In the stacks...
Updates from the Library and Archives

A LOOK INTO THE ARCHIVES...

These photos document the Library and Archives prepared for its hibernation during quarantine. Materials are covered as additional protection in case of leaks, flooding or other events.

NOTICES

- A new display at the entrance to the library as gone up!
- The Library and Archives is planning to launch a social media campaign! Feel free to let us know any of your favourite items in the library to share online!
- Soon, more transcribed minutes from early years of UBCIC Chiefs Councils and Special General Assemblies (1971-1973) will be available. During these years, Chiefs Council sometimes was a smaller group of Chiefs who meet more frequently, even monthly!

What is the Library and Archives is up to while working remotely...
- Creating a new database to track responses to COVID19 amongst First Nations communities & organizations
- Transcribing old meeting and event tapes, bringing to the surface audio recordings from open reel and cassette
- Connecting with other information professionals about how we’re taking care of ourselves & patrons and digital strategies
- Donating Personal Protective Equipment to Urban Native Youth Association!
Environmental Monitoring

- Year round, we regularly monitor the environmental conditions of the collections. We do this to fulfill our responsibility to preserve and protect the history of UBCIC and our resources. This is one of the keep responsibilities of the Library and Archives, keeping materials safe so those in the future can access them!
  - The pests traps you see around the space are part of this program!
  - We also monitor the light levels, temperature, humidity of the L&A spaces. We work to keep an eye on conditions that may cause materials to degrade or rot sooner. Different materials have different environmental needs – this is why records like photographs and A/V are kept in cold storage.
  - Now that we are working remotely, our monitor set up has been upgraded so we can continue this work from afar!

On the right is the new dashboard for the remote temperature and humidity monitor. On the next page, is our environmental monitoring database.

While we’re remote:

The Library & Archives continues to be here to support the Union’s work during this challenging time – We are looking for ideas about how to be of service to you!

In addition, we continue to be available for research support and reference questions.
Above, a sample from the Library and Archives’ environmental monitoring database.

Left, the new display in the Library, including UBCIC publications, UBCIC newsletter clippings, the canister from a UBCIC produced film, and pins. It also includes a sampling of beadwork made by UBCIC staff – a future project for current staff, perhaps?
A Look Back…

As we practice physical distancing and take care of one another during this time, we wanted to share powerful photos of gathering together, as a memory of nice moments. UBCIC used to host an annual Salmon Bake. These particular photographs are from the 1978 edition.