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## What the Robertson Library has to offer besides books

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Last week I visited the library was an intended purpose. My quest was to find out if that large building on the side of the campus, otherwise known as the Robertson Library, contains anything useful to offer to the student population besides books.

With the help and direction of Marybeth Harris (Head of Circulation Desk), I discovered many useful things.

To start off with, I'd like to inform you that there are numerous telephone books, for all the Canadian cities and for the major American cities, which can be found at the Information Desk. So, if you have a friend who you'd like to call who lives in New York or even if you'd like to just make a phone call to New York and maybe even make a friend, always remember that your local Robertson Library probably has the telephone numbers you'll need.

Besides phone books, there is a another extremely interesting feature in the library known as the PEI Collection. This collection includes annual reports, biographies, information on historical sites, etc. If you ever wonder about the area in which you now live, the PEI Collection is sure to have information on it.

Another feature which is in a way historical are the many newspapers and magazines to be found in the Robertson Library. Some examples are: London Times (which goes back as far as 1785), Globe and Mail, New York Times, Royal Gazette (a PEI newspaper 1791-94). I've only listed a few of the many newspapers and magazines offered. Sometimes it's really interesting just to read some of those newspapers from way back when...

Newspapers and magazines are kept on microfilm and the librarian would be happy to show you how to load the microfilm into the machines, should you need assistance.

Besides microfilm, there are also microfiche which

are basically the same idea as the microfilm except the information is on a card. You can bet books, thesis and articles on microfiche.

The media centre also contains records, cassettes and even videos which can be borrowed by students. This collection of videos has practically everything from "Great Expectations" to Shakespearean plays. In order to borrow the videos, they must be booked in advance.

A special collection of art books can be found in the media centre as well as calendars from other universities.

With all this information I've provided you with, I sincerely hope you all, as students, will make honest efforts to see more in our library than just books.

