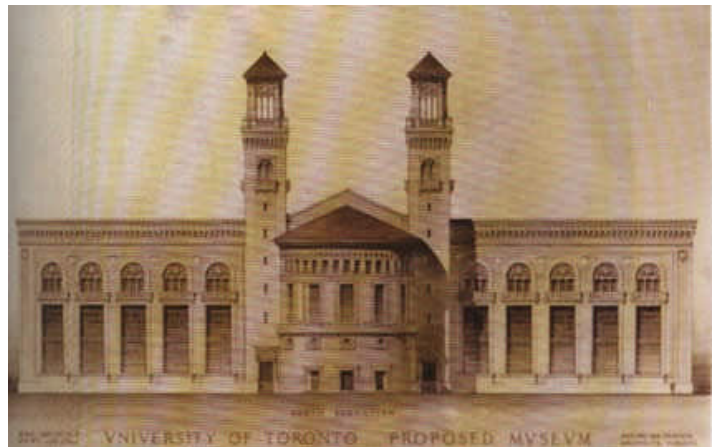
When the ROM's Intranet was upgraded earlier this year, there were a few problems in accessing the new forms. An up-to-date version of **Internet Explorer**, rather than Netscape, is required to access the forms. If you still encounter problems, it may be due to your "Cache". Once you empty the cache (under Internet Options), you should be able to access both forms.

A New Publication...

Museum Studies professor Lynne Teather has published:

"The Royal Ontario Museum: a Prehistory, 1830-1914"

Covering the history of the ROM's collections prior to 1914, Teather's book amalgamates many of the sources found in the ROM and UofT Archives. [AM101 .T67 T42 2005]



⑤ Early design by architects Frank Darling and John Pearson, circa 1912. From *The Royal Ontario Museum: a Prehistory, 1830-1914*



⑥ ROM 1914

"Last but not least"

Concise Oxford English Dictionary

The Library has *three* surplus copies of the 1976 edition of the Concise Oxford English Dictionary, available for the asking. Contact the Main Library.