



Naming and Reclaiming Projects

Indigenous Subject Headings

We are celebrating the return of over 11,000 First Nations House of Learning Subject Headings. This is a significant improvement to subject retrieval and access to Xwi7xwa materials in the UBC Library catalogue <www.library.ubc.ca>. It facilitates student research, surfaces Indigenous scholarship and supports the library's reference services. You can now search for subjects such as ~

Indigenous research methodology *Nuu-chah-nulth - Fisheries*
First Nations - Residential schools - Healing *First Nations - Bill C-31*

What's the Story?

In May 2004 the FNHL Subject Headings originally developed by Gene Joseph, Xwi7xwa founding librarian, were lost due to a system migration to the Endeavor catalogue. It took 5 years to find a way to repatriate these headings.

Three intrepid data entry clerks worked for almost 700 hours to complete the bulk of the data transfer and the parsing of the FNHL subject headings this winter. The headings are now compliant with next-generation library catalogues that display search results faceted by place, time, genre/format and subtopic. Some of the new catalogue software also offers visual displays like the Māori example in the sidebar. Look for a new UBC Library Catalogue in the Fall 2009!

The Wellington City Libraries / Te Matapihi Ki Te Ao Nui in New Zealand is an example of a next-generation catalogue that uses terms from the Māori Thesaurus. Check it out at <<http://www.wcl.govt.nz/easyfind/>>.



Māori Thesaurus Subject Headings

The First Nations House of Learning Thesaurus

The UBC Library Cataloguing Division and the Xwi7xwa Library successfully applied to the United States Library of Congress MARC Standards Office to authorize the development of a new Indigenous Thesaurus, the First Nations House of Learning Thesaurus. This internationally recognized Indigenous Thesaurus will be one of the first of its kind in North America and will be available to the public. The first step, the subject headings data transfer, was completed this year. We begin project planning and seeking partners for the *First Nations House of Learning Thesaurus* in early 2010.

Figures and Trends for 2008

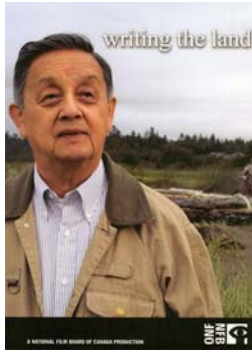
Trends for the past year show that the use of Xwi7xwa reference services continues to increase, as well as, the traffic in the library.

	2007	2008	% Increase
Reference Questions	1524	1679	10
Directional Questions	733	968	32
Total	2257	2647	17
Tours	42	39	
Tour Attendance	392	559	43
No. of entries to the library	11,984	13,328	11

Indigenous Film and Filmmakers

Poetics to Politics

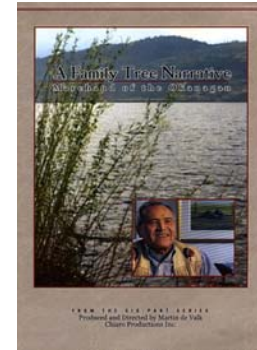
Xwi7xwa’s unique media collection continues to grow. There are new arrivals by BC filmmakers Dorothy Christian, Dana Claxton, Jeff Bear and Marianne Jones (Urban Rez Productions). We have documentaries by Nitanis Desjarlais ~ *Native Youth Movement (Secwepemc Chapter) Roadblock* and Charles Menzies (UBC Ethnographic Film Unit) ~ *Returning to Gitxaala* and *Oona River: Between Forest and Sea*. Films on BC topics include *Writing the Land* with Elder Larry Grant, Musqueam First Nation, *The Lynching of Louie Sam* and *UnNatural and Accidental* and the ever popular animated series *Raven Tales* “chronicles the wild and wacky adventures of Raven”.



Burton, Kevin, director
Writing the Land
Montreal: NFB. 2007



Menzies, Charles, producer
Returning to Gitxaala
Vancouver: UBC. 2005



De Valk, Martin, director
Marchand of the Okanagan
Victoria: Chiaro Prod. 2005

How to List New Materials at the Xwi7xwa Library

<p>New Materials and Resources at UBC Library Browse recent library acquisitions</p> <p>Restrict to subject: <input type="radio"/> All subjects <input type="button" value="Go"/> <input type="button" value="Reset All"/></p> <p>Call number range(s): <input type="text"/> e.g. B,DE-DX,PN 0800-PN 6000</p> <p>Sort by: <input type="text" value="Call Number"/></p> <p>More Options</p> <p>Branch: <input type="text" value="Xwi7xwa Library"/></p> <p>Format: <input type="text" value="Any format"/></p> <p>Language: <input type="text" value="Any format"/></p> <p>Show <input type="text" value=""/></p> <p>Search in last <input type="text" value=""/></p> <p>Help/FAQ • New Indexes and Databases • Trial Resources</p>	<p>From the UBC Library website <www.library.ubc.ca></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Click “New Materials and Resources” (on the left, under the pale blue “Find” column) * Select “Xwi7xwa” in the “Branch” drop down menu * Select the format you’re interested in (books, DVDs, etc.) from the “Format” drop down menu * Press the “Go” button
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120 new DVDs were added to the collection this year. Check it out!

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June 2009 Update also available at: www.library.ubc.ca/xwi7xwa/XwiUpJune2009.pdf



Thanks & farewell to Peter Ward, University Librarian pro-tem

