

A – Z COLLECTION REORGANIZATION AND STUDY SPACE CREATION KILLAM LIBRARY Spring-Summer 2007

Two years ago the Library announced the acquisition of offsite storage space to house journal collections that are duplicated and made available in digital form. Since that time journal collections have continued to be moved to this space as appropriate and with little or no inconvenience to users.

The main purpose of these moves has been to create space for study and new collections in library facilities that have outgrown their design capacity (e.g., the Killam Library was designed with an expected enrollment of 8,000 students). Our surveys have shown clearly that there is a great demand for increased study space of various kinds including Commons space, a situation that has only been exacerbated with the failure of the recent referendum to create additional student common spaces.

Since the spaces that have been cleared through these moves are, by the very nature of the Killam Library's classification system, not contiguous, there is a need to consolidate the collection to create appropriate study spaces. This in turn will also provide the opportunity to put the whole collection in proper call number order. Since the very first days of the Killam the problem of inconsistent collection sequencing has produced many confused readers and consumed a considerable amount of staff time over the years.

In the next 15 weeks beginning April 24th, the Library will therefore be consolidating all the book and periodical collections onto floors 3 and 4 and part of floor 2. The collection will begin with the A's in the southeast corner of the 4th floor and proceed in clockwise call number order down to the northeast corner of the 3rd floor, with a small portion being located in the northeast corner of the 2nd floor (viz., the Z's).

The south side of the second floor will house government publications and oversize books and continue to house the maps collection. A major portion of the north side of the second floor will be converted into much needed study space of various kinds.

In total, approximately 4,500 sq. ft. of study space will be liberated, and collection accessibility will be enhanced through a reduction in the number of separate isolated collections that now exist, and a consistent call number sequence.

Throughout the move, materials will remain accessible to users who will be advised on changes in collection locations on an ongoing basis through appropriate media, including a continuously updated collection move information blog on the Library's website.

Any questions concerning location of, or access to, materials should be directed to the Killam Circulation staff. Other questions or concerns related to the move can be made directly to me.