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# Robert Harris fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Robert Harris fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	RBSC-ARC-1236
<b>Date:</b>	1968-1980 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	48 cm of textual records and 2 cassettes
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	The fonds was minimally processed between 1984 and 1987. It was re-processed, arranged, and described by Gabriella J. Cigarroa in Summer 2024.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Robert Harris was a library consultant under contract with the provincial government of British Columbia's Ministry of Education. He acted as Secretary or Executive Director to several coordinating and planning committees, and as supervisor of a number of research and implementation projects. He also served as Executive Director of the Management Advisory Council, which was one of three councils in the Ministry of Education legislated to oversee the functions of B.C.'s fifteen community colleges between 1977 and 1983.

### Custodial history

Between 1981 and 1984, Robert Harris transferred his fonds to Basil Stuart-Stubbs, Director of the UBC School of Library, Archival, and Information Studies. In 1984, Basil Stuart-Stubbs transferred the fonds to Special Collections.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds documents several projects undertaken by or for the Ministry of Education relating to post-secondary education libraries and other types of post-secondary learning resource centres (LRCs). These include: the Council of Post-Secondary Library Directors (CPSLD)'s Management Indicators for British Columbia College and Institute Learning Resources Centres Project; and several projects undertaken by the Education Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Education. Harris served as invited Ministry of Education Representative to the CPSLD and Secretary to the Education Advisory Committee. Records

consist of reports, proposals, standards, questionnaires, manuals, correspondence, policy documents, and other material collected and created as part of these projects.

Fonds is arranged into two series: Management Indication Project records; and Education Advisory Committee records.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the contents of the fonds

### Arrangement

When processing the fonds in 2024, the archivist maintained the fonds' previous order.

### Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

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## Access points

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- British Columbia. Ministry of Education. Management Advisory Council (subject)
- Stuart-Stubbs, Basil (subject)
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Education (subject)
- Government (subject)
- British Columbia (place)

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## Series descriptions

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### Management Indicators Project records

Date: 1968-1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series documents the Management Indicators for British Columbia College and Institute Learning Resources Centres Project, an initiative undertaken from 1977 to 1981 by the Council of Post-Secondary Library Directors (CPSLD) College Library Standards & Accreditation Committee and

its Sub-Committee on Role Definition. Initially called the “Standards for B.C. College and Institute LRCs,” the project was initiated to draft standards (also referred to in the records as “guidelines” and “management indicators”), role statements, and a working definition of the term “Learning Resource Centre” (LRC) in the B.C. post-secondary context. CPSLD considered updated standards imminently necessary due to shifting budgetary and reporting procedures triggered by the Colleges and Provincial Institutes Act of 1977 and the allocation of LRC funding to the Management Advisory Council in November 1978. The project developed quantitative criteria based on the following six areas to inform standards: budget, collections, staff, services, A/V equipment, and facilities. A report on Phase I of the project, which gathered and analyzed material relating to community college standards and their development, was submitted by W. E. Hanafi and B. E. Husband in January 1979. This report was followed up by an interim report in January 1980 and final report in 1981, both by R. J. Welwood, which assessed individual B.C. LRCs compare to established standards and modified these standards for B.C. institutions.

Series consists of material created and gathered by the Management Indicators for British Columbia College and Institute Learning Resources Centres Project between 1977 and 1980. It includes standards, reports, budgets, questionnaires, role statements, notes, correspondence, and other material relating to Canadian and U.S. LRCs for the project.

Physical description: 37.5 cm of textual records and 2 cassettes

Related material:

Additional records related to this project can be found in the Council of Post-Secondary Library Directors Fonds held at BCIT Archives & Special Collections.

Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1236-01-01	File - I Standards: Coll. - Alberta to Coll. - Canada (folder 1 of 2)	[copied between 1977? and 1978? (originally created 1966-1978)], 1977-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1236-01-02	File - I Standards: Coll. - Alberta to Coll. - Canada (folder 2 of 2)	1972-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1236-01-03	File - II Standards: Coll. - England to Coll. - Washington (folder 1 of 3)	[copied 1978? (originally created 1964?-1977)], 1978		
RBSC-ARC-1236-01-04	File - II Standards: Coll. - England to Coll. - Washington (folder 2 of 3)	[copied between 1977? and 1979? (originally created		

		1968?-1972)], 1974-1979
RBSC- ARC-1236-01-05	File - II Standards: Coll. - England to Coll. - Washington (folder 3 of 3)	[copied 1971-1979? (originally created 1960-1978)], 1971-1979
RBSC- ARC-1236-01-06	File - III Standards: Public Lib.s to Univ. - U.S. (folder 1 of 2)	[copied 1978? (originally created 1961-1978)], 1968-1978
RBSC- ARC-1236-01-07	File - III Standards: Public Lib.s to Univ. - U.S. (folder 2 of 2)	[copied 1971-1978? (originally created 1959-1978)], [1971?]-1978
RBSC- ARC-1236-01-08	File - III Standards: Accreditation to Bibliography	1971-1977
RBSC- ARC-1236-01-09	File - IV: Collections to J.E.M. (folder 1 of 2)	[copied between 1977? and 1979 (originally created 1965-1979)]-1979
RBSC- ARC-1236-02-01	File - IV: Collections to J.E.M. (folder 2 of 2)	[copied between 1977? and 1979 (originally created 1968-1978)]-1979
RBSC- ARC-1236-02-02	File - V: M.A.C. to Role Statements (folder 1 of 2)	[copied between 1977? and 1979 (originally created 1966-1974?)]-1979
RBSC- ARC-1236-02-03	File - V: M.A.C. to Role Statements (folder 2 of 2)	[copied between 1977? and 1978 (originally created 1963-1978)]-1978
RBSC- ARC-1236-02-04	File - Report of the British Columbia College and Institute Learning Resources Centre Standards Project Phase IW.E. Hanafi and B.E. Husband	Jan. 1979
RBSC- ARC-1236-02-05	File - College Library Role/Goal Statements	1974-1978
RBSC- ARC-1236-02-06	File - 5 Year Plans + College Goal Statements	[copied 1978? (originally created 1971-1978)]-1978
RBSC- ARC-1236-02-07	File - [Standards charts and other material]	[1973?]-[1979?]

RBSC-ARC-1236-02-07-SPC-1	Item - L.A.D. Conference Tapes #2: "Library"	[197-?]
RBSC-ARC-1236-02-07-SPC-2	Item - L.A.D. Conference Tapes #3: "Library"	[197-?]
RBSC-ARC-1236-02-08	File - Preliminary Papers: Management Indicators for British Columbia College and Institute Learning Resources Centre (folder 1 of 4) [reports, budgets, and other material]	1979-1980
RBSC-ARC-1236-02-09	File - Preliminary Papers: Management Indicators for British Columbia College and Institute Learning Resources Centre (folder 2 of 4) [questionnaires]	1979
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-01	File - Preliminary Papers: Management Indicators for British Columbia College and Institute Learning Resources Centre (folder 3 of 4) [statistics and other material]	1979-1980
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-02	File - Preliminary Papers: Management Indicators for British Columbia College and Institute Learning Resources Centre (folder 4 of 4) [report drafts and statistics]	1979-1980
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-03	File - B.C. College + Institute L.R.C. Standards Project	1978-1979
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-04	File - CPSLD [Council of Post Secondary Library Directors, B.C. Regional College & Institute Library Standards Committee: minutes, memoranda, and other material]	1977-1979

### Education Advisory Committee records

Date: 1972-1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series documents projects undertaken by the Education Library Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Education. The Education Library Advisory Committee's aims were: to provide advice and assistance to the Ministry of Education on library matters as they relate to educational programs and facilitating the delivery of library services in the educational system; to respond to proposals on library matters received by the Ministry as requested; and to bring to the Ministry's attention library matters related to the effectiveness of the provincial education library system.

Series consists of records created by Education Library Advisory Committee sub-committees aimed at the creation of a B.C. educational library consortium and an interlibrary loan (ILL) network. It includes proposals, reports, manuals, memoranda, and other material created in the course of these projects.

Physical description: 10.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

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File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-05	File - Library Projects	1977-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-06	File - Library Projects	1977-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-07	File - [Educational Support Services: reports, proposals, and other material (folder 1 of 2)]	1972-1977		
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-08	File - [Educational Support Services: reports, proposals, and other material (folder 2 of 2)]	1972-1977		
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-09	File - [Education Library Advisory Committee : proposals, reports, and other material]	1978-1979		
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-10	File - [B.C. Post-Secondary Library Network: Interlibrary Loan Project Manual]Margaret Friesen and Basil Stuart-Stubbs	1977		
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-11	File - [B.C. Interlibrary Loan Network: report and proposal]Basil Stuart-Stubbs	1978, 1980		
RBSC-ARC-1236-03-12	File - Library + Networking [B.C. Medical Centre Education Committee Library Sub-Committee: reports and other material]	1973-1975		