

New Home for Vancouver Branch Library



*UELAC Vancouver Branch President, Carl Stymiest U.E. and BC Genealogical Society President, Rob Whitlock cut the ribbon
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Members of the UELAC Vancouver Branch and the BC Genealogical Society (BCGS) celebrated at the BCGS Walter Draycott Library on September 16, 2016. The occasion was the dedication of the new Loyalist Collection. The collection was donated by the Vancouver Branch and the dedication represents the culmination of a period of negotiations and agreement with the BCGS and a longer search for a new home for our Library.

As part of the agreement, the Vancouver Branch of the UELAC becomes an associate member of the BCGS. As such, members of the Vancouver Branch can access the entire Walter Draycott Library collection for free by showing their UELAC Membership card at the door.



Judith Euland



Did you get that shot?



Members of the UELAC Vancouver Branch at the Loyalist Collection Dedication, Sept. 16, 2016

The following articles are from the B.C. Genealogical Society's Newsletter. Thank you to the BCGS for their permission to use them. Photos by Linda Maitland, Judith Ueland, Daphne Kelly, Rob Whitlock and, of course, Linda Nygard.

BCGS Library, con't

BCGS LIBRARY WORK BEE - AUGUST 14th



Dismantling the shelves in the reception area, moving the entire load of books – some of them twice - and reshelving a portion of the books along the wall. It took four hours of steady work on a very hot day to accomplish this feat.

New blinds were also installed in the main window.

Rob Whitlock, Judith Ueland, Bill Clayton, Kenneth Livingstone; Linda Maitland was behind the camera

The new configuration of the BCGS Library reception area

Almost ready for the UEL Library Collection



New bookshelves on the main floor of the library awaiting the UEL Library Collection that is being catalogued by our BCGS volunteers.

Coming Events, con't

UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST VANCOUVER BRANCH COLLECTION TO BE DEDICATED

Over the past few decades, there was a lot of fine librarianship done by United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada, Vancouver Branch members acquiring and organizing this collection of books and related materials. They produced an Excel spreadsheet that contained all needed standard bibliographic fields. Each book was given an accession number and a property stamp. As it became evident that the collection had outgrown any member's spare room, the books, pamphlets and binders were reluctantly boxed and stored. Discussion and strategy over a number of years led to the offer of the collection to the BCGS last August.

Members checked the boxes of library books and determined which boxes held unauthorized photocopies of books or journal articles that should not remain part of the collection. Following that, the remaining total of 688 books was compared with the BCGS catalogue. It was determined that a good percentage of the UE collection would be new to the BCGS and would greatly add to the research experience of those visiting their library in Surrey. To highlight this fact and other details, seven 8.5 x 11 inch full colour slides from a PowerPoint presentation were provided to BCGS Board for their meeting.

The Branch was hopeful that this was our

Christine Manzer UE, Vancouver Branch and BCGS member



answer. Then, on October 30, 2015 we heard the good news via an email from Judith – ***“It is with great pleasure that I am able to tell you that the BCGS Board last night voted unanimously to accept the UEL Library Collection. It was also decided that the Collection be kept separate from the BCGS regular shelves and displayed independently.”***

The UELAC Vancouver Branch rejoiced at this announcement! Moving day was dry and crisp. A number of Branch members were on hand at the storage unit to assist with the move and to follow the truck to Surrey. When the boxes were settled in the available spaces we enjoyed a tour of the library and research area to ensure that we were all aware of the value of the full Walter Draycott Library.

The Branch will maintain an Affiliate Society membership in the BCGS and members will have free access during regular opening hours just by presenting their current UE membership card.

The Branch executive and many members look forward to being at the unveiling and dedication of the collection in the Walter Draycott Library when we will celebrate the common work we do of knowing and understanding our ancestors and the Canadian history we share and love.

September Meeting

For our September meeting we were honoured to have Zen Bailey as our guest speaker. Zen is a Captain James Cook Elementary School student who participated in the Vancouver Heritage Fair. Zen presented her Heritage Fair project about her grandmother "Marjorie Turner Bollet", an Olympic athlete in the 1960s and a Black Loyalist descent from Nova Scotia. Zen's enthusiasm was infectious. Her father assisted with some details. Members appreciated having the time to direct many questions to Zen and her father.



Zen presents her project as her family looks on.



Members of the Vancouver branch enjoying the presentation.



Carl and Diane presented Zen with her certificate, pins and a book prize.

October 2016 — Finding Your Roots

Members of the Vancouver branch attended the Finding Your Roots Genealogy Conference in Surrey. The Conference was organized by the Church of the Latter Day Saints and is open and free to all. Our display generated a lot of interest. Malene Dance U.E. from the Chilliwack branch presented a workshop on United Empire Loyalists. Marlene's workshop and our display table both generated a lot of interest in Loyalist ancestors. Several attendees expressed their interest in receiving more information about the UELAC and Vancouver branch.



Vancouver Branch Receives Cheque from the Atlantic Conference

Vancouver Branch members, Carl Stymiest U.E. and Christine Manzer U.E. are also members of the New Brunswick Branch. In that capacity, they volunteered to help with the Loyalists, Lighthouses, and Lobsters Conference in Summerside, P.E.I. In appreciation, the committee of the combined Atlantic Region branches generously decided to give the Vancouver branch a 10% share of the profits. A big Thank You to the Atlantic Region for the cheque our Treasurer, Gwen Dumfries U.E. recieved.



Left to right: Carl Stymiest U.E., Gwen Dumfries U.E. and Christine Manzer U.E. with cheque from the Conference organizers

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 11 — Join us at the New Westminster cenataph to lay a wreath to honour our Loyalist ancestors, lunch nearby to follow.

Saturday, November 12 — Regular Meeting and AGM

Annual General Meeting and Regular Meeting: 1:30 pm Bonsor Recreation Centre.

AGM: Annual Reports and Election of Officers.

Regular Meeting to follow. Speaker Marlene Dance U.E. WW II Airman Father: A Case Study.

Sunday, December 4 — Christmas Tea at Audrey Viken's home in West Vancouver. Details to follow by email.

Saturday January 14th—Regular 1:30 meeting. Year in Review video by Linda Nygard U.E.

Time to Renew Your Membership

It's time to renew your membership for 2017. Please print and complete the form on the following page and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to, along with your cheque to Linda Watson U.E.

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Vancouver Branch

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

City or Town: _____

Province or State: _____ Postal or Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO:

UELAC-Vancouver Branch

Mail to: Linda Watson 6797 La Salle St. Vancouver B.C. V5S 3X4

Individual Membership \$50.00 CAD

Family Membership (all at same address) \$70.00 CAD
(name(s) of additional family members):