Providing state-of-the-art library and knowledge management solution for Military Library

ROYAL CANADIAN MILITARY INSTITUTE (RCMI) CASE STUDY WITH PENNY LIPMAN

The Royal Canadian Military Institute (RCMI), located in Toronto, has Canada's largest privately-held military library.

The 15,000 volume RCMI Research Library holdings include significant books detailing Canada's military history.

The library's wide range of subject matter encompasses: Army, Navy, Air Force, training and equipment, tactics and strategy, uniforms, medals, war art and poetry. The RCMI permits a detailed study of subjects not readily found elsewhere.

Founded in 1890, the RCMI included "the promotion of Military Art, Science and Literature" in its mission. A core element of the Institute's activities is the field of "Defense Studies," particularly on issues related to Canadian Military Heritage and Contemporary Canadian Security.

CHALLENGE

RCMI Librarian Penny Lipman, B.A., MLS, needed an efficient solution which could accommodate not only the books in the RCMI collection, but also one that could seamlessly evolve to incorporate photographs and archival material.

Additionally, she required a system that securely provides a web-based searchable catalog with basic "Guest" gateway access and a "Login" for exclusive member-only feature access.

SOLUTION

Since transforming the library catalog with the use of book covers, catalog record input, along with reviews and ratings capabilities, Penny is particularly impressed by Soutron Global's "Library of Congress auto-cataloging feature [which] is an invaluable help with the backlog, to lighten the load on a solo librarian."

Penny says "I've been really happy with Soutron, their service, everything they've done. Soutron Global asked what I wanted and then did it.

Customer service is fantastic. Soutron was easy to implement and use." She would recommend it to anyone.

RESULTS

Soutron Global upholds the RCMI's mission by providing an informal social knowledge-based network for discussions related to matters of "security and defense." Specifically, its social knowledge-based network enables members of the RCMI library the ability to comment on and rate materials, thus keeping the spirit and traditions of RCMI moving forward.

Soutron Global provides RCMI a secure, state-of-the-art library and knowledge management solution that delivers access to not only their historic possessions, but also provides RCMI members with an enhanced Social Knowledge Network.

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RCMI plans to incorporate eBooks, photos and archival materials as well as video and sound files into the library collection.

In the future, RCMI will have a new website featuring the library and museum. The new website will have a library component connecting to the Soutron Global system.

Visit the Royal Canadian Military Institute website today: www.rcmi.org

To find out how you can migrate to a fast, cloud based and flexible library and archive management system to support your organisation, start a conversation with Soutron today: www.soutron.com

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