

New name and new ventures

The Atmospheric Environment Service Information Resource Centre is now the Environment Canada Library, Downsview, Ontario. The library will continue to serve the staff of the Atmospheric Environment Service and welcomes its new clients, the staff of Environment Canada, Ontario Region!

To continue being the major information source for scientists, meteorolo-

gists, informatics specialists, senior managers and every person who works for AES or Ontario Region, the library has adopted a more business-like approach and embarked on new ventures.

Budget cuts and freezes have been accepted and managed by the library, while journal costs increased by 27 percent in one year alone! Online costs have gone up; as well, the ex-

change on the U.S. dollar has not been favourable.

Like other libraries, the library at Downsview is now charging for some of its services, such as interlibrary loans, online searches, and a new service which notifies clients of current journal articles and reports in specific subject areas.

The library at Downsview is also offering associate memberships to consultants and other outside clients in return for additional services. Partnerships with other librarians are another cost-effective approach to service.

The library staff is always pleased to help! From the extensive collection--books, reports, journals, observational data from around the world, archives, the WMO collection, maps, atlases, fiche, CD-ROM and newspapers--staff will find the information you need and deliver it in the format you want: e-mail, internal mail, diskette, DOTS, Teamlinks or Internet.

Maria Latyszewsky



Seated (from left to right): Roberta McCarthy, Reference Librarian; Maria Latyszewsky, Head of Operations; Sheila Osborne, Acquisitions Supervisor. Standing: Mary Bozickovic, Acquisitions Assistant; Denise Milberg, Cataloguing Librarian; Riad Rahal, interlibrary loans and circulation.

FAST FACTS

* THIRTY MILLION PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED TO INTERNET IN OVER 50 COUNTRIES (900,000 USERS IN CANADA). HOST COMPUTERS AND THE VOLUME OF INFORMATION ARE DOUBLING EVERY SIX MONTHS.

* THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE INTERNET USER IS 23.

* ACCORDING TO STATISTICS CANADA, ABOUT ONE-QUARTER OF CANADIAN HOUSEHOLDS ALREADY HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSONAL COMPUTER, AND MANY MORE CANADIANS HAVE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS, AND TO INTERNET, AT SCHOOL AND AT WORK.

STAY CURRENT WITH CUSTOM JOURNAL INDEX

Exhausted with trying to keep up with the current journals? No time to scan every issue? Looking for an easy way to stay well-informed on hot trends in research?

The Downsview library offers a service tailor-made for people just like you. We have a software package called "Current Contents on Diskette" (CCOD), which contains the tables of contents of major journals in the fields of physics, chemistry, earth sciences, agriculture, biology, environmental science,

engineering, technology and applied science.

Using this package, we provide you with custom bibliographies of your research interests. A profile of your interests is created and loaded onto our computer. Every two weeks your profile is matched against the recent issues of CCOD and a bibliography is produced. This bibliography is then sent to you via e-mail or internal mail.

This service saves you time and money while the nominal subscription fees help the library maintain services.

