

## News from Newfoundland

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### Update from Memorial University Libraries

#### **Collections:**

We are seeking feedback from faculty, instructors, and students on the Sage Journal Package, with a deadline of September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This is also the case with Taylor & Francis, and the Cambridge, Oxford, Wiley, and Springer publisher packages. The Libraries will analyze feedback from academic units along with data such as usage statistics and resource overlap in determining which journals to retain from this package as of January 2018.

#### **New Online Course "Reserves" System:**

We are rolling out a new online Course Resources or "Reserves" system. For the last number of months, our Grenfell Library Team has been leading this initiative. Thanks to their hard work, students across all of our branches now have easy access to course reserve materials on any device through an intuitive interface. The system also allows collaboration and feedback between students and instructors.

#### **Strategic Planning:**

Our strategic planning process is underway with a dedicated steering committee at the helm. We are currently beginning an environmental scan so you will be hearing from us in the near future on this initiative. The approach to the strategic planning is rigorous. We aim to have a finalized plan next winter. We will soon have a webpage that shares our progress and provides a forum for feedback. Stay tuned.

#### **The Mobile MakerSpace in the Classroom:**

The QEII Commons, a partnership between Memorial University Libraries, The Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, and Information Technology Services, piloted a project that involved bringing its makerspace equipment and expertise into Memorial University classrooms with some very inspiring results. A class from the Faculty of Education used the makerspace with a group of kindergarteners as part of their coursework. The kids (with a little help from our next generation of teachers) made an object inspired by a creative and critical discussion around a storybook.



### **Memorial University Libraries – MI Team:**

Our Marine Institute Branch created an interactive website as a tribute to the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve. The story of the HMS *Calypso* and those who trained on board the vessel has been brought to life and features the original ship's drawings and dozens of photos. The site serves as a modern, virtual memorial to the young men who bravely stepped forward to serve in the Royal Navy. Visit here for more information: <http://ww100.mi.mun.ca/>

### **First Space Gallery in the QEII Library:**

The walls of the First Space Gallery in the Queen Elizabeth II Library recently showcased a quarter of a century's worth of work from Memorial University visual arts graduates. The gallery's latest milestone exhibit is titled: 25 Years of Graduates from the Visual Arts Program at Grenfell Campus. The program, created in 1988, has produced 360 graduates. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the significant contribution of artists to the cultural life of Newfoundland and Labrador, and beyond, who were all shaped in some way or another by Memorial.