



**Yukon Energy, Mines &
Resources Library
Activity Report:
2017 to 2022**



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“The library... is an unsung hero of EMR and YG in general. Thank you for your important work there.” – Paul

“[T]he library and the people in it are great... I sometimes feel like it is EMR’s glue.” – Bradley

“With gratitude for the best library experience I've ever had, and for all your hard and gracious work...” – Kate

“Thank you so much! I owe you big time! You are so good at what you do.” – Heather

“I want you to know that the EMR library provided me with valuable support when I was assembling the research for the project. In particular, but not exclusively, Chelsea was most helpful in helping me track down useful references. Your interlibrary loan service also played an important role in obtaining useful reference material. Please share my gratitude with the staff, who have been so very helpful. Keep up the good work!” – Michael, 2021

“Such an amazing library ☺” – Matt

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Yukon Energy, Mines and Resources Library (EMR Library) provides research and information services in the areas of geology, mining, oil and 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 clients 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

Notable projects

[Increased Collaboration with Yukon Public Libraries](#)

The last six years have seen a marked increase in programming, outreach and professional development done in concert with Yukon Public Libraries.

[Transition to RDA Cataloguing Standard](#)

In 2018 the EMR Library transitioned to a new international standard for descriptive cataloguing of all new library materials, Resource Description and Access (RDA).

[Accession of Assessment and Abandoned Mines Branch's Document Library](#)

Over 60 boxes of reports and more than 900 digital files were transferred to the library from EMR's Assessment and Abandoned Mines Branch in 2019. New material was catalogued and added to the library's collection and duplicate reports were sent to Yukon Archives, ensuring the long-term accessibility of this material.

[Yukon Archives Library Joins Virtua ILS](#)

The EMR Library now provides Integrated Library System administration services to the Yukon Archives Library. Their database was migrated to our ILS, Virtua, in 2019.

[New Yukon.ca Website](#)

The EMR Library worked with EMR's Digital Communications Coordinator to migrate our own content to the new site and to archive all appropriate EMR publications not being transferred from the old website.

[Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

The library worked hard to ensure library services for EMR employees were not interrupted and to keep the closure for public clients as short as possible.

[Updates to Our Aerial Photograph Index](#)

The online index for the library's aerial photograph collection was moved from SkyLine to GeoYukon and enhanced with the library's holdings information.

[Fireweed Community Market Pop-Up Library](#)

A new outreach opportunity was created by partnering with Yukon Public Libraries, Yukon Archives, and EMR's Agriculture and Energy Branches to bring the library to the popular local farmer's market.

Trends

- More demand for literature searches and complex reference inquiries from EMR clients
 - In the last two years we've seen increased uptake for the in-depth research services we offer to EMR employees. This service saves staff time while supporting EMR's commitment to evidence-based decision making. Examples of recent literature searches we've provided include uses of wood mulch in northern agriculture and carbon emissions from burning forests.
- Increased outreach and services for other YG departments
 - As we are now the only departmental library left within YG, with the exception of the Law Library, employees from all departments are turning to us more frequently for interlibrary loan and book purchases. We have done some targeted outreach to promote our services among groups that see overlap with EMR's mandate, for example YG's Policy Community of Practice.
- Strengthened relationships with organizations outside of YG
 - We have reached out and received permission to archive and host documents for several key organizations, including the City of Whitehorse, Yukon University's Research Centre, and the Yukon Land Use Planning Council. This ensures these documents will remain accessible when these organizations update their own websites.

EMR LIBRARY HISTORY AND PAST ACTIVITIES

The EMR Library in its present form dates back to 2003, when the federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development transferred its local library to the Yukon Government's Department of Energy, Mines and Resources at devolution. The DIAND Library was combined with several existing libraries and collections within YG, including the Economic Development Library, the Yukon Lands Library, Yukon Agriculture Library, and the Yukon Geological Survey Library, creating what we now know as the EMR Library.

For a detailed history of the EMR Library and information on previous activities and accomplishments, please see the two previous Yukon Energy, Mines and Resources Library activity reports, for [2002 to 2009](#) and [2010 to 2016](#).



EMR LIBRARY SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Services for EMR Library Clients

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

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.), students and school groups (e.g. Yukon University Renewable Resources Management classes).

Circulation: Most material may be borrowed by library clients.

Interlibrary loans: Library staff procure requested books, reports and copies of journal articles that the EMR Library does not own from other libraries in Canada and around the world.

Services for other Yukon Libraries and Departments

Management of Integrated Library System software (Virtua), and training for other Government of Yukon departmental libraries on a cost recovery basis:

- Yukon Public Law Library
- Yukon Archives Library

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

- Department of Environment

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, and the environment. In addition, the library collects materials on Yukon history and the people who live here.

These resources include:

- books and reports
- 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. Some significant donations we have received in recent years include:

- two bookshelves of publications from YG's Aboriginal Relations Office
- a collection of topographic and other maps from Yukon University
- more than 5000 aerial photographs from the Teslin and Dawson CMI offices.

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:

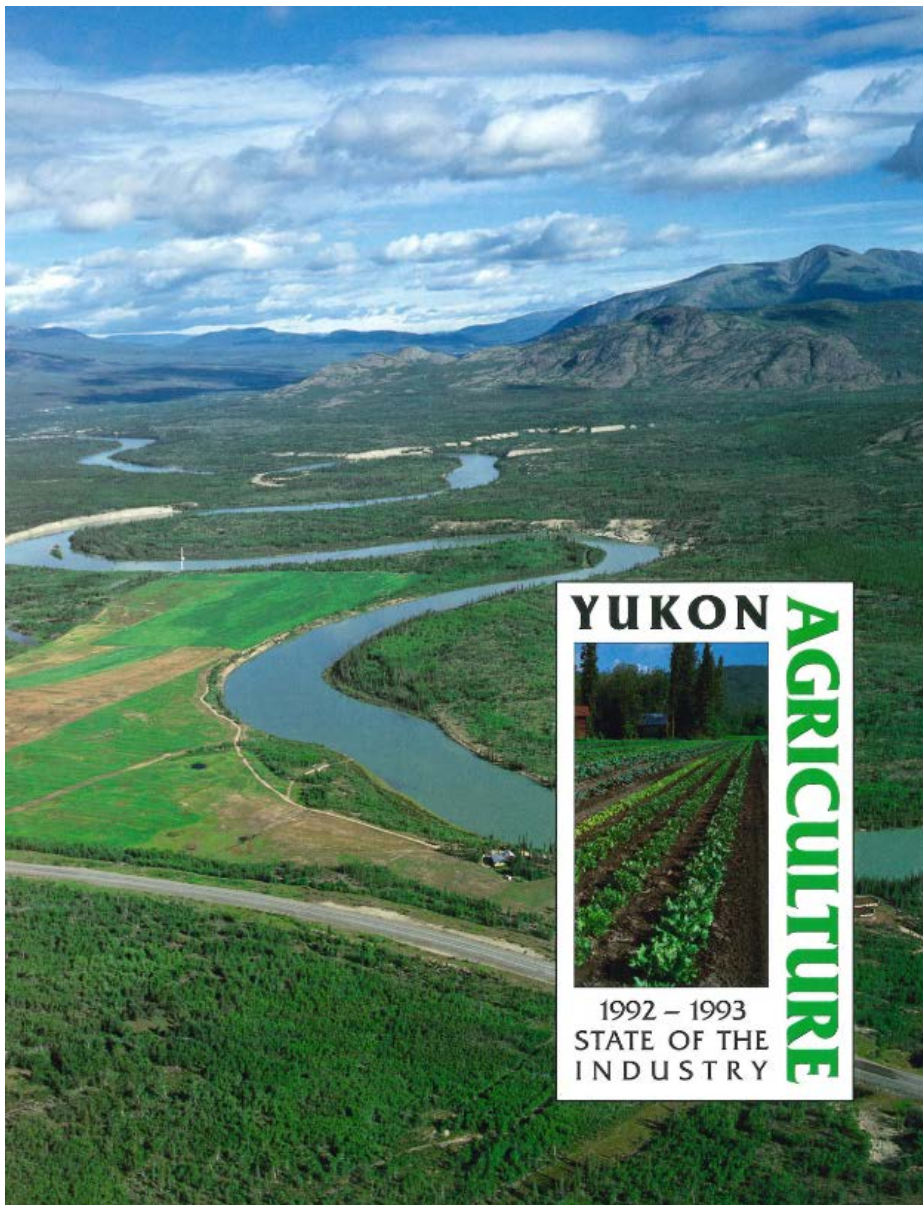
- The library holds an annual Open House each October to coincide with Yukon Libraries Week and Canadian Library Month
- Library tours are provided to all new EMR staff and to the public on request
- Library staff contribute articles featuring useful information resources to the Department's weekly e-mail newsletter, Week In Review
- The library's "New Books" e-mail newsletter 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

Digitization of library materials

Digitization of the library's aerial photograph collection has continued over the last six years, although the closure of Queen's Printer in 2019 dealt a major blow to this program. Scanning was interrupted for nearly a year while HPW negotiated Standing Offer Agreements with local companies, and digitization costs nearly tripled from 2019 to 2022.

In spite of these setbacks the library reached a milestone of 75,000 digitized images in 2022, bringing us roughly to the halfway point for this project.

The library also scans reports and other library materials to fill client requests where this is permissible under the Copyright Act. As staff time and budget allow, we have done some systematic digitization of older Yukon Government publications. High-use material such as the Yukon 2000 series and Agriculture Branch's *State of the Industry* reports have been prioritized for this scanning project.



Agriculture State of the Industry reports now available online from 1984 to present.

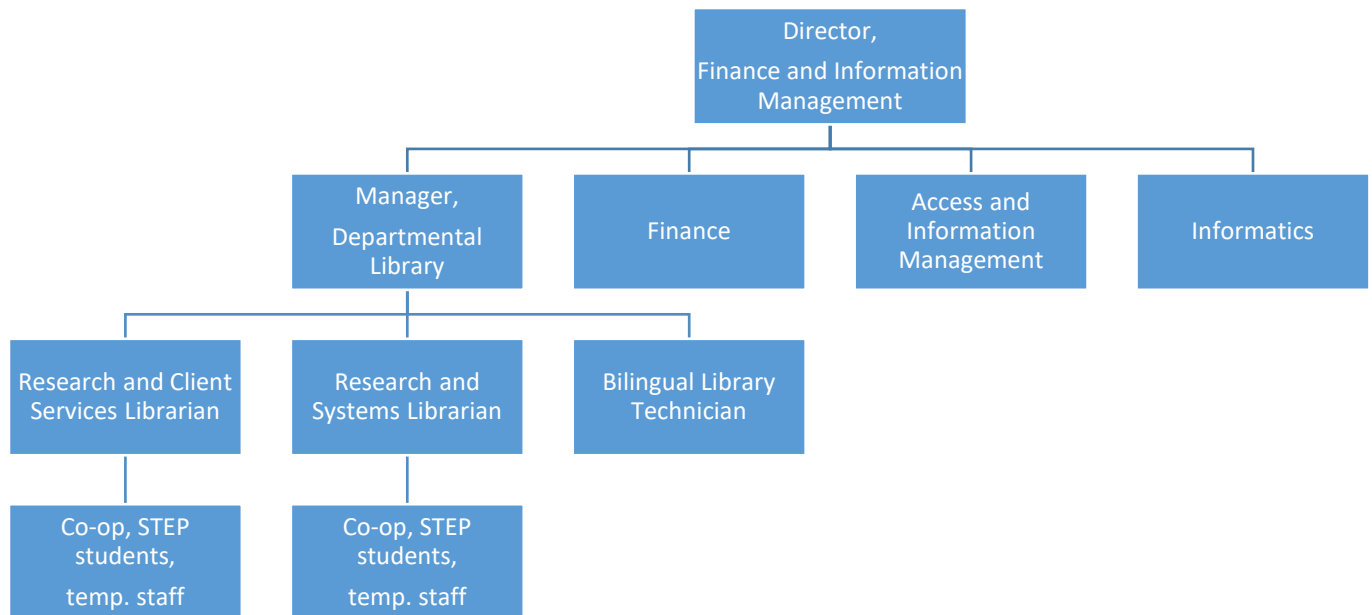
STATISTICS

Introduction

Statistics are collected and tracked on many aspects of the library's collections and services, many of which are presented in this section. These statistics identify long-term trends in library use and are used to guide the library's planning and programming.

Staff

- Total: 3.6 FTE
 - 2.8 FTE: 3 Librarians (with Master of Library and Information Science/MLIS degrees)
 - 0.8 FTE Bilingual Library Technician
 - 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



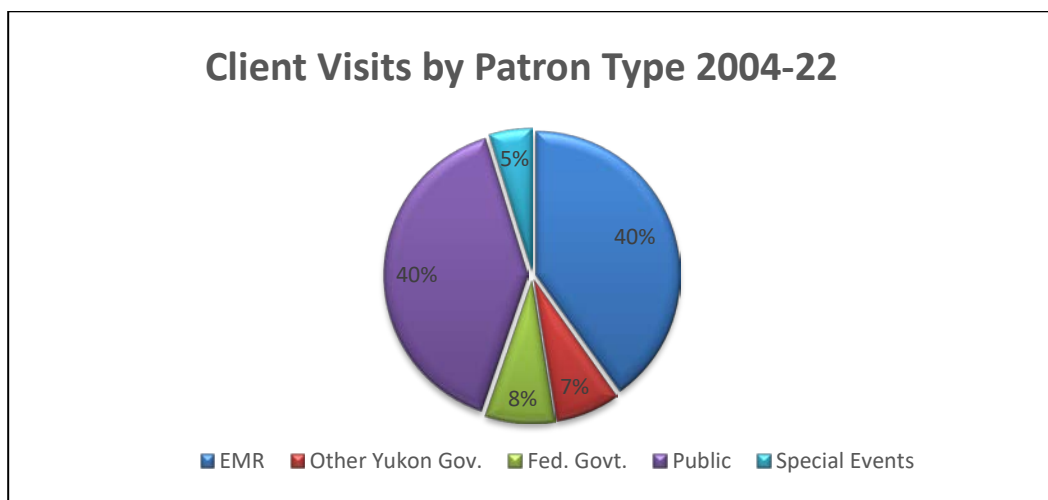
"EMR Library is the best – especially the staff" – Shailyn

Clients

Client Groups

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

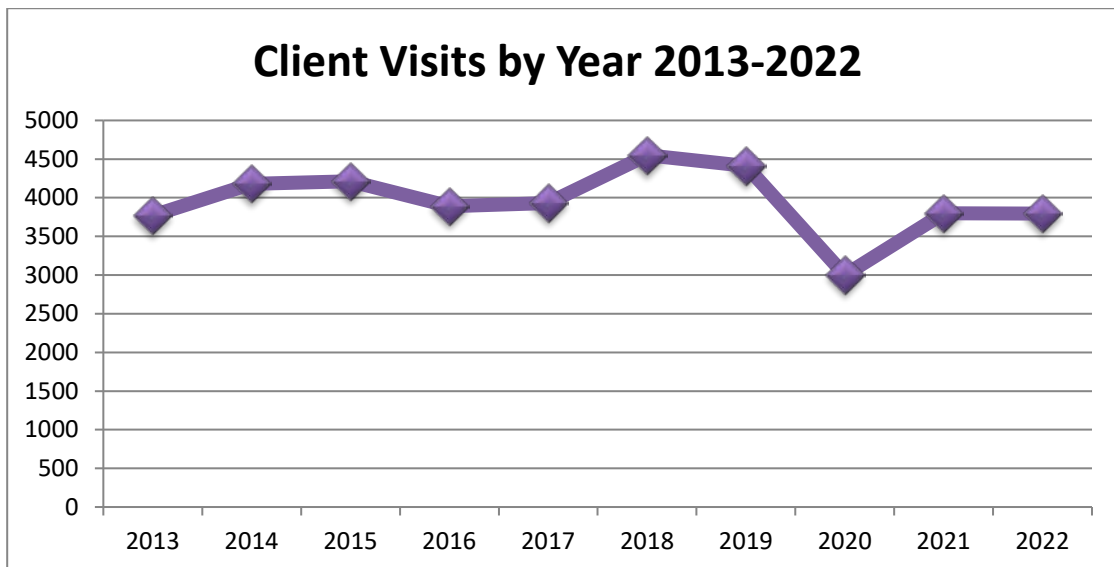
- EMR staff
 - Scientists (geologists, foresters, agrologists, etc.)
 - Policy analysts, legislative advisors, and planners
 - Front-line employees (Mining Recorders, Mining Lands Officers, Natural Resources Officers, etc.)
 - Corporate support staff (HR, Administration, Informatics, GIS Analysts, Administrative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



Approximately 47% of the EMR Library's clients are Government of Yukon staff, 40% are public clients, and 8% are federal government employees.

Client Visits

The EMR Library receives around 4000 client visits 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 client demand for in-person training on applications such as the GeoYukon map viewer mean that visits to the library have remained relatively constant over the last 10 years. A notable exception is the major drop that occurred in 2020, when the library was closed for 11 weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



“Great visit today and took home some fine Books, thank you.” – Randy

Collections

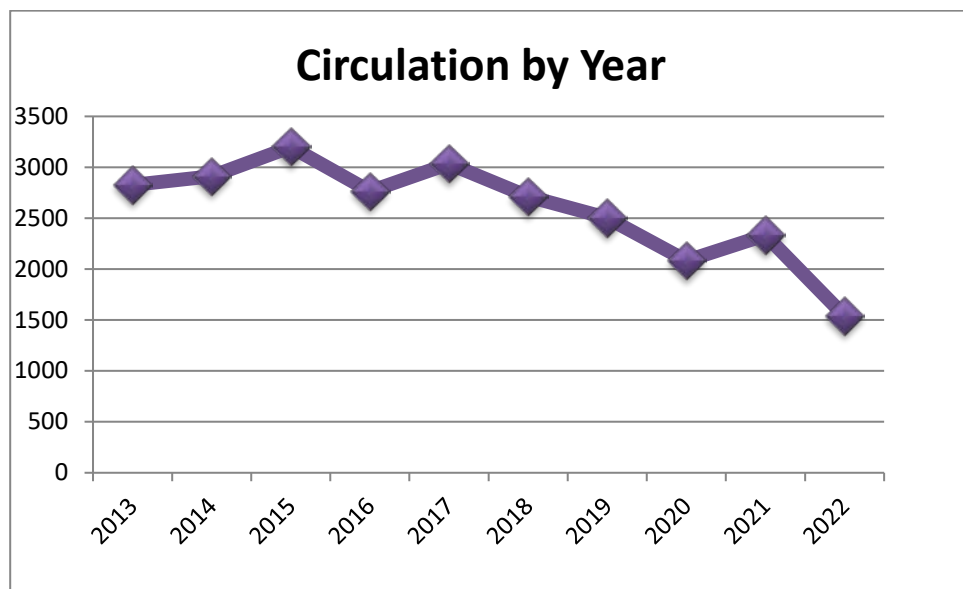
The EMR Library has a large collection of monographs, journals, maps and other materials, and is home to the largest circulating collection of Yukon material available anywhere in the world:

- 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)
- 9000+ Yukon Mining Assessment Reports and Yukon Mining Incentive Program Reports

The majority of the library's materials are in English but with increased use from Francophone clients in recent years we have begun purchasing more French-language material. This has been facilitated through financial support from the French Language Services Directorate and the professional expertise of our Bilingual Library Technician.

Circulation

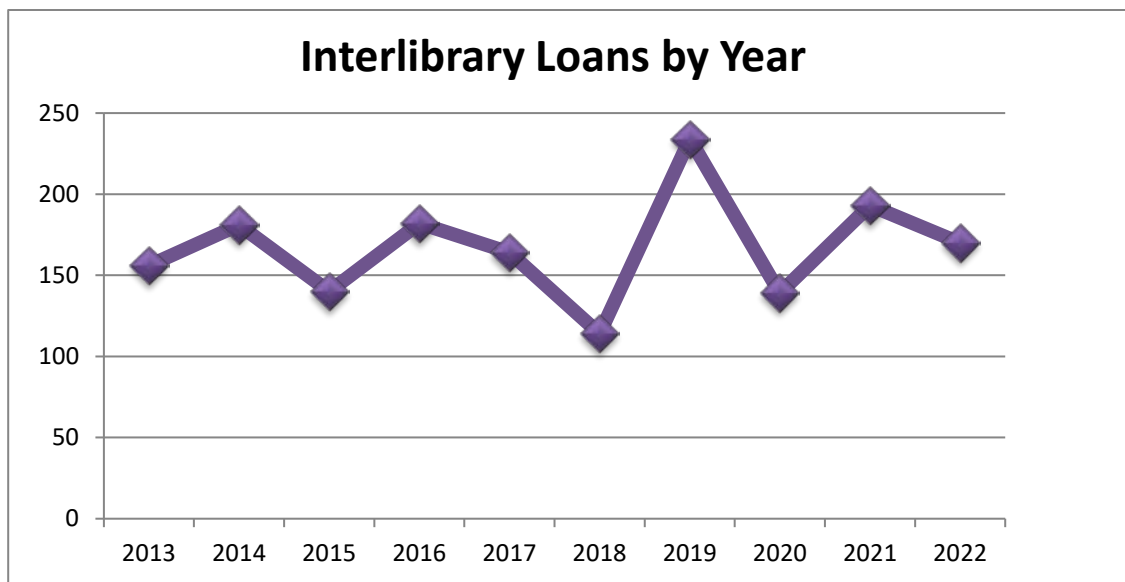
Most EMR Library materials may be borrowed by library clients. Borrowing has dropped over the last five years as the EMR Library makes more material available online, such as assessment reports, Yukon Geological Survey and other YG publications, and aerial photographs.



Interlibrary Loans

The EMR Library obtains copies of journal articles and borrows material from other libraries on behalf of our library clients. This interlibrary loan service is available free of charge to both government and public clients, though there is a cap of 10 items per month for public clients. The service is valued by library clients as it provides timely and affordable access to high-quality, peer-reviewed research material (both journals and monographs).

Since joining OCLC's WorldShare program for interlibrary loans in 2018, we have been a reciprocal lender and provided material from our own collection to other libraries across North America upon request. Participating as a lender allows us to save on some interlibrary loan fees and contribute to the breadth and vigour of the overall program.

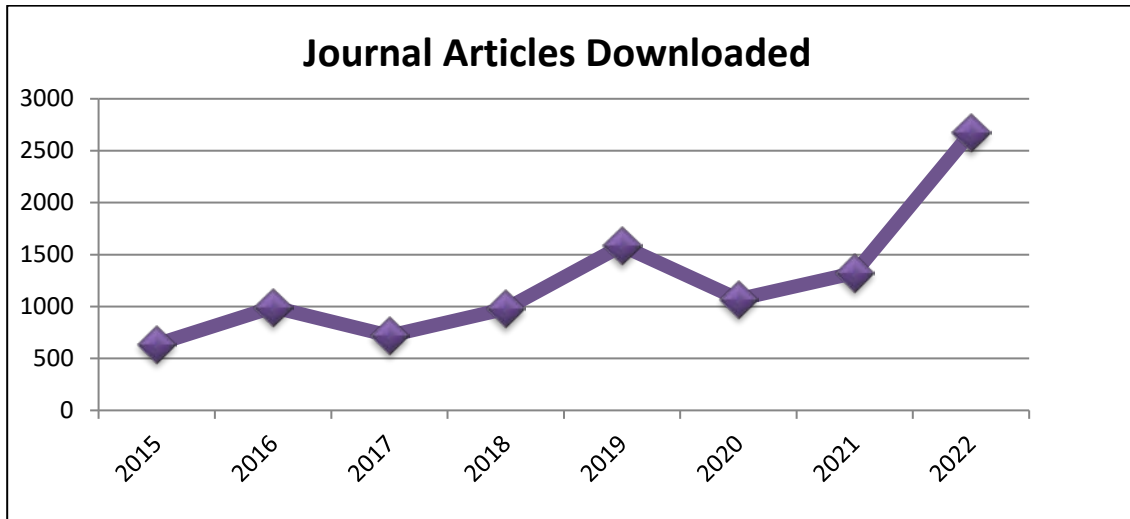


“Thank you so much to you and the team!! I've been looking for this report for nearly a year and it is the backbone of my MSc research, so I really appreciate it!” – Taylor, 2022

Online Resources

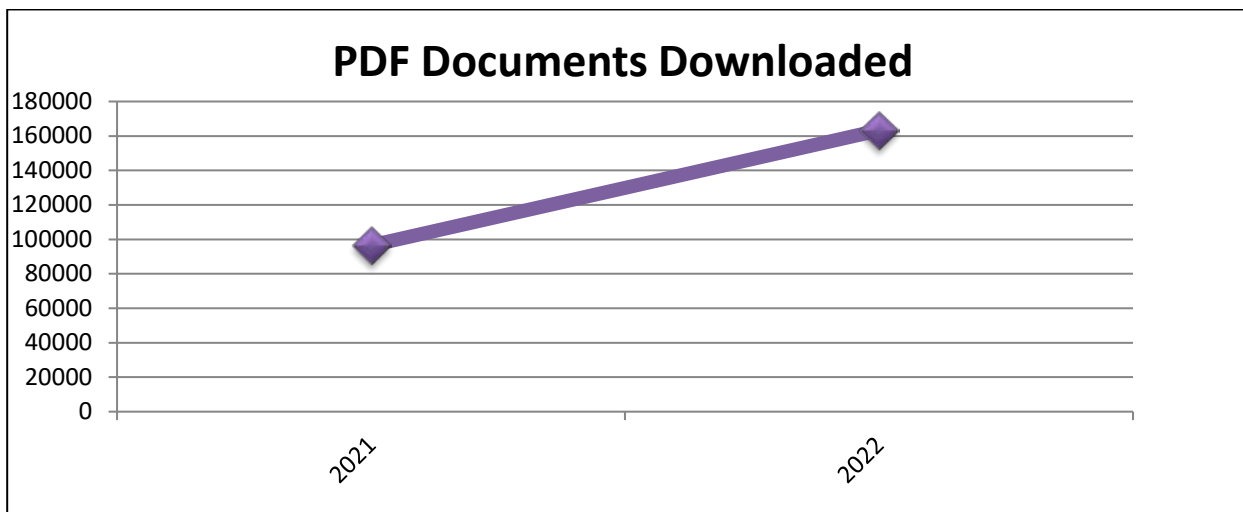
Journal articles

In 2015 we began counting how many full-text articles were downloaded from the online resources administered by the EMR Library. These include the GeoscienceWorld database and subscriptions to individual ejournals (a full list of these can be accessed [here](#)). These downloads have risen steadily in the last five years, reaching over 2600 in 2022.



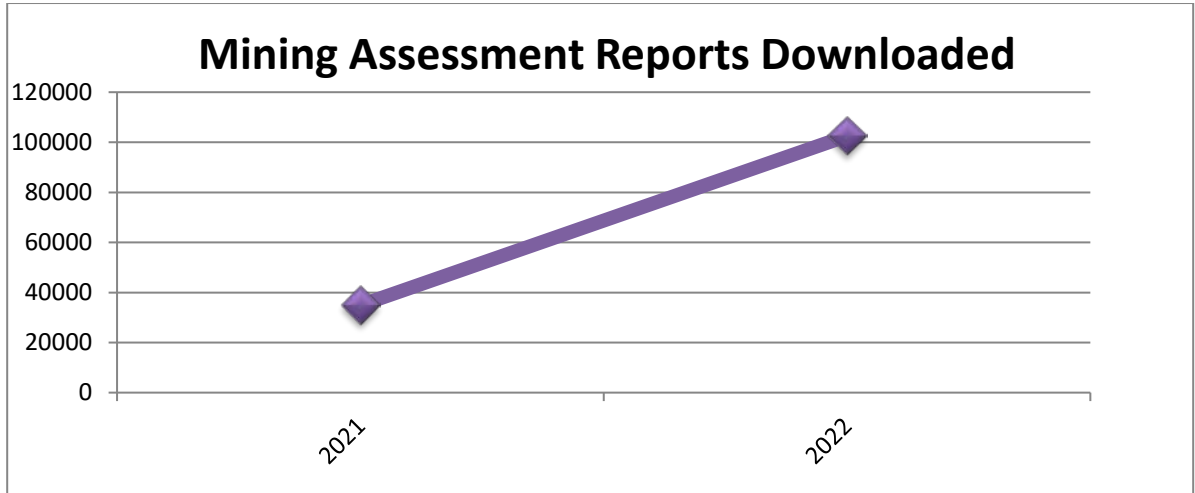
PDF documents

Many of the newer reports in the library's collection are available only electronically, usually in PDF format. The library has also been making an effort to scan older reports and making them available online as PDFs. Although the library has been making PDFs available for download since the mid-2000s, it only recently became possible to reliably track the use of these files. Over 160,000 documents were downloaded in 2022 alone.



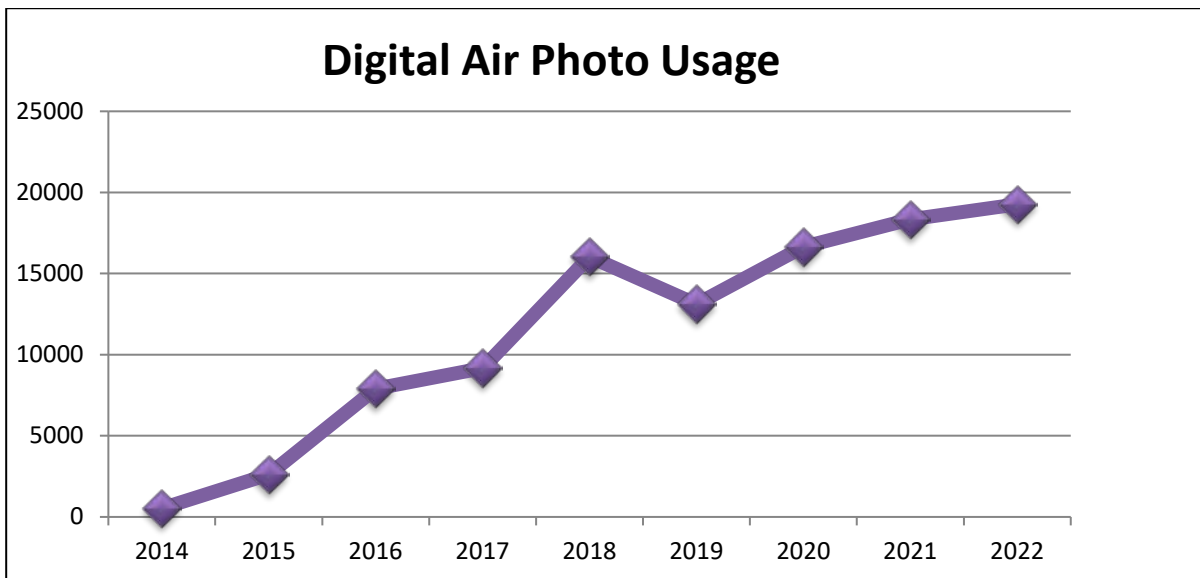
Mining assessment reports

Similar to our collection of PDF documents, it only recently became possible to count how many Mining Assessment Reports are downloaded from the library's server each year. In 2022, over 100,000 reports were downloaded.



Digital aerial photographs

Digitization of the library's aerial photograph collection began in 2014, and use of this collection has increased every year as the number of images available has grown. In 2022, we hit a milestone of over 75,000 digital photographs and usage reached a new high with over 19,000 images viewed.

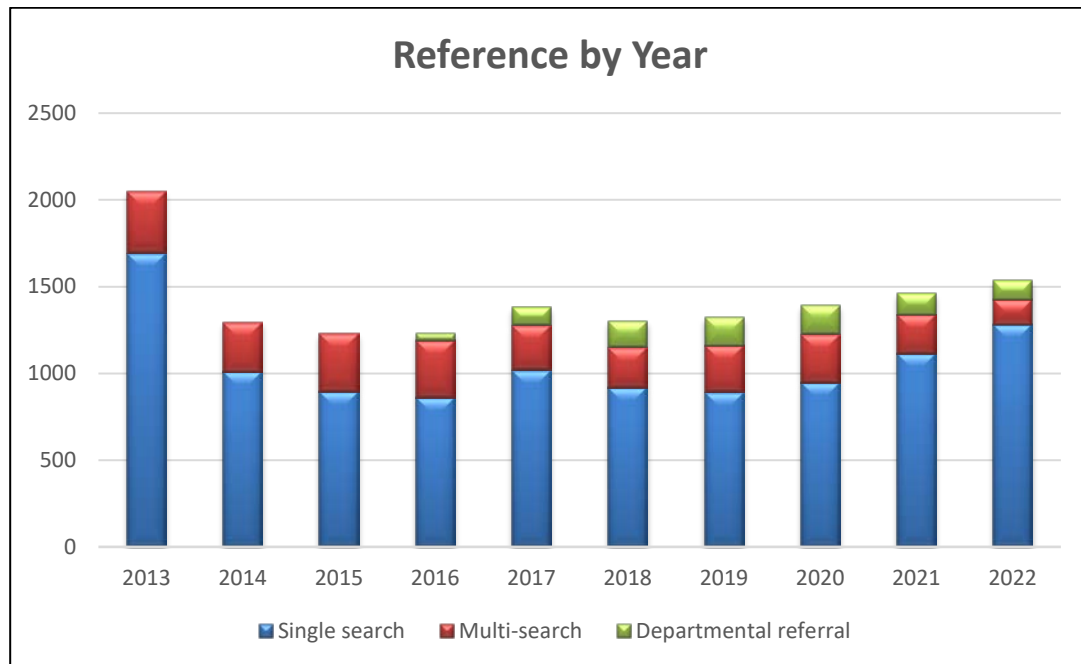


Reference Services

The EMR Library responds to hundreds of research questions from library clients each year. These inquiries are tracked by type:

- 'Single search' questions are questions that can be answered quickly by library staff by consulting a single resource, or by conducting a single search of a database.
- 'Multi-search' questions are complex in nature and require library staff to make use of their expert research skills, consult multiple information sources, or teach clients how to use specialized information resources.
- 'Departmental referrals' are inquiries that involve referring a client to another branch or employee of EMR. We started tracking these separately in 2016 when the library assumed responsibility for all general telephone inquiries for the Department.

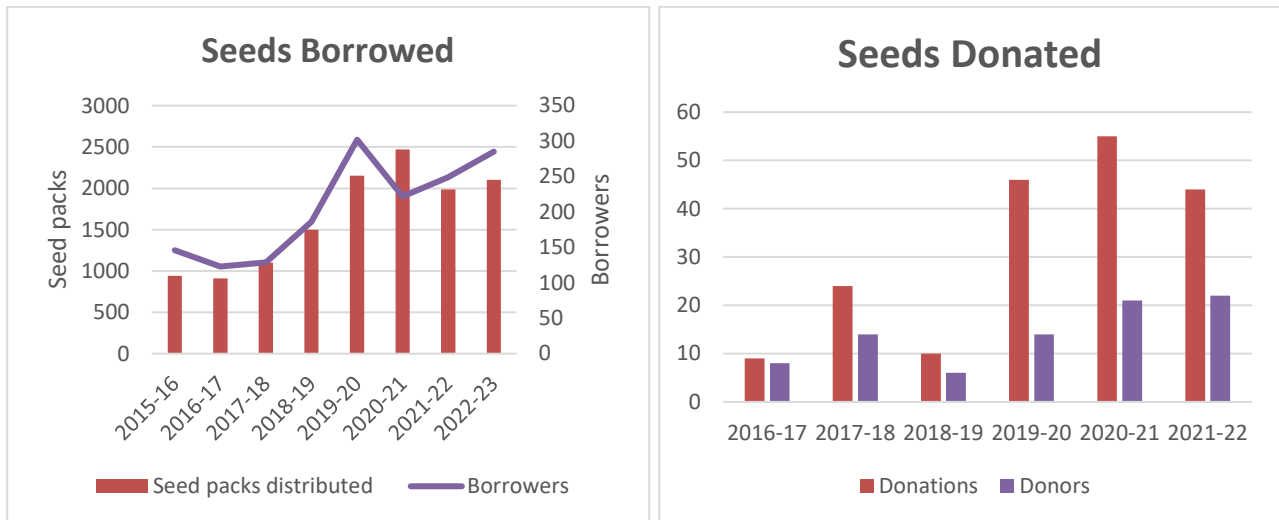
It is interesting to note that the number of reference inquiries stayed relatively steady in 2020 to 2022, even as in-person visits to the library dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic. Government employees continued to make use of the library and its resources while working from home, but as a result more interactions took place via phone or email rather than face-to-face.



"Thank you very much for the information on how to do this, it is much appreciated and should lead to a better more effective and successful Bernie!" – Bernie

Seed Library

The Seed Library has continued to flourish since its inception in 2015. This popular program saw steady growth in its first 5 years and now averages more than 2000 packets of seeds loaned out to more than 250 borrowers each year. Donations of locally-grown seeds have varied in recent years, reaching a high of more than 50 in 2020-21. Local seeds now comprise more than half of the varieties of seeds we distribute.



“Can I just say you guys are awesome. The seed library is the best thing I have seen the YG libraries do, possibly ever. Thanks for all that you do.” – Fia

NOTABLE PROJECTS

Increased Collaboration with Yukon Public Libraries

The last six years have seen a marked increase in collaboration with Yukon Public Libraries on a number of levels, including programming, outreach, and professional development. This collaboration has many benefits for the staff and clients of both systems. Library staff benefit from increased professional development opportunities and the innovation that stems from working with new colleagues. Library clients benefit from increased awareness of the services available and improved referrals to the resources they are looking for.



Joint programming:

- Seed starting and seed-saving workshops (organized by EMR Library and hosted at Whitehorse Public Library)
- 'Garden Day' program to exchange cuttings and seedlings (jointly organized and hosted at WPL)

Cooperative outreach initiatives:

- Shared table at the Fireweed Community Market
- City-wide library scavenger hunt to promote Yukon Libraries Week (also involved Yukon Public Law Library, Yukon Archives and Yukon University Library)

Shared professional development:

- EMR Library has been invited to the annual YPL Community Libraries Workshop to both speak about the library and to sit in on training and information sessions
- Joint training on preventing workplace violence in libraries

Transition to RDA Cataloguing Standard

In 2018 the EMR Library began using the new Resource Description and Access (RDA) standard for descriptive cataloguing of all new library materials. RDA is the successor to the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd Edition (AACR2) standard that was previously used by most western libraries.

Training materials and updated cataloguing guides compliant with the new standard were developed in-house by EMR Library staff. We gratefully acknowledge Yukon Public Libraries for sharing their own cataloguing manual with us which was very helpful.

Overall the transition went very smoothly with only a few growing pains and technical hang-ups. Some updates have been made to existing AACR2 records within the library catalogue but a complete batch update to all our bibliographic records has not been necessary since both standards are compatible with our current Integrated Library System software, Virtua.



Accession of Assessment and Abandoned Mines' Document Library

In early 2019, the Director of EMR's Assessment and Abandoned Mines branch reached out to discuss transitioning their in-house document library to the EMR Library. With the evolving nature of the branch's responsibilities, they needed a way to make the documents easily accessible to multiple parties, including AAM staff, federal government employees, and private industry contractors. The EMR Library provided an ideal solution to this dilemma, as we could easily incorporate both physical and digital documents into our existing collection and provide assistance to workers outside of government with finding and accessing these documents.

Over 60 file boxes of reports and more than 900 digital files were transferred to the library in May of 2019. Extra staffing hours were allocated over the summer to help with processing and cataloguing this material, and the project was completed before the end of August. Duplicate copies of reports were identified and sent to Yukon Archives where appropriate, amounting to more than 20 boxes of material.

These documents have seen steady use by library clients since their accession. We have assisted consultants and academics from all over the country who are researching the history of Yukon's mines. In 2022 the Medium Term Work Plan for the Faro Mine Remediation Project (cover pictured below) was one of our 10 most frequently downloaded documents.

Faro Mine Remediation Project

Medium Term Plan Work Plan FY2014–2017



Yukon Archives Library Joins Virtua ILS



Another major project that took place in 2019 was the addition of the Yukon Archives Library's catalogue to the EMR Library's Integrated Library System, Virtua. Up until this point the Archives Library had hosted its catalogue within Yukon Public Libraries' ILS, an arrangement which stemmed from the two organizations formerly comprising a single branch under the Department of Education. This system had many shortcomings for the Archives Library's collection, however, as it was optimized for YPL's collection of circulating popular materials.

The Archives Librarian approached us to ask if it would be possible for them to try out a sandbox version of Virtua to see if it would be a better fit for their database. They were happy with the result and a three-year agreement was signed in March 2019 for them to join our ILS.

Over the next several months all of the records from the Archives Library's database were migrated into Virtua. The EMR Library's Research and Systems Librarian assisted with the

migration and was the primary liaison between the vendor's technical support team and the Archives Librarian. A new interface of the online catalogue module (Chamo) was created for the Archives Library and customized to meet the needs of their unique non-circulating collection.

Yukon Archives has been happy with this move and recently signed a new three-year agreement extending the arrangement into 2025. There have also been benefits for the EMR Library, as Yukon Archives now pays for a portion of the annual licensing fees for Virtua. The new shared catalogue has also improved service for our clients, as they are now easily able to see material held at the Archives Library that may not be available within our own collection.

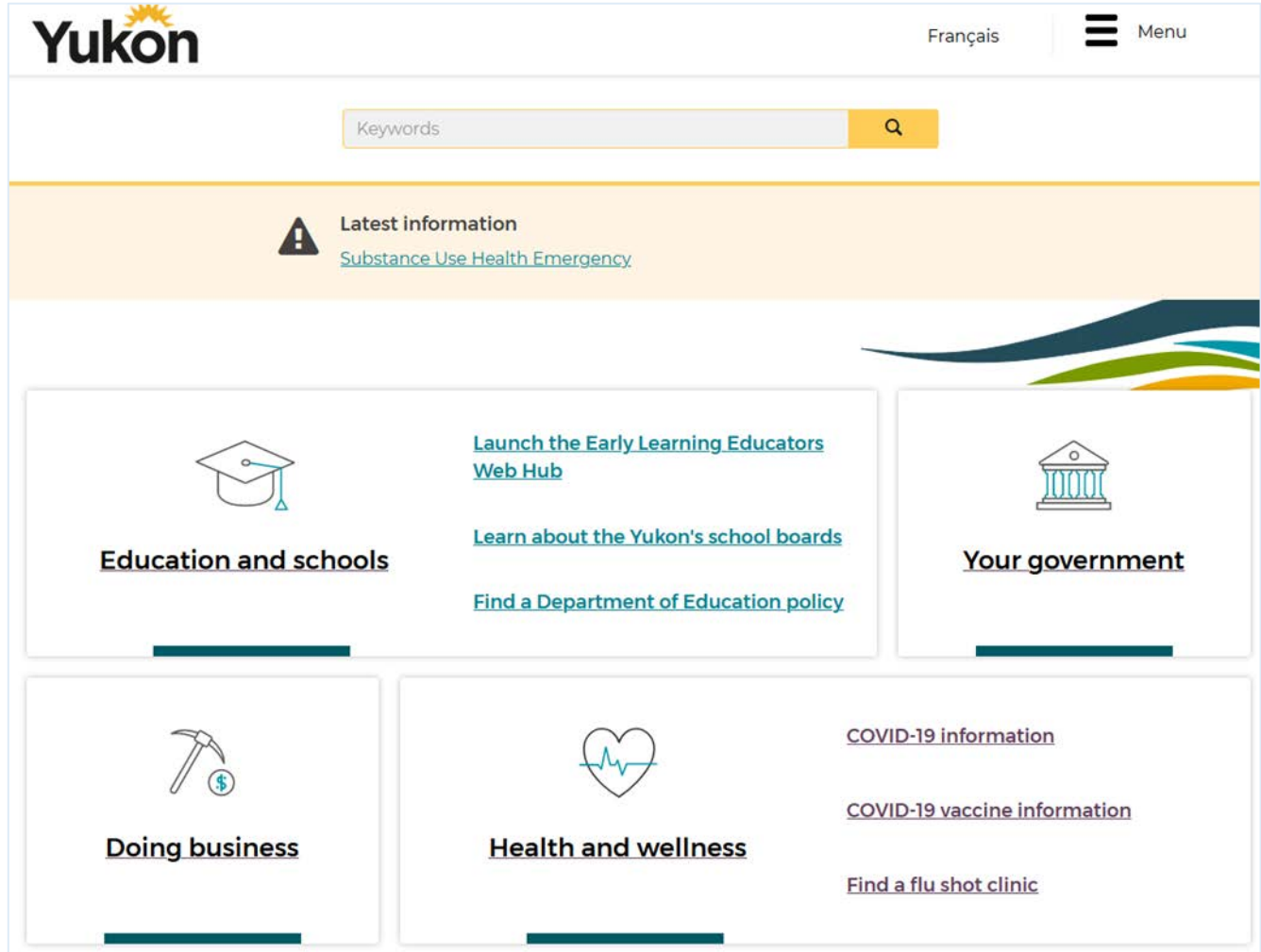
The screenshot displays the Yukon Archives Library Catalogue interface. At the top left is the Yukon logo, and to its right is the title "Yukon Archives Library Catalogue". A language dropdown menu is set to "English". A red banner message states: "Archives staff are available by phone and email to prepare materials and arrange for in-person research by contacting 867-667-8061 or yukon.archives@yukon.ca". Below this is a navigation bar with links for "Login", "My List", "Heading Search", "Search History", and "Clear Session", along with a "Mobile" link. A search bar contains the text "Search" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, the current search is "Viewing all records" with "Results 1 to 20 of 43114". A "Sort by" dropdown is set to "Creation Date(Newest First)". The search results are listed as follows:

- Engineering-economic study of the costs of implementing the fisheries restoration/compensation guideline the YFPA : 2nd Draft.**
 Jacobsen, N. A.
 Call Number PAM 1991-0449
 Publication Whitehorse, Yukon : N. A. Jacobsen, 1991.
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- A Review of the Fisheries of the Mackenzie Delta and Nearshore Beaufort Sea.**
 Corkum, L. D.
 Call Number PAM 1981-0481
 Publication Winnipeg : Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans, 1981.
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On the left side, there is a "Refine your search" section with filters for "Additional Terms", "Publication Year" (2020-2029: 104, 2010-2019: 1888, 2000-2009: 6296, 1990-1999: 9117, 1980-1989: 7927), "Region" (Yukon Territory: 126, Canada: 64, Alaska: 53, United States: 35, Yukon: 12), and "Subject" (Environmental aspects: 2101, History: 1820, Planning: 1444, Research: 1107, Economic aspects: 909).

A screenshot of the Archives Library's customized interface for the online catalogue.

New Yukon.ca Website



In 2018 the Yukon government launched a new website, Yukon.ca. The new site involved much more than just a design update, as it incorporated a very different approach toward content and navigation with a focus on task-based user interactions. It soon became clear that as departments and branches transitioned to the new site from the old gov.yk.ca domain, the bulk of their content and pages would be left behind.

The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources made the transition to the new site in 2019. This move posed a challenge to the EMR Library on two fronts: first, we needed to determine what information we needed to include on the new site and create the associated pages and content, and second, we needed to archive all of the publications linked from EMR's pages on the gov.yk.ca site that would not be moving to Yukon.ca.

With the assistance of EMR's Digital Communications Coordinator we were able to complete both of these projects in a relatively smooth manner. Three library staff members underwent

the Writing for the Web training required of all YG employees who would be creating content for the new website, and were able to work as a team to create the new pages for Yukon.ca. At the same time, library staff worked through lists of more than 500 documents hosted on EMR's gov.yk.ca pages to ensure that all substantial publications would be archived on the library's document server and linked to the library's online catalogue. With this concerted effort, we were able to make the transition to Yukon.ca comfortably within the designated timeline.

In an interesting development, the EMR Library subsequently provided support to the departments of Tourism and Culture and Environment with the transition to Yukon.ca. These departments also hosted numerous publications on the gov.yk.ca site that would not be moved to the new website, and they reached out to the library to see if we might be able to provide a new permanent home for them. We were happy to accommodate these requests to ensure that the public would not lose access to these documents.

Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a lasting global impact and its effects were felt at the EMR Library just as they were throughout the Yukon Government. In March 2020 the Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health ordered all libraries to close to the public as part of the effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. At the same time, Yukon Government employees were strongly encouraged to work from home wherever possible. The library faced the situation of continuing to support EMR and other YG employees as they made the transition to working remotely while also complying with public health directives.

To this end two of four library staff began working from home, while the other two continued to work from the library. Although the library remained closed to all clients, having staff working on site allowed us to ensure EMR employees still had access to material in the library collection. This was done through a combination of scanning material and delivering it electronically where appropriate, and preparing print material for contactless pick-up.

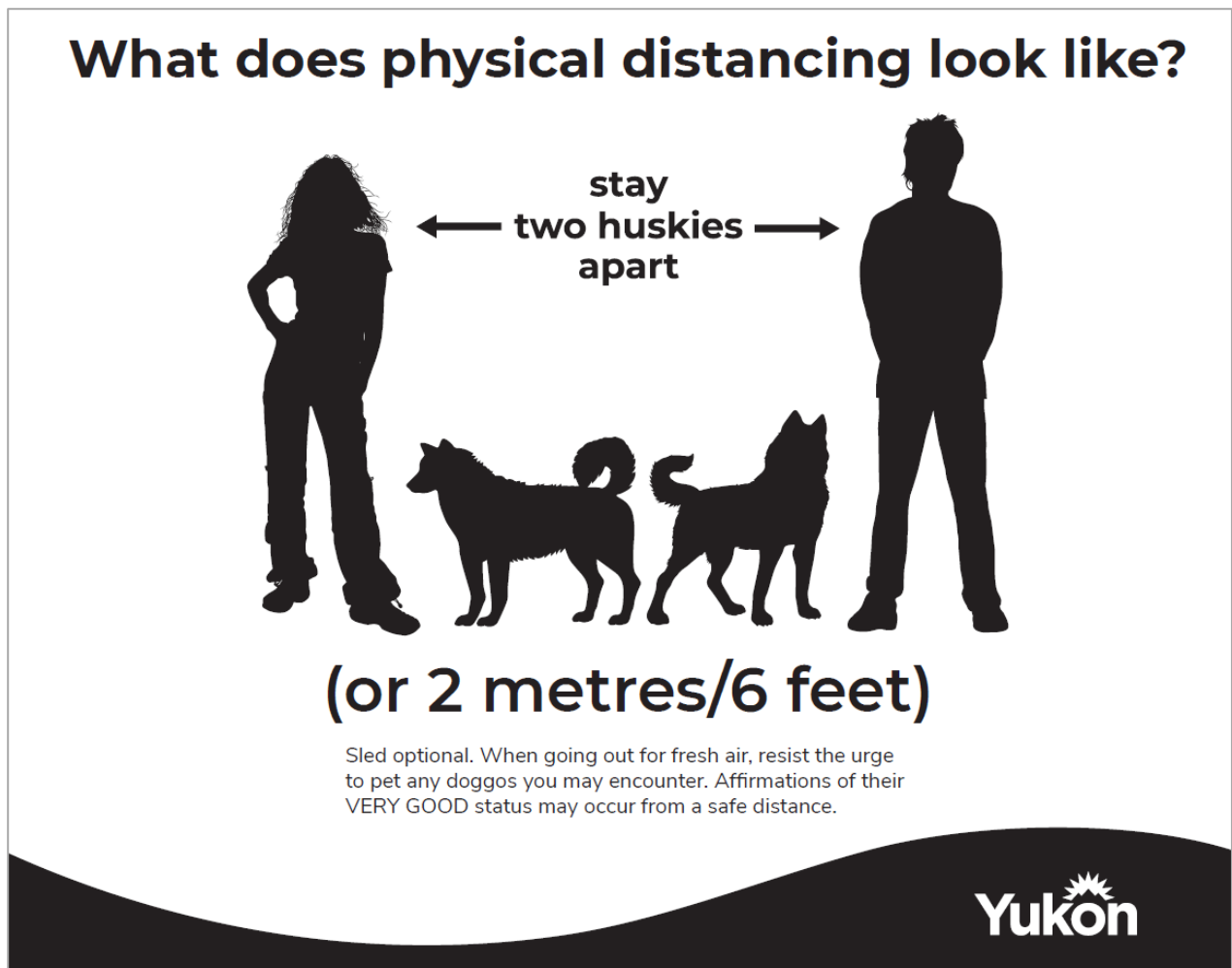
By mid-May the situation had changed to the point where it seemed likely the mandatory closure of public facilities would soon be lifted. This brought the next challenge, which was figuring out how to reopen the library to the public while making it as safe an environment as possible for clients and staff.



Plexiglas shields installed at the Information Desk to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Figuring out what safe work practices to implement was not a simple undertaking, as nearly all libraries throughout North America remained closed to the public and few were discussing reopening plans at that point. Fortunately, OCLC, a non-profit cooperative specializing in services to libraries, had been conducting research into the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus via library materials and sharing their findings via the [REALM](#) (Reopening Archives, Libraries and Museums) project.

Taking into consideration both the results of their research and the public health advice available at the time, the EMR Library came up with cleaning and quarantine protocols for library materials and furniture. These were combined with guidelines for staff interacting with clients and each other to create a set of safe work practices in advance of the library's reopening. Once approved, these safe work practices were shared with other Yukon libraries to assist them with their own reopening plans. When the EMR Library reopened on June 4, 2020, we were the first library in the Yukon and one of the first in Canada to welcome clients back.



Thanks to YG's Department of Health and Social Services for providing practical signage.

Updates to the Aerial Photograph Index

One opportunity afforded by the EMR Library's closure during the COVID-19 pandemic was that it gave library staff the time to tackle projects that had lingered on our 'someday' to-do lists for years. The most significant of these was adding holdings information for the library's aerial photograph collection directly into the online air photo map index.

The fact that the library does not own all of the photographs indexed in the map viewer has long been a source of confusion and frustration to our clients. In previous years users were able to click a link within the viewer that would take them to the corresponding holdings record in the library's online catalogue, but this function was lost after the catalogue was upgraded in 2018.

At that time we explored the idea of adding our holdings information directly to the GIS layer containing the air photo index, and discovered it would be possible to include this information but it would be a time-consuming process to manually update every entry. With the library's sudden closure in the spring of 2020, this proved an ideal project for our library technician to undertake while working from home. After several months of effort, the project was completed by the end of August 2020.



Around this time we also bid farewell to our original air photo index map viewer, SkyLine. All of EMR's boutique map viewers were migrated to YG's new corporate map viewer, GeoYukon, over the first half of 2020. Fortunately this change was postponed until after the library reopened, so we had the opportunity to help our clients learn to navigate the new viewer. Moving all of YG's publically-available GIS information to a single viewer has been a positive change overall. Clients appreciate having a single platform to access this information and require less assistance from library staff now that they no longer need to switch from one viewer to another depending on what they are looking for.

The screenshot displays the GeoYukon web application interface. At the top, the header reads "Yukon GeoYukon Explore the Government of Yukon's digital map data". Below the header is a navigation menu with options: File, Home, Download, Navigate, Find, Draw & Edit, and Analyze. A toolbar contains icons for Home, Download Vector Data, Download Elevation, Download Aerial Photographs, Search Metadata, List All Imagery, Identify Imagery, Identify Elevation, Profile Tool, Export, Print, and Bookmarks. The main map area shows a grid of air photo locations with labels like A11015, A11068, A11383, and A14960. A search bar at the top of the map says "I want to...". On the left, a panel titled "Air Photo Location" shows a thumbnail of an air photo. Below the thumbnail are "Hyperlinks" for "Airphoto (Full)", "Airphoto (Thumbnail)", and "Contact EMR Library for information on how to obtain this photo". The "Details" section for photo A11383 shows "Available at EMR Library" circled in red, "Roll Number A11383", and "Photo Number 185".

Goodbye SkyLine, hello GeoYukon – now with holdings information!

Fireweed Community Market Pop-Up Library



At the Fireweed Market in June 2022 with Agriculture Branch's Randy Lamb.

Often described as a “hidden gem”, the EMR Library is always trying to find ways to connect with potential new clients. In 2018, we teamed up with Yukon Public Libraries to bring a joint pop-up library to the Fireweed Community Market. Just as it sounds, this was really a miniature version of the library moved outdoors, complete with books, magazines and seeds available for loan, and expert staff to answer questions. The Fireweed Market operates every Thursday between May and September and in 2018 we attended 3 market days, sharing a tent and table with staff from the Whitehorse Public Library.

The market proved an excellent place for us to connect with clients. Many people were interested in the Seed Library and keen to learn about it and even take seeds home with them. Others enjoyed looking at air photos through one of our stereoscopes; younger people in particular were amazed to see a 3D image produced by this analog technology.

As it turns out, the Fireweed Market proved to be a more useful outreach venue for the EMR Library than for the public library, likely due to their higher profile and the fact that they are located in very close physical proximity to the market. Public Libraries decided not to continue their pop-up library the following year, so we reached out to other partners within YG and EMR.

In 2019 we attended four market days, two in partnership with Yukon Archives and two with EMR's Energy Branch. With pandemic-related restrictions in place for 2020 and 2021 we chose not to return to the market until 2022, when we collaborated with Agriculture Branch for two market days. We are looking forward to continuing these successful outreach partnerships in 2023!



EMRie Award

First awarded in 2013, the EMR Library has continued to give out an annual EMRie Award for the best EMR publication of the year. This award plays a dual role of rewarding the hard work of our colleagues while reminding them to submit their publications to the library. Here is a list of all of the winners since the previous report:

2017 – Yukon Geological Survey for [Whitehorse trough: past, present and future petroleum research, with a focus on reservoir characterization of the northern Laberge Group](#)

2018 – Minerals Branch for [Class 1 Notification Submission Guidelines](#)

2019 – Forest Management Branch for [Recommended Whitehorse and Southern Lakes Forest Management Plan](#)

2020 – Yukon Geological Survey for [Atlas of Late Triassic to Jurassic plutons in the Intermontane terranes of Yukon](#)

2021 – Land Management Branch for [Yukon's new Off-road Vehicle Management Area Regulation: what you need to know](#)

2022 – [Land Planning Branch for Łu Zil Män \(Fish Lake\) local area plan: draft background report](#)



Jerome McIntyre accepting the 2022 EMRie award on behalf of Land Planning Branch.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

20th anniversary in 2023

The EMR Library will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2023. Plans for a special Open House celebration in October are under way!

Spatial cataloguing

Following the success of adding footprints for all of the Yukon mining assessment reports to GeoYukon, the library is keen to make more of its collections accessible through a map-based search. We have identified a few series that would make good test candidates for this idea, including Forest Management Branch's timber harvest plans and many Yukon Geological Survey publications. We hope to complete a pilot project with one of these collections in FY 2023-24.

New annual report

This will be the last multi-year activity report as we plan to move to annual reporting. The next report will cover the 2023-24 fiscal year.