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Canada 2005: a Spanish overview of Canadian academic libraries

Abstract:

Canadian University Libraries have been pioneers in managing new user oriented services and in IT implementation. They actually are an important reference for Spanish academic libraries when planning to improve libraries and learning resources centers.

From May 25th to June 18th 2005, Roser Gómez and Marta López, from the Technical University of Catalonia Libraries, visited 6 different university Libraries in Québec and Ontario to learn how they are developing library services and how they are adapting to the new higher education model.

Before traveling we had already been in contact with directors and library staff from the different university libraries, dealing with them the agenda and topics to get acquainted with during the visits.

For the project we got a grant from the Catalan Government and the IATUL Board "IATUL Cross Country Cooperation Programme Grant".

Within this paper we would like to present our findings and our work during that ambitious cooperation project that has been so profitable for us, and we hope also for the librarians we worked with. We also would like to encourage other IATUL members to participate in a similar project.

We would like to thank all the library directors and staff who invited us to spend some days with them, sharing their knowledge and work with us, and of course to the IATUL Board to contribute to make it possible.