

Redefining inter-institutional library partnerships and collaborations

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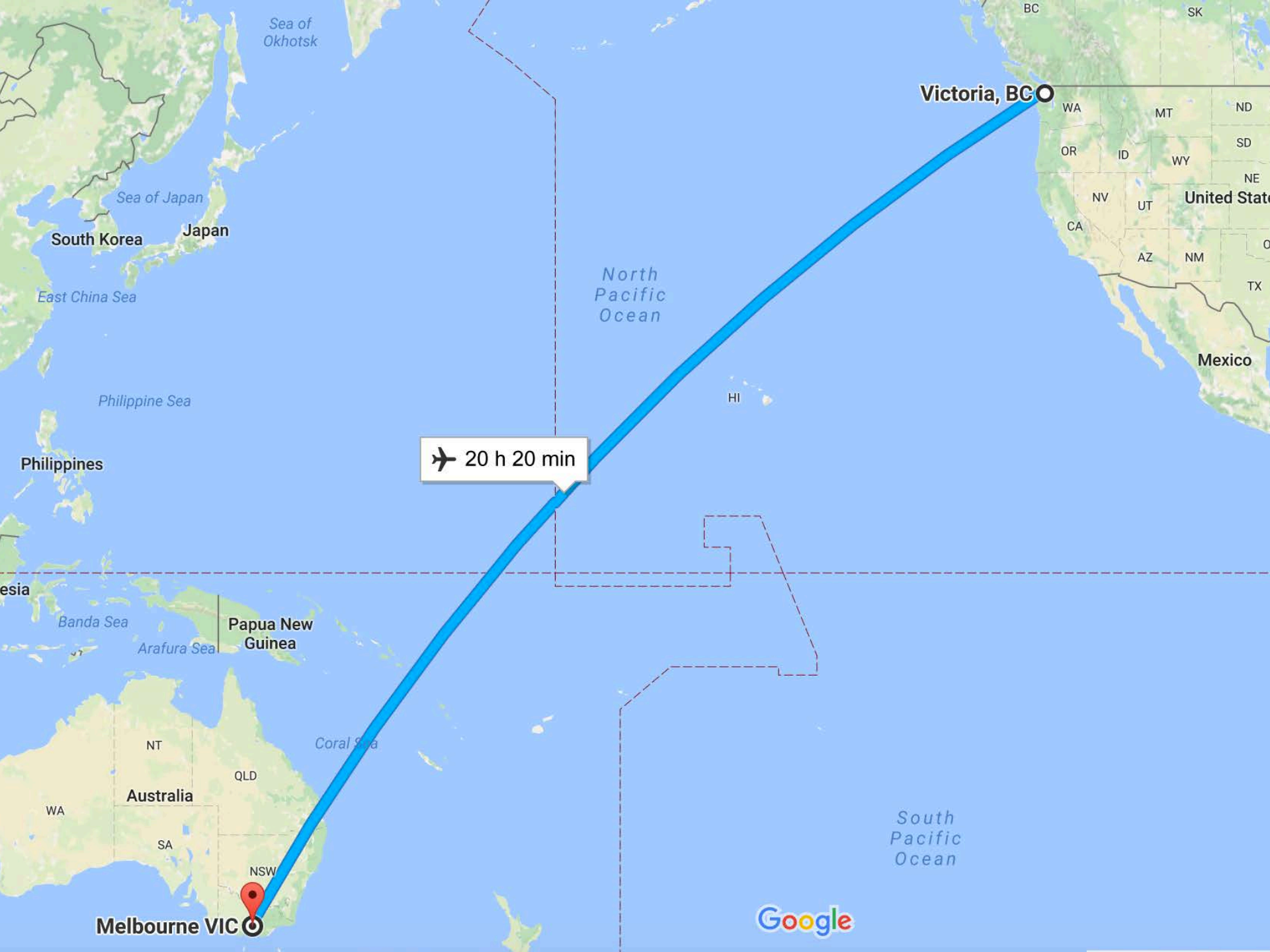
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**17797 UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS
3412 GRADUATE STUDENTS
5500 STAFF (900 FACULTY)
RESEARCH INTENSIVE
INDIGENOUS
DESTINATION**

**THREE LIBRARIES
33 FTE LIBRARIANS
109 FTE SUPPORT STAFF
\$18 MILLION (CAD) BUDGET
2,000,000+ VISITS/YEAR**

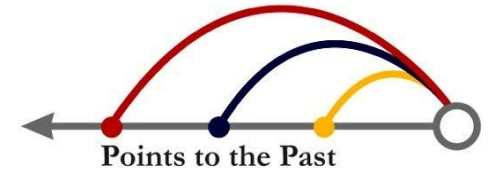
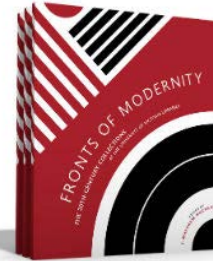


STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS at UVic Libraries



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MANY COLLABORATIONS



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UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC RESEARCH PLAN

*“For researchers to contribute to the betterment of a rapidly changing global society, they must respond to challenges associated with competition and pursue opportunities for collaboration in an increasingly mobile and interconnected world. Although research has never occurred in a vacuum, isolated from the rest of the world, **UVic research intensiveness and social impact is now frequently driven by partnered and leveraged activity with university libraries** and partnership intermediaries such as UVic’s Research Partnerships and Knowledge Mobilization unit.”*



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“One of the most important partnerships for UVic researchers is internal to the university – UVic Libraries. The libraries are a research platform in their own right, providing access to physical and digital collections, and to digital scholarship and data visualization space and supports. Integration of librarians into research projects is enabling for researchers, particularly for those projects making use of, or creating, digital resources. ...”



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In addition to creating interdisciplinary linkages between researchers at UVic, the library is itself a conduit to other kinds of partnerships with organizations such as Nationally, the libraries are working with the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) in partnership with Compute Canada to mount the Portage project, a multi-year initiative to create data management tools and build a national infrastructure for the preservation and discovery of research data.



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*As research intensiveness increasingly involves the use of large datasets and analytical prowess to extract meaning and value from them, for example, **librarians and data scientists require supports to participate in research design and delivery.** Internationalization, interdisciplinarity, community-engaged research and Indigenous scholarship—which are hallmarks of UVic research excellence rather than endpoints—similarly require systematic alignment of time, money and effort.*



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Actions

Further integrate university libraries into UVic research processes

Draw on library expertise in research-related education and training

Raise awareness of the ability of UVic Libraries to access other collections and repositories

Support research communications to increase access to publicly funded research

Identify opportunities for librarians to collaborate on research projects

Work with libraries to support open-access initiatives



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Expanding Partnerships, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

University of Victoria Strategic Research Plan 2016:

*The library provides an important linkage between research and educational programs by offering training for **digital information fluency**, encompassing traditional conceptions of information literacy with increasingly complex forms of knowledge creation and dissemination.*

UVic Libraries Strategic Directions 2012:

*The library works with stakeholders to ensure all UVic students achieve **digital information fluency** to thrive in the 21st century university, workforce and society. (Learning Pillar)*

*The library hopes to develop the necessary **digital fluencies** needed to build relationships and work on interdisciplinary research teams with faculty and graduate students. (Research Pillar)*



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UVic Libraries Digital Information Fluency definition

“The ability to critically, ethically and effectively find, organize, use, evaluate, create and disseminate information. More specifically digital fluency skills, within the context of academic teaching and research, include but are not limited to, the use of tools and data sets, writing and critical thinking, digital professionalism, communicating ideas effectively in a range of media, producing, sharing and critically evaluating information, collaborating in virtual networks, using technologies to support reflection, understanding data privacy and security, managing reputation and showcasing achievements.”



HOSTING AND PRESERVATION SERVICES for grant-funded research projects

Digital Asset Management

Metadata Consultation

Exhibits & Discovery

Digital Preservation

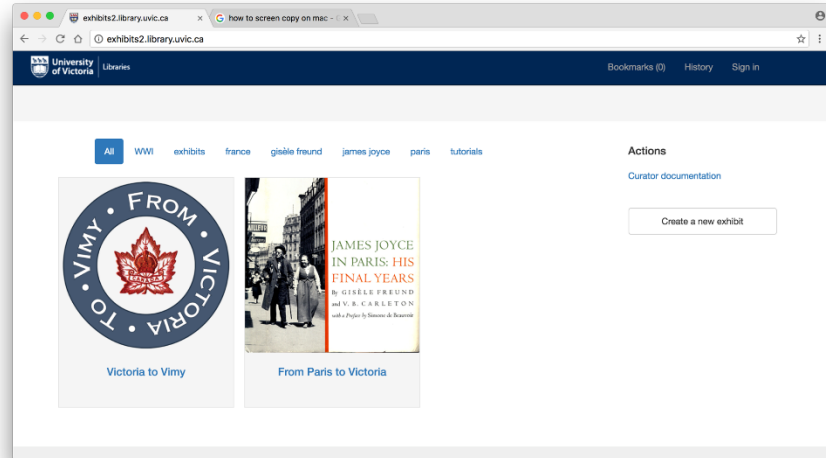
Digitization Centre

Digital Scholarship Commons

Research Data Management

Open Access Publishing

Other Services



Researcher Responsibilities



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Thank you

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