

The University of British Columbia

The University of British Columbia campus occupies a prime location in the city of Vancouver. Its setting, with views of the ocean and snow-capped mountains, is one of the most spectacular in the world. Situated in the distinguished neighborhood of Point Grey, this peaceful retreat seems far removed from the hectic pace of the city, yet the campus is only ten kilometers from downtown. It welcomes many hundreds of conference delegates from all over the world every year.

The campus is renowned for its museums, including the world-famous Museum of Anthropology, and botanical gardens, and is home to a wide variety of sports facilities. Pacific Spirit Park which surrounds the campus has many hiking and biking trails, and several beaches are within easy reach. The UBC Bookstore is the largest in western Canada.

The Student Union Building (SUB) is a convenient one-stop dining, shopping, and business centre. Dining facilities include the 1000-seat Pacific Spirit Place cafeteria (open 07:00-19:00), snack bars/delis, pubs, and coffee bars. The SUB also houses a bank, gift shop, a concession store, and a box office for theatre and event tickets. Copy facilities, word processing and desktop publishing facilities are also available at the SUB.

A bus loop (for city buses to downtown and other areas of Vancouver) is located near the SUB.

BRIDGING THE GAP

"Bridging the Gap" Sites

All the conference sites on campus are conveniently and centrally located within short walking distances of each other. Delegates housed in the Walter Gage Residence complex (see also ACCOMMODATION) are just across the street from the SUB, the venue for the Exhibits Day and the Awards & Farewell Luncheon. A few minutes further on, delegates will find the Henry Angus (Commerce) building where lecture theatres and classrooms have been booked for the conference sessions. The foyer will house the Registration Desk and Information Desk as well as provide a convenient spot for refreshment breaks. A Hospitality Suite will be open and staffed for several hours each day in "Apartment 34" in the Walter Gage complex.

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encouraged to exchange funds for Canadian dollars at Vancouver International Airport or at a bank or foreign currency exchange outlet. Less favourable rates of exchange may be given by commercial establishment (for US funds). It is also recommended that delegates exchange some funds prior to arrival in Vancouver for taxis and other incidentals. There is a branch of the Bank of Montreal in the Student Union Building on the UBC campus. It has Automated Teller (ATM) facilities accessible 24 hours per day. Other financial institutions with ATMs are located in the University "village" a ten-minute walk from the Walter Gage Residence complex and in the shopping area just outside the University Gates—a short bus ride from campus.

Travellers' Cheques

Travellers' cheques (in Canadian and American dollars) are widely accepted at banks, hotels and most retail outlets in Vancouver. Please note that two pieces of photo identification could be required to cash travellers' cheques (although often a passport will suffice).

Shopping Hours

Most stores are open from 09:00 or 09:30 to 18:00 weekdays. On Thursdays and Fridays, most stores stay open until 21:00 and on Saturdays until 17:00. Most stores are open on Sundays from 12:00 to 17:00.

Tipping

Tips or gratuities are not usually included in the bill in Canada. In general, a tip of up to 10-15% of the total amount is considered to be a suitable gratuity for waiters, waitresses, hairdressers, and taxi drivers.

Metric System

Canada uses the metric system. Visitors will find weather temperature reports given in degrees Celsius, gasoline sold by the liter, milk and wine by milliliters and liters, grocery items in grams and kilograms, and all road speeds posted in kilometers per hour.

Electric Current

Electricity is supplied at 110V/60 Hz AC.

Time Zone

Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) + 8 (Pacific Daylight Savings Time)

Language

While many languages are spoken on its streets, Vancouver is primarily an English-speaking city. All "Bridging the Gap" conference sessions and its published Proceedings will be in English.

Local Transportation

Vancouver is served by an award winning public transportation system made up of buses, the SkyTrain (Light Rapid Transit) and the SeaBus (between downtown Vancouver and North Vancouver). In the downtown area, fares are \$1.50 (exact change) and most public transportation operates from 05:00 to 02:00. Taxis are also numerous and easily hailed. For more information on local public transit, please call 604-521-0400.

Driver's Licenses

American state driver's licenses are valid in Canada for varying periods of time as legislated by individual provinces and territories. The International Driving Permit is also valid but it must be accompanied at all times by the visitor's state or national driver's license.

Please send your completed registration form together with payment to "Bridging the Gap" Conference Secretariat. You may register by mail, fax, or e-mail. Registrations by fax or e-mail will be accepted only if credit card information (Visa or MasterCard) is supplied. Registrations will not be accepted by telephone.

To register electronically, visit the UBC Conference Centre home page at <http://www.conferences.ubc.ca/Register.html> and select "Bridging the Gap" from the list of available conferences. You may also request accommodation at UBC at the bottom of the electronic registration form.

One-day registrations are possible for Monday, July 7, Tuesday, July 8, or Wednesday, July 9. The fee includes attendance at any conference program sessions scheduled for that day, refreshment breaks during the day, and a copy of the conference Proceedings. You may register for one day using the conference registration form or on site at the Registration Desk. The one-day fee is the same for early-bird, late, or on-site registration.

Payment of Fees

Payment must be made in Canadian funds payable to "Bridging the Gap" and must accompany your registration form. Payment must be made by credit card (Visa or MasterCard), cheque (drawn on a Canadian bank), money order or bank draft. Please include "Bridging the Gap" and your name on all payments.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Registration fees, less a \$30.00 administration fee, will be refunded if cancellation is received in writing by June 13, 1997. After this date, registration fees are nonrefundable. All refunds will be processed after the conference.

Queries regarding conference registration should be addressed to the "Bridging the Gap" Conference Secretariat, UBC Conference Centre, 5961 Student Union Boulevard, Vancouver, BC, V6T 2C9, Canada. Phone: 604-822-1050; Fax: 604-822-1069; E-mail: registration@brock.housing.ubc.ca

Registration Desk

The "Bridging the Gap" Registration Desk will open at 13:00 on Sunday, July 6 in the Fireside Lounge in the Walter Gage Residence complex. Delegates may pick up their registration packages at the Desk until 18:00. On Monday, July 7 and subsequent days of the conference, the Registration Desk will be located in the foyer of the Henry Angus Building and open according to the following schedule:

Monday, July 7	07:30 - 17:30
Tuesday, July 8	08:00 - 13:30
Wednesday, July 9	08:00 - 13:30



Included in the Basic Conference Registration Fee

- attendance at all the plenary sessions and other conference program sessions including the First International Forum on Research in School Librarianship
- a copy of the conference Proceedings
- refreshment breaks
- admission to the Exhibits Day and "Lunch in the Exhibits"
- the Opening Ceremonies and the Welcome Reception
- the Awards & Farewell Luncheon
- an attractive canvas conference bag

To take advantage of the reduced **early registration fees**, please ensure that your registration form and fee payment are postmarked by **May 10, 1997** or earlier. Registrations postmarked after May 10 will be subject to late registration fees.

Delegates attending the **Pre-Conference Institute** on Sunday, July 6 will be notified about registration procedures when they receive their registration confirmation.

EXHIBITS DAY

Bridging the Gap Between School Libraries and Resources

A feature of "Bridging the Gap" will be the Exhibits Day on Thursday, July 10 between 09:00 and 16:00 in the Ballroom of the UBC Student Union Building. It will provide an excellent opportunity for conference delegates to view print, nonprint, and electronic resources and discuss issues and trends with the vendors in a casual atmosphere. On this day, a limited number of conference sessions will be offered in the morning and no programs are scheduled in the afternoon.

Come early and meet some stars! You may see Clifford the Big Red Dog, or Franklin the Turtle, or the "Griz" (the Vancouver Grizzlies' NBA basketball mascot). Stay around for lunch and the chance to win a door prize! Peruse new titles and software. Some resources will be available for on-the-spot purchase. Bring cash (Canadian or American) or your credit card (Visa or MasterCard).

This is a "ticketed" event. Admittance is included in the basic conference registration fee. Additional tickets are \$20.00 each and may be ordered at time of registration for the conference or purchased at the Registration Desk on site up to the morning of Thursday, July 10. As well, tickets may be purchased at the door for those who wish to participate in this one-day event only.