Since I didn't get back in time last month to make a report on my Evergreen conference at the last meeting, here it is now.

I attended the 2013 International Evergreen Conference in Vancouver, BC, April 11-13. As always, the conference was well attended by Evergreen users and interested parties from the US and Europe, and especially from Canada this year. The main hall of the venue, seen at right, was both a visually striking and effective meeting place, with microphones at each seat for all those attending in this round auditorium to hear each other as easily as they could see each other.

I attended sessions on Evergreen database administration, Radio Frequency Identification tags, choosing the right hardware for an Evergreen installation, integrating third-party tools with Evergreen, support and migration issues, and general information sessions.

From a technical perspective, this was the best conference yet for me. As usual, there were a host of presentations by Evergreen libraries, highlighting useful projects or enhancements people had made to or along side their Evergreen installations. But for the first time, there were technical presentations made by people outside of the library field, representatives of the organizations behind the development of some of the underlying technologies that Evergreen relies on. Even better, these talks were 2-3 times the length of the typical conference presentations, so they could really cover useful topics in depth. I came away from these sessions with a host of ideas and information to try in my testing here.

Finally, I thank the Director and this Board for continuing to place value on training and development for staff. I am very appreciative for the chance to go to these conferences, and I look forward to next year's conference in Boston.

In other automation department news:

- Curtis and I have been swapping out the old printers for the new. The old printers and supplies have been offered for sale in accordance to BDL policy. Not all items are sold yet, but to date the library has recouped more than $1,300 on these old items.

- I successfully migrated all data from our old web server to the new, without any issue. The performance increase has been very nice. Next up will be our file server.

- I have been working up floor plans for our disaster planning.

- I have added quite a bit to our in-house documentation.

- Parts were ordered for desktop computer repairs and replacement of two more wireless antennas from 2004.

- and, of course, the Geek the Library photo shoots continue.

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