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"I love this library they don't only have books they had seeds for gardens. I thought that was so unique and I have beautiful vegetables growing thanks to the library and the staff are very helpful and friendly...."

"I have very much appreciated the ability to access journal articles and difficult to find reference books through EMR library."

"The library does a really great job. In addition to keeping all the relevant scientific literature, the library staff makes it a warm and inviting place to be by hosting events, offering general interest items, and taking an inclusive view toward coffee."

"I think the place is a little treasure trove."

"This library and its staff are a priceless resource. Cut anywhere except here. Add here. It's worth it."

"Just discovered EMR Library & am thrilled to find 20-year old reports needed."

"I always have a wonderful and pleasant experience when I come here. I found what I needed fast and easily. The librarian was really helpful and nice. I'm so glad the EMR Library exists!"

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Energy, Mines and Resources Library (EMR Library) provides research and information services in the areas of geology, mining, oil & gas, energy, forestry, land planning and management, agriculture, the environment, and other Yukon topics. The library is open to the public and serves a wide variety of clientele including federal and territorial government employees, prospectors and geologists, environmental consultants, farmers, gardeners, hikers, hunters and historians.

Services

- Reference and research
- Interlibrary loans and document delivery
- Training and orientation tours
- Circulation of library materials
- Administration of library software and electronic resources for other YG departments

Major projects

- **LIBRARY CATALOGUE UPGRADE**
In 2010 the library purchased an upgraded interface for our Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC). The new interface, called Chamo, is the latest OPAC platform offered for Virtua.
- **DONATION OF CHAMBER OF MINES LIBRARY**
In 2011 the Chamber's membership passed a motion to donate their collection to the EMR Library, with the intent that it would be made more accessible to the community at large and better preserved over the long term.
- **CONSOLIDATION OF MINING ASSESSMENT REPORTS FROM MINING RECORDER DISTRICT OFFICES**
Mining Assessment Reports are now archived at the EMR Library instead of the Mining Recorder district offices. A project was undertaken by the library to reconcile all of the original reports previously housed at the district offices with the copies stored at the library and their scanned versions.
- **DIGITIZATION OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION**
The library is in the process of digitizing its collection of aerial photographs. Photographs are scanned by Queen's Printer and the resulting digital images are made available through the [SkyLine](#) online map viewer.
- **SEED LIBRARY**
The EMR Library started a seed library in 2015, allowing members to borrow seeds in addition to traditional library materials.

- **LIBRARY CLIENT SURVEY**
An online client survey was conducted in 2015 to collect data in order to help improve library space and services.
- **ADOPTION OF COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT LIBRARY**
When the Department of Environment decided to close their reference library the EMR Library was approached to take on the library's collection and the provision of library services to Environment staff.

Trends

- Steady movement towards increased online delivery of services and products:
 - reference services are evolving from primarily "in person" to telephone and e-mail
 - online delivery of material such as the aerial photographs and Mining Assessment Reports
- But there are more reasons than ever for clients to visit the library:
 - The Seed Library has brought in a new clientele and increased use of our farming and gardening materials
 - We are striving to provide a comfortable, relaxing space and encouraging staff to think of us as "EMR's living room"
 - Non-traditional events such as the book sale to benefit the Whitehorse Food Bank bring in new clientele and make a positive contribution to the community
- Library staff are our most important resource:
 - To quote Neil Gaiman, "In a world where Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one." As more information and resources become available online, library staff play an important role in guiding clients to the information they need and helping them navigate complex applications like EMR's map viewers.

"I enjoy the events that take place at the library, may they be for wellness or seed organization. I see the EMR library as a neutral ground for all of EMR branches."

"Thanks for being the folks that always know where to find everything."

EMR LIBRARY HISTORY AND PAST ACTIVITIES

For a detailed history of the EMR Library and information on previous activities and accomplishments, please see [Yukon Energy, Mines and Resources Library Activity Report: 2002 to 2009](#).



“As I curiously stumbled into the library I was met by a very helpful staff who exceeded my expectations in their resources & knowledge of the area.”

EMR LIBRARY SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Services for EMR Library Clients

Reference: Library staff provide expert research assistance to library clients (in-person, by telephone, and electronically).

Training: Library staff train clients to effectively use local and online information resources.

Orientation tours: Library staff provide customized tours of the EMR Library to: EMR staff, public clients (consultants, prospectors, visiting researchers, etc.), Yukon Chamber of Mines courses, and classes (i.e. Yukon College and schools).

Circulation: Most material may be borrowed by library clients.

Interlibrary Loans: Library staff procure books, reports and copies of journal articles that the EMR Library does not own for library clients (EMR staff, prospectors, consultants, other departmental staff, etc.) from libraries in Canada and around the world.

Services for other Yukon Libraries

Management of the ILS, and training for other Government of Yukon departmental libraries (on a cost recovery basis):

- Yukon Public Law Library
- HPW-Transportation Branch Aerial Photograph Library

Provision of ILS, cataloguing, reference, interlibrary loan, and circulation services for:

- Environment Yukon

Resources and Subject Coverage

The Library houses a vast collection of research material related to forestry, mining, geology, land use, agriculture, oil and gas, energy, the environment and First Nations. In addition, the library collects Yukon materials in all subject areas.

These resources include:

- monographs
- journals
- online research databases
- maps (topographic, geologic, land use, etc.)
- aerial photographs
- mining assessment reports
- seed library

Other Ongoing Activities

Donations of material

As the EMR Library is recognized as a vital repository for Yukon research material, it regularly receives significant donations of books, reports, aerial photographs, maps, and theses from EMR staff, other libraries, visiting researchers, and the Yukon public. These donations often include rare and unique documents that considerably enhance the EMR Library's collection and broaden the range of research material available to library clients. In recent years large donations have been received from the Parks Canada office in Haines Junction and the Wildlife Management Advisory Council for the Yukon's North Slope.

Marketing and outreach

In order to increase public and departmental awareness of the valuable resources and services provided by the library, the EMR Library undertakes a variety of outreach activities:

- The library holds an annual Open House each October which is advertised online and in local newspapers
- Library tours are provided to all new EMR staff and to the public on request
- Library staff regularly contribute articles featuring useful information resources to the Department's weekly e-mail newsletter, Week In Review
- The library's "New Books" e-mail newsletter regularly provides EMR staff with a list of new library resources (databases, electronic newsletters, journals, and books)
- The library has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/emrlibrary which is regularly updated to promote library events, resources and services

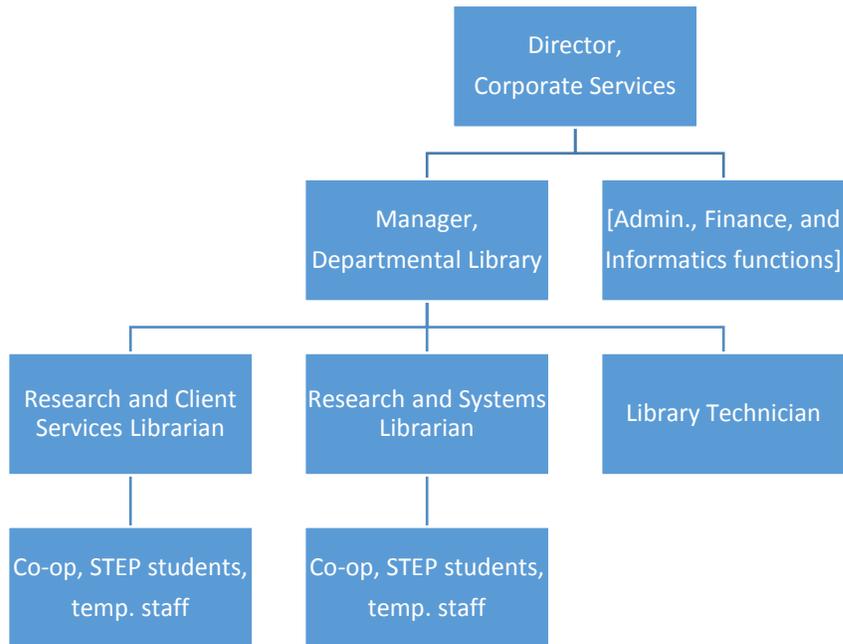


Librarian Margaret Donnelly gives a tour to EMR Communications staff.

STATISTICS

Staff

- Total: 3.6 FTE
 - 2.6 FTE: 3 Librarians (with Master of Library and Information Science/MLIS degrees)
 - 1 FTE Library Technician (with Library Technician diploma)
 - The EMR Library occasionally hires co-op librarians (MLIS students) and/or STEP students (the Yukon Department of Education’s Student Training and Employment Program)
 - The EMR Library hires temporary library assistants and auxiliary-on-call librarians to work on special projects or to cover extended staff absences



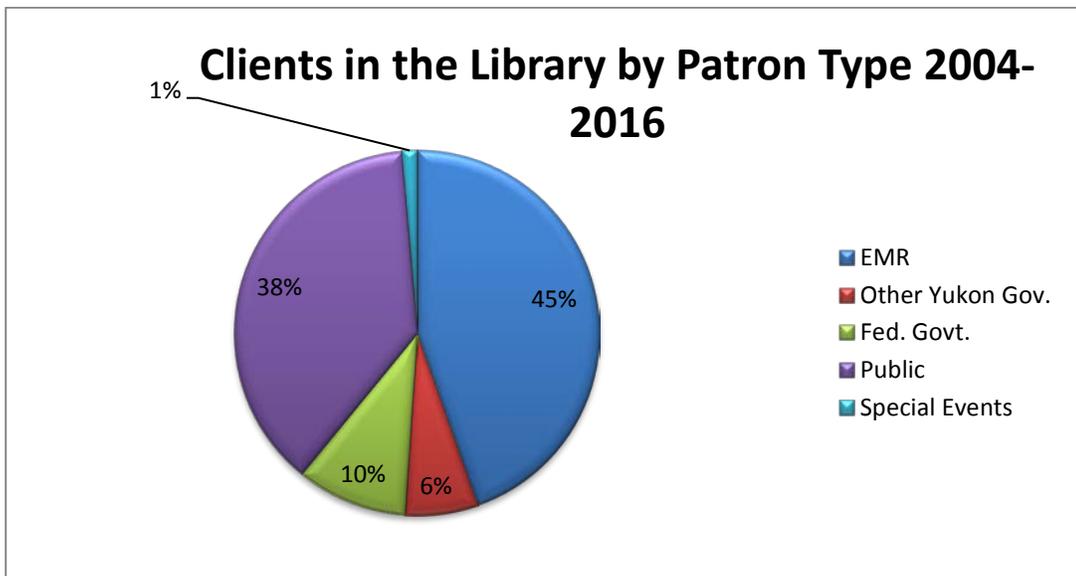
“I find the staff at the EMR library particularly knowledgeable and eager to help. These people make the library a terrific place to visit and to go looking for information!”

Clients

Client Groups

The EMR Library serves a broad range of clients. Clients include:

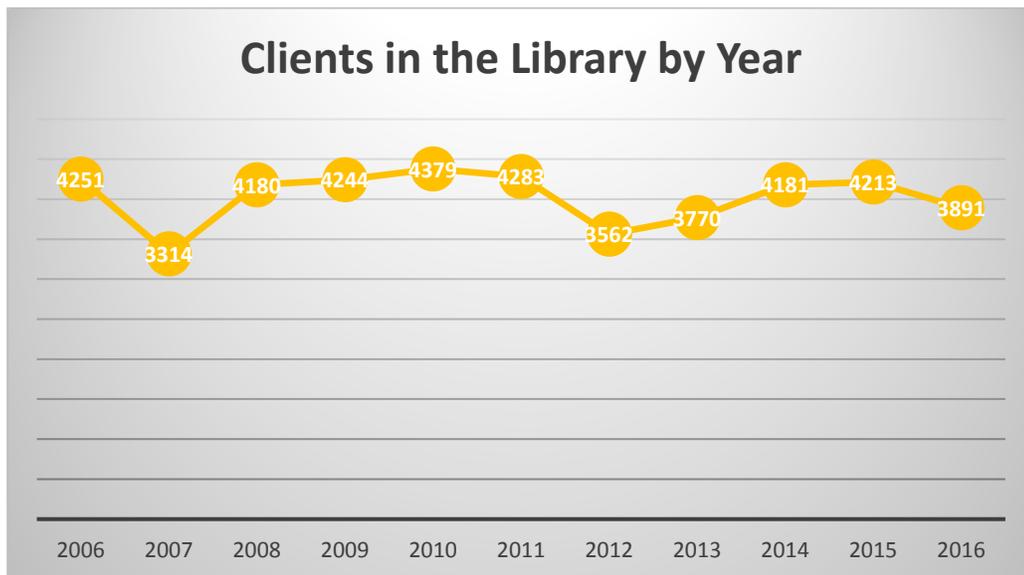
- EMR Staff
 - Scientists (geologists, foresters, agrologists, etc.)
 - Policy analysts, legislative advisors, and planners
 - Front-line staff (Mining Recorders, Mining Lands Officers, Natural Resources Officers, etc.)
 - Corporate support staff (HR, Administration, Informatics, GIS Analysts, Administrative Assistants, etc.)
- Other Government of Yukon staff (Environment, Economic Development, H&SS, etc.)
- Federal Government staff (from a variety of Federal Departments)
- Public
 - Mineral prospectors and geologists
 - Farmers and gardeners
 - Environmental and engineering consultants
 - First Nations
 - Boards and Councils (YESAB; Renewable Resource Councils; etc.)
 - Non-Government Organizations (NGOs): Yukon Conservation Society, Yukon Chamber of Mines, etc.
 - Students (from local Yukon College students to visiting PhD candidates)
 - Recreational users (hunters, hikers, paddlers)



While approximately 51% of the EMR Library’s clients are Government of Yukon staff, fully 49% of clients fall outside of this category. 38% of EMR Library clients do not work for any level of government.

Client Visits

The EMR Library receives around 4000 visitors per year. As we work to make as much of our collection available online as possible, fewer people are required to physically visit the library in order to gather the information they need. At the same time, the introduction of new services such as the seed library, and the need clients have for in-person training on complex systems such as the SkyLine map viewer mean that visits to the library have remained relatively constant over the last ten years.



“The Library is an excellent resource for the Department, government and the public in the Yukon. Staff provide outstanding service which is much appreciated by their clients.”

Collections

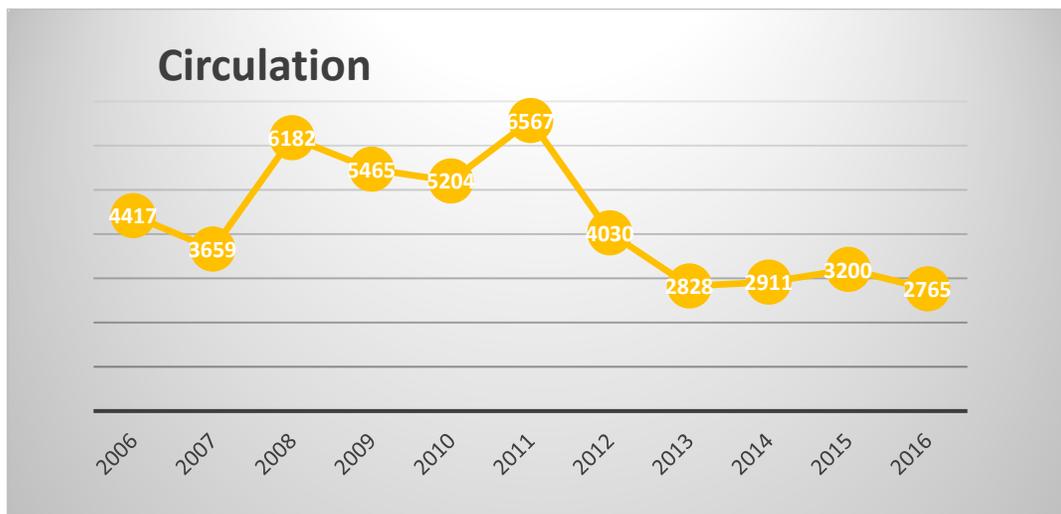
The EMR Library has a large collection of monographs, journals, maps and other materials, and is home to the largest circulating collection of Yukon material available anywhere in the world:

- more than 30,000 books and reports
- 2000+ maps (geological, topographical, land use, etc.)
- 150,000+ aerial photographs
- 100+ current journal subscriptions (print and online)
- 8000+ Yukon Mining Assessment Reports and Yukon Mining Incentive Program Reports



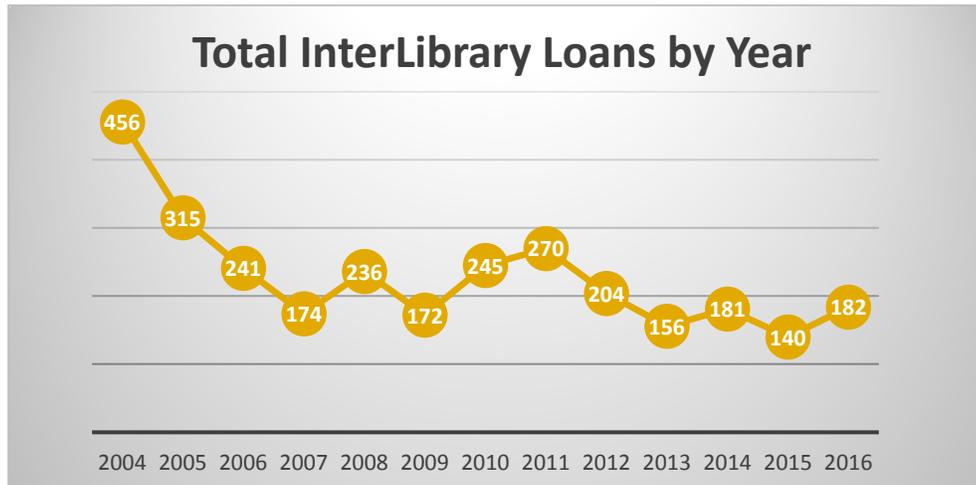
Circulation

Most EMR Library materials may be borrowed by library clients. Borrowing has dropped over the last five years as more material has been made available online, such as assessment reports, Yukon Geological Survey and Geological Survey of Canada publications, and aerial photographs.

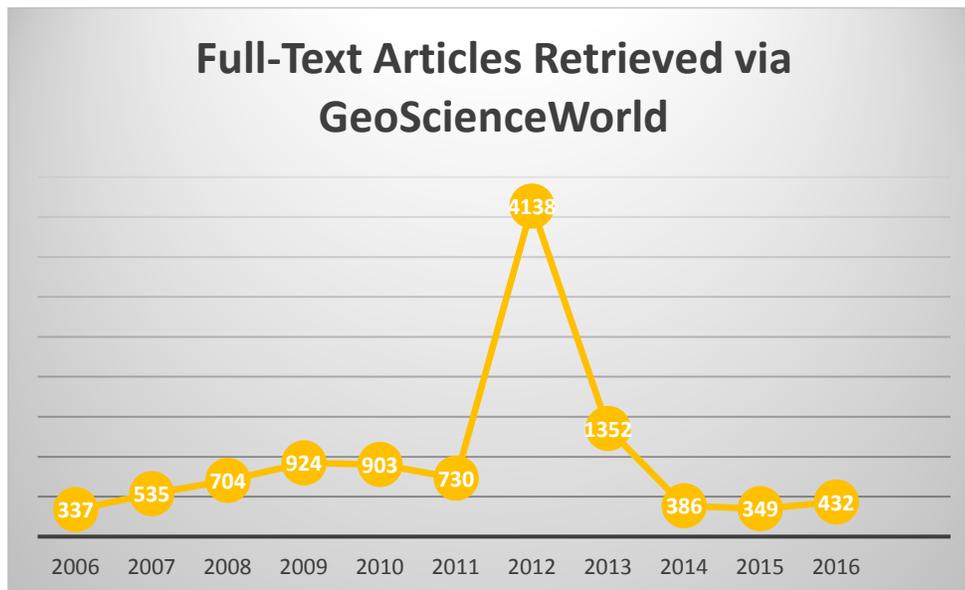


Interlibrary Loans and Document Delivery

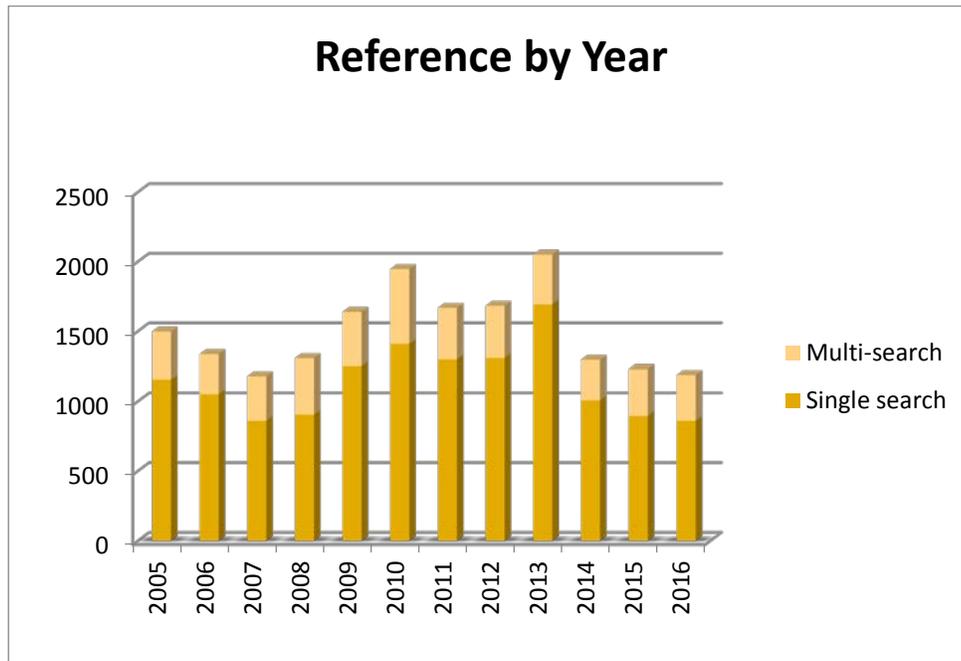
The EMR Library obtains copies of journal articles and borrows material from other libraries for all library clients. In 2003 the EMR Library began offering interlibrary loan services to the public, capped at 10 items per month. This service is valued by library clients as it provides timely access to international research material (both journals and monographs).



Since the EMR Library began subscribing to [GeoScienceWorld/GeoRef](#) in 2006, requests for interlibrary loans have declined significantly as this database provides geologists with easy access to many full-text articles online.



Reference Services



The EMR Library responds to hundreds of research questions from library clients each year. Questions received fall into two categories:

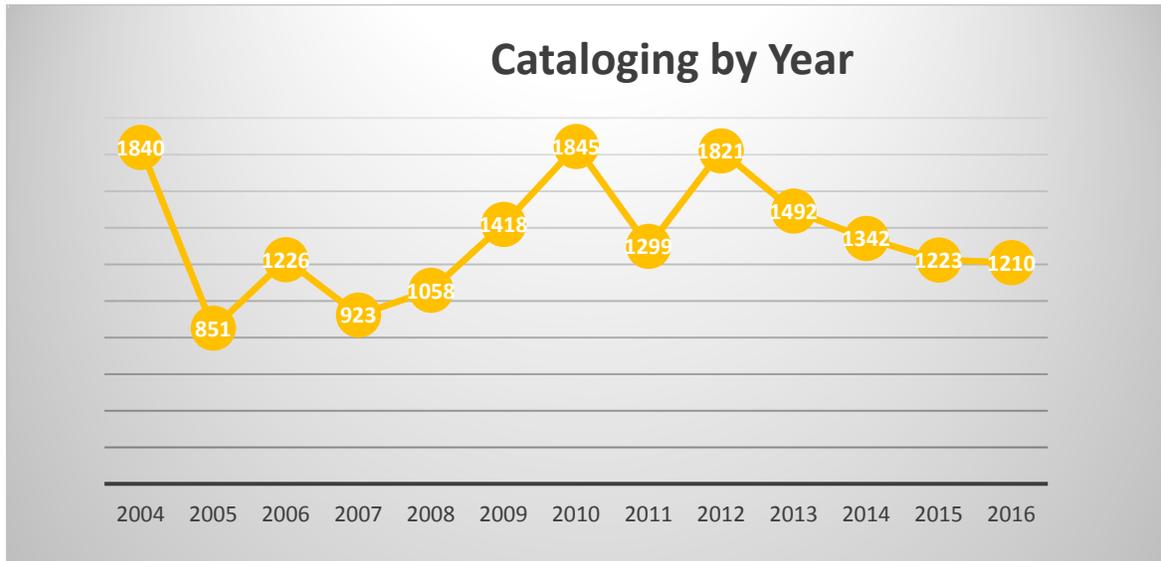
Multi-search questions: These questions are complex in nature and require library staff to make use of their expert research skills, consult multiple information sources, and to teach clients how to use a wide variety of information resources. Examples include:

- What is the mining history of the Clancy claims on Hunker Creek?
- How much has the Donjek glacier retreated/grown in the last 100 years?
- What impacts has the ferry in Dawson City had on the banks of the Yukon River (where the ferry loads/unloads cars and passengers)?

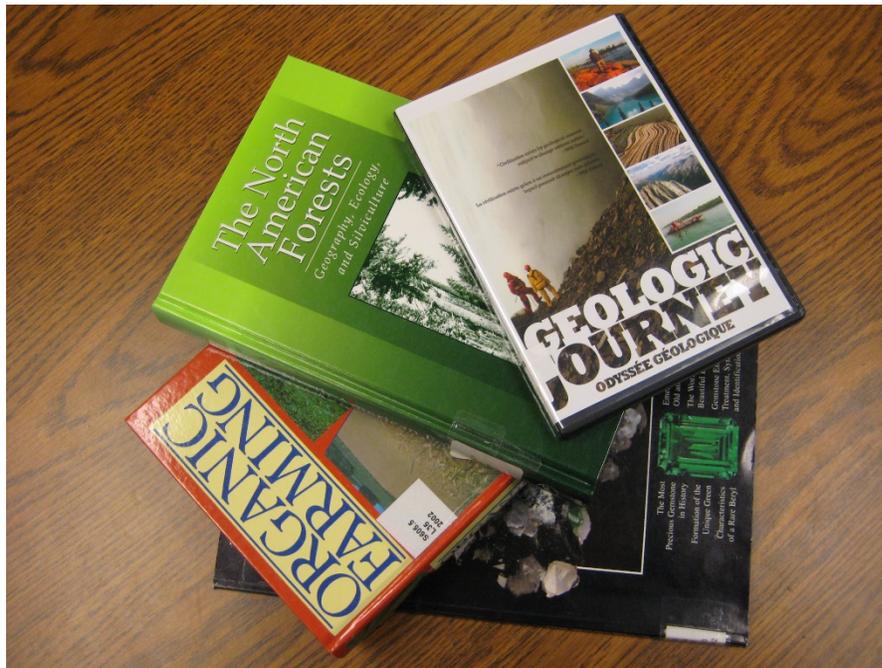
Single search questions: These are questions that can be answered quickly by library staff by consulting a single resource, teaching the client how to use a library resource, or by conducting a single search of a database. Examples include:

- What was the average price of gold per ounce in 1955?
- I need a definition of the term "migmatite".
- Do you have this book in the library?

Cataloguing



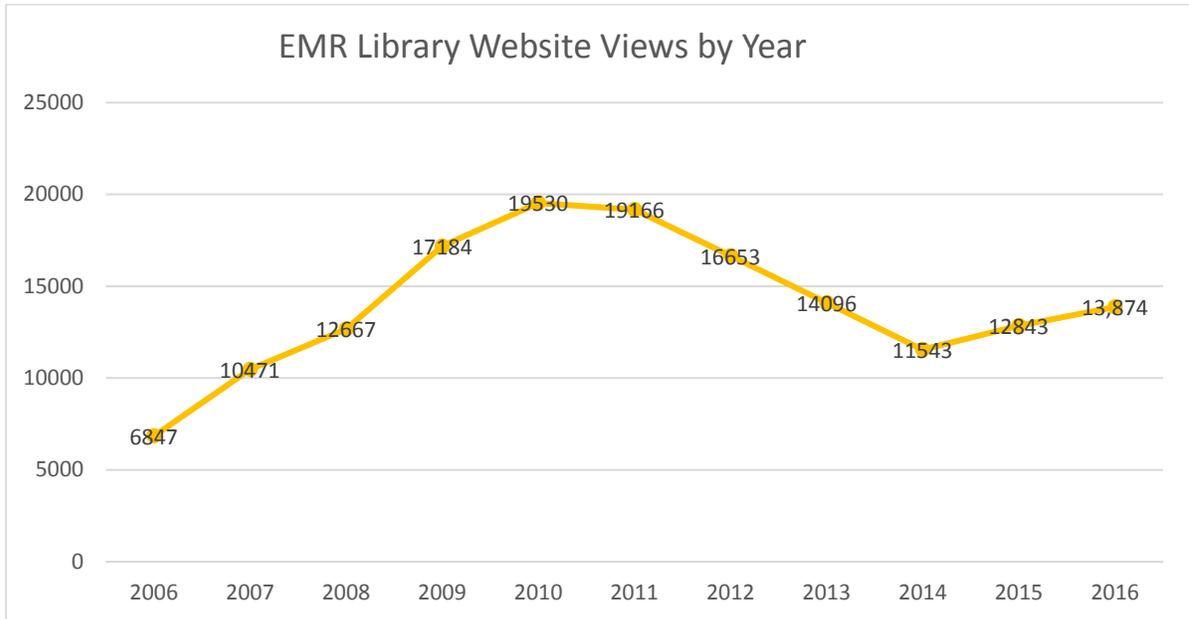
The EMR Library acquires hundreds of new items (books, journals, electronic books, maps, aerial photographs) each year. We regularly scan local bookstores and websites for new publications related to the resource, energy, economic and environmental development of the territory. All new material is indexed in the library's catalogue using international metadata standards.



“Absolutely incredible resources here! And an amazing team to help.”

Library Website

Visits to the EMR Library's website increased regularly until 2011, then declined, perhaps in step with the decline in mineral exploration in Yukon. Use of the Yukon Mineral Assessment Reports has also mostly increased since they were made available online in 2005.



COMPLETED PROJECTS

Library Catalogue Upgrade

In the summer of 2010 the library purchased an upgraded interface for our Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC). The OPAC provides a web-based interface for clients to search the library's database (Virtua). The new interface, called Chamo, is the latest OPAC platform offered for Virtua.

The new OPAC features many improvements over the old interface, including:

- Default keyword searching with an improved algorithm for more relevant results
- The ability for users to limit their searches with 'facets' such as NTS area, date of publication, subject heading, collection type, etc.
- Improved and expanded user features allowing clients to renew books online, save searches, add personalized tags to items, and create and share book reviews.

Following three months of customization, testing and troubleshooting, Chamo went live and replaced the EMR Library's old OPAC in October 2010. Training on the new catalogue was offered to library users but in most cases was not needed as our clients found it quite intuitive and easy to use. Our partner library, the Yukon Public Law Library, adopted the new catalogue in 2011. The ability to create themes in Chamo allows the EMR Library and Law Library to maintain their own branding while sharing the same database and interface.

The screenshot displays the Yukon Energy, Mines & Resources Library Catalogue interface. The header includes the Yukon logo and navigation links: Login, My List, Heading Search, Search History, Clear Session, and Mobile version. A search bar is present with a 'Search' button and a link to 'Advanced Search'. Below the search bar, the current search status is 'Viewing all records' with 'Results 1 to 50 of 46044'. A 'Sort by' dropdown menu is set to 'Recently added items first'. On the left, there are filters for 'Publication Year' (2010-2019: 3674, 2000-2009: 7032, 1990-1999: 10405, 1980-1989: 11323, 1970-1979: 7164) and 'Location' (ENERGY MINES & RESOURCES: 38361, EMR DISPLAY: 66, EMR ENERGY SOLUTIONS CENTRE: 141, EMR MAIN: 25166, EMR MAPS: 2169). The main content area shows three search results:

1. **Geological and geophysical survey Excelsior Creek : prospecting for placer deposit with a GPR (ground penetrating radar) on Lease IW 00492 / Boris Logutov and Sandro Frizzi.**
Frizzi, Sandro.
Call Number 120316
Publication [Dawson City, YT] : Yukon Exploration Green Gold Inc. 2016.
Restrictions on Access Note Closed.
1 copy is available at EMR MINING ASSESSMENTS (1 available)
2. **Geophysical report on the Independence Creek prospecting lease / by Isaac Fage.**
GroundTruth Exploration Inc.
Call Number 120315
Publication [Dawson City, YT] : Tao Henderson, 2016.
Restrictions on Access Note Closed.
1 copy is available at EMR MINING ASSESSMENTS (1 available)
3. **Geophysical report on the Sunshine & Isaac Creek prospecting leases / by Isaac Fage.**
GroundTruth Exploration Inc.
Call Number 120314

Donation of Chamber of Mines Library

In 2011 the Yukon Chamber of Mines became concerned that the library housed at their office was not being adequately used or maintained; over the years some books had been lost and others damaged by moisture and mold. After exploring the options to find a potential new home for their materials, the Chamber's membership passed a motion to donate their collection to the EMR Library.

The Yukon Chamber of Mines donated its entire collection of engineering and mining-related materials spanning the last century. The donation included over 500 Yukon-related publications from the Geological Survey of Canada, over 200 of which were added to the library's rare books collection. The donation also included several historical maps dating as far back as the early 1900s.

"The Yukon Chamber of Mines wants to ensure that the materials we have collected over the decades are preserved and are easily accessible by our members and the public," Yukon Chamber of Mines executive director Michael Kokiw said in a news release announcing the donation. "Donating these publications means we will continue to see the valuable information they contain contributing to the growth and recognition of our industry."

The decision of the Chamber to donate their collection to the EMR Library was a great vote of confidence in the EMR Library's ability to care for these materials while still making them available to the public at large.



EMR Minister Brad Cathers presents Yukon Chamber of Mines executive director Michael Kokiw with a framed map of the Keno Hill area in appreciation of the Chamber's donation to the EMR Library.

Consolidation of Mining Assessment Reports from Mining Recorder District Offices

Yukon Mining Assessment reports (YMAS) are technical reports filed by claim owners as a requirement of maintaining ownership in good standing. These reports are submitted to the Mining Recorder's office in the appropriate district. They are then vetted by the Yukon Geological Survey and all approved reports are passed on to the EMR Library. The library maintains, catalogues, and provides access to the hard-copy collection of the Yukon Mining Assessment reports.

Past practice was for the original copy of every assessment report to be kept by the Mining Recorder's office in the district where it was submitted. A duplicate copy was then sent to Whitehorse to be reviewed by YGS, then catalogued and stored at the EMR Library. In the 2000s, all of the duplicate reports were scanned and made available online once they were past the 5-year confidentiality period.

As time went on, two major problems arose with this procedure. The first was that the duplicate copies of reports were not always as complete as the original copies submitted to the Mining Recorder. This resulted in key information such as maps and drilling logs sometimes being left out of the online versions of reports. The second problem was simple; by the late 2000s the district Mining Recorder's offices were running out of space to house the thousands of reports they had collected over the years.

In late 2010 it was therefore decided that all copies of assessment reports submitted to the district Mining Recorder's offices would be sent to Whitehorse. After being reviewed and scanned by YGS, original copies would be catalogued and stored at the EMR Library. As this decision applied to both new and old reports, a project was undertaken by the library to reconcile all of the original reports previously housed at the district offices with the copies stored at the library and their scanned versions.

Between 2011 and 2013, the library received thousands of reports from the district offices. Each report was reviewed and compared to both the scanned version posted online and the hard copy housed at the library. All additional material found was scanned and added to the digital version. The library then kept the most complete copy of the report. This project, while labour-intensive, insured that all of the information submitted with the original assessment reports would be made available to the public online and would be preserved by the library over the long-term.

ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES LIBRARY
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EMRie Award

In 2013 the EMR Library introduced a new annual award for the best publication produced by EMR staff. The purpose behind this new initiative was two-fold. First, to recognize the efforts of our colleagues who put great effort into producing a wide variety of reports and publications every year. Secondly, to remind these same colleagues that they should be submitting copies of their publications to the library.

The EMRie Award (pronounced 'Emery') has become very popular and is now coveted by EMR staff as an opportunity to win bragging rights over their fellow branches. The award is handed out in December each year and has been variously presented at the annual All-Staff meeting and at the staff Christmas Party.



EMR's Agriculture Branch, proud winners of the 2015 EMRie award.

Digitization of Aerial Photograph Collection

[SkyLine](#) is the library's online map viewer that provides a GIS-based index to our aerial photograph collection. The launch of this application in 2006 raised the profile of this collection and made it more accessible to clients. However, as soon as it was launched clients were often frustrated by the fact that only the index was available online and not the actual photos, made evident by the number of phone calls and emails we received asking "Where do I click to see the photo?". Unfortunately, the only way for clients to access the aerial photographs was by coming to the library and copying, scanning, or borrowing the hard copies.

Due to the great demand the library decided to prioritize the digitization of the aerial photograph collection and began investigating the possibility of partnering with the National Aerial Photograph Library to obtain scans from their collection of negatives. Unfortunately, NAPL did not have the interest or resources to pursue such a project. EMR Library was, however, able to obtain permission from Natural Resources Canada to scan photographs in our collection that they hold the copyright for (i.e. the bulk of our collection), and make the resulting images available online to the public for free.

In early 2012 library staff interviewed 10 regular users of the air photo collection (5 EMR employees and 5 members of the public) to determine how they might use digitized aerial photographs and what specifications they would recommend for scanned images. The information gathered was compiled in a report ([EMR Library Aerial Photo Collection Future Directions](#)), which confirmed that scanning the library's print aerial photographs at a resolution of 600dpi would be of value to our clients.

A pilot project was then initiated to scan a limited number of photos and find a way to make the digital images available to clients directly through the SkyLine map viewer. The library had several rolls of air photo negatives that had been acquired as part of the Anvil Range Mining Corp. donation to EMR. These rolls were sent to a contractor to be both printed and scanned, resulting in around 2000 new digital and hard copy images.

Once the first digital images had been acquired, a procedure was designed to process the images into standard 600dpi and thumbnail JPG formats. A new server was requested from ICT and set up by EMR's Informatics team to host the resulting digital images online. The URLs for each image were then added to SkyLine so that users could download them with the click of a mouse button. The pilot project was completed in time for our Open House in October of 2014, where we were able to show attendees how to access the new photos online.

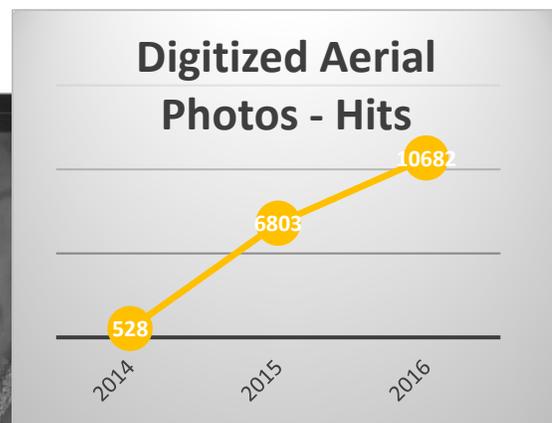
With the pilot project successfully completed, the next step was to determine a method of scanning the remaining 100,000+ photographs in the library's collection that would be cost-effective and efficient. No additional funds were secured for this scanning project, so it would have to fit within the library's existing operating budget. We also determined that we did not want to be sending out large shipments of photos, since this would potentially make large portions of the collection unavailable to clients for extended periods of time, and place us at greater financial risk should the photos be lost or damaged.

An in-house solution appeared to be the best option, and discussions with Queen's Printer revealed that they would likely be able to meet the demands and specifications of our project at a very reasonable cost. An initial test box of 1000 photographs was sent to them in early 2015, and after working out a few early kinks in the process soon settled in to a routine of scanning one banker's box of photos per month. This process allows us to scan around 10,000 photos per fiscal year at a very reasonable cost. To date the average cost of scanning via QPA has been approximately \$0.30 per photo, roughly a third of the market rate.

By March 2017, more than 30,000 photos were available online via the SkyLine map viewer. Web statistics collected from yap.gov.yk.ca show that use of the online photos has been growing significantly.



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"Wow 1946 air photos!!! And great support staff!"

Seed Library

While on vacation in 2013, Library Technician Pam Walden visited a public library in Arizona that loaned seeds to patrons as well as books. After doing some research into Seed Libraries, which were becoming more common among public and other libraries, we determined that this program would be an excellent fit within the EMR Library. We already had an extensive collection of farming and gardening resources, and were looking for ways to let more local gardeners know about this collection. In addition, the Seed Library could promote food security within Yukon and potentially become a source of locally adapted, hardy seeds suited to northern growing conditions.

A program proposal was drawn up and discussed with staff from EMR's Agriculture Branch. It was determined that the program could be funded entirely by the library's operating budget, so Agriculture Branch was asked to contribute a small amount of staff time to assist with programming, seeds from the Research Farm when possible, and their expertise.

In January 2015 the first seeds were ordered to provide a start-up inventory for the Seed Library, and a Grand Opening event was held on March 11. While we suspected that it may take a while for word of mouth to spread about the Seed Library and for the idea to catch on, we were thrilled when more than 60 people attended the opening event. Minister Scott Kent also attended the event and did us the honour of planting one of the first seeds with the golden trowel.

Since then the Seed Library has been a growing concern. In both 2015 and 2016 we signed up roughly 100 new members and loaned more than 900 packets of seeds. We have learned that producing viable vegetable seeds in the Yukon is very difficult given our short growing season and early frosts, but our Seed Library members continue to gain skill in this endeavor and an increasing number have been contributing seeds of many varieties. For the 2017 season we were able to offer 38 varieties of local vegetable, herb and flower seeds. As we continue to offer workshops and library resources to promote seed-saving among our members, it is likely the Seed Library will reach its goal of becoming self-sustaining in the next 3 to 5 years.



Rat-tailed radish seeds donated by a Seed Library member for the 2016 season.



EMR Minister Scott Kent plants a seed with the 'golden trowel' to mark the grand opening of the Seed Library in March 2015.

"Looking forward to more organic locally grown seeds becoming available. Anyone can order seeds from somewhere down south, but I would like to walk into the library in February and pick out local, organic seeds grown right here in the Yukon to start in my garden."

Library Client Survey

In June 2015 the library conducted an online survey to gather feedback from clients on library space, collections and services. The survey was done in coordination with the Yukon Bureau of Statistics. YBS provided us with advice and assistance developing the questionnaire. They then programmed the survey in their Checkbox software, provided a link for testing, and distributed the final survey by email.

The survey was distributed by email to all EMR employees and to all public and other government clients registered in our patron database. A total of 514 clients received the survey email. A link to the survey was also made available on the library's public home page, and promoted via Twitter and the Week in Review. The survey was available from June 10 to June 30, 2015.

Nearly 30% of all EMR Library clients participated in this survey and the good response rate allowed us to gather valuable feedback on library space, collections and services. Survey results were analysed by EMR Library staff with the help of YBS, and a summary of the survey results was compiled: [Summary of results.doc](#).

Major take-aways from the survey included the fact that many library clients would like the library to provide a more welcoming and comfortable space, while maintaining adequate room for collections. We responded to this with an effort to brighten up the library and improve the functionality of its space. In the winter of 2015-16, the library was repainted and a new reference desk was acquired. A second study carrel was also added the following year to add another quiet workspace to the library.

Another important result of the survey was that while we received very good feedback on the services currently offered by the library, we also learned that more promotion should be done for some services such as interlibrary loans and article alerts. We received very high marks from our clients on the service provided by library staff, which was gratifying since that is always where we place our highest priority. Comments from the survey have been included in this report along with comments from our guestbook and other client testimonials.

"I appreciate the incredibly fast responses I receive to e-mails."

"I love our EMR Library. Always helpful and super nice. I appreciate the events they put on in there too."

"This is a great resource for all and one of the best in geology & mining!"

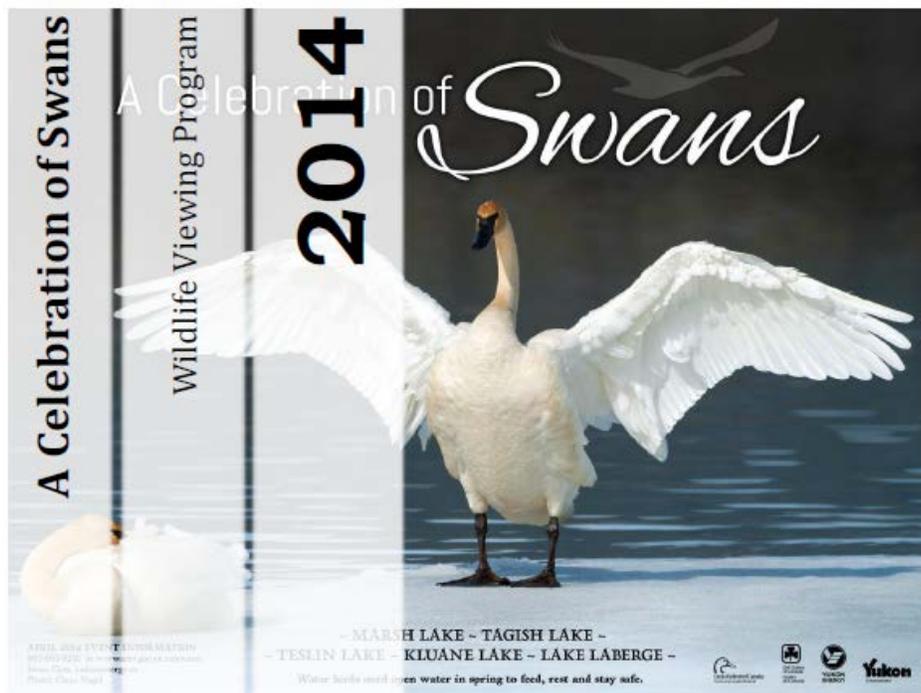
Adoption of Collections and Services from the Environment Library

In the fall of 2015 the Department of Environment made the decision to close their reference library. The EMR Library was then asked if we would be willing to take on the library's collection and certain services such as the provision of interlibrary loans and the administration of journal and database subscriptions. Given the amount of unique Yukon material held in the Environment Library's collection that would no doubt also be of use to EMR clients, we determined this arrangement would be beneficial to both parties.

Due to the limited space available on library shelves at this time, a major weeding and reconfiguration project was immediately begun. Roughly half of the EMR Library's journal collection was discarded, with discards based on 1) whether digital copies were available and 2) use. The entire collection was then shifted so that there would be room within the monograph collection to add the items acquired from the Environment Library.

Mary Martin oversaw the selection and move of materials from the Environment Library to the EMR Library. On account of space concerns, we were not able to acquire the entire collection but focussed on preserving Yukon-related reports and other materials that were not already held at the EMR Library. This amounted to over 50 bankers' boxes of books and reports that were added to our collection. Cataloguing metadata was also checked and modified where necessary to ensure it met current library standards.

While no print journals were acquired from the Environment Library due to space constraints, the EMR Library took on administration of roughly a dozen electronic journal subscriptions and four EBSCO research databases. These online resources are now available to all YG employees.



FUTURE PROJECTS

Making More Content and Services Available Online

The EMR Library will continue to make more research material available online for library clients, while complying with the Canadian Copyright Act:

- scanning unique Government of Yukon documents to ensure long-term access to rare documents
- continue scanning aerial photographs at a rate of 10-12,000/year until digitization of the collection is complete

Joining OCLC

Library and Archives Canada has contracted OCLC to provide a new union catalogue of Canadian library holdings. EMR Library will consider taking part in this venture and joining OCLC in order to make our collection visible in WorldCat (www.worldcat.org).

Increased Outreach to Schools and Post-Secondary Programs

The EMR Library has a variety of resources that may be of use and interest to high school and post-secondary programs such as the Experiential Science program offered at the Wood Street Annex and Yukon College's Renewable Resources Management diploma program. Increased efforts should be made to ensure instructors know the library is willing to host tours and provide assistance to students.