**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 Xwí7xwa 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, Xwí7xwa 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/>.

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**The First Nations House of Learning Thesaurus**

The UBC Library Cataloguing Division and the Xwí7xwa 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 Xwí7xwa reference services continues to increase, as well as, the traffic in the library.

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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

From the UBC Library website <www.library.ubc.ca>

* 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

120 new DVDs were added to the collection this year. Check it out!

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Thanks & farewell to Peter Ward, University Librarian pro tem