

News from New Brunswick

News from the Mount Allison Libraries & Archives

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Elizabeth Stregger has accepted an appointment as Systems Librarian for a term from May 2017 until June 30, 2018. Elizabeth has worked in academic libraries since 2009, first as a library technician and then as a librarian. Most recently, she worked as a Discovery & Access Librarian at the University of Saskatchewan. She has worked in both technical and public services roles, with experience gathering and analyzing system needs, changing configuration, and migrating systems. Elizabeth's primary responsibilities at Mount Allison will be to lead an effort to evaluate its integrated library system (ILS) and discovery needs, and to help the library migrate to a new ILS.

Robert Cupido, a lecturer in History at Mount Allison, began work in the University Archives as the Bell archival assistant in April. Robert is working on projects related to the Bells, a family significant to the history and development of Mount Allison University.

Jasmine Daigle joined the library in February on a term to replace cataloguer Alana Estabrooks, who is on maternity leave with the December arrival of baby Eli. Jasmine completed her MLIS in 2011 and has since worked in several positions with the New Brunswick Public Library system, the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, and Canada's Sports Hall of Fame. She has experience in cataloguing, museum and curatorial assistance, and front-line circulation work.

Trish Wilson joined the library in January as Technical Services Assistant. Trish works with the library's serial publications and microform collection, and assists with book repair. She graduated with an Office Administration diploma from New Brunswick Community College in 2016 and worked in a medical clinic before coming to Mount Allison.

Long-time Serials Assistant Deb Black retired in January after 19 years in the R.P. Bell Library. Deb was the library's master book mender and microform wizard. She will be honoured at the university's annual employee recognition ceremony in May.

Librarian Jeff Lilburn teamed up with Sociology Professor Erin Steuter in February to deliver a public talk called "[Fighting Fake News: Tips for Aspiring Truth Detectives.](#)" The presentation covered current examples of fake news, why it is on the rise, and how it has political consequences. It also provided an overview of tools people can use to identify and deconstruct fake news. After their presentation in the

Mount A. Library, Steuter and Lilburn were invited to deliver the talk to the Tantramar Seniors' College in Sackville and at an event in Fredericton organized by the New Brunswick Media Co-op.

Librarian Jeff Lilburn's article, "Ideology and Audit Culture: Standardized Service Quality Surveys in Academic Libraries," appeared in the January, 2017 issue of *portal: Libraries and the Academy*. The article examines the relationship between LibQUAL+ and the rise of audit culture and private sector management practices in academia.

The R.P. Bell Library made Mount Allison history in January by hosting a concert and dance party on the reference floor. The Mount Allison Student Union, which organized the DJ Shub & Classic Roots show, pitched the library as a novel location because of its large main floor, high and open ceiling, and great scenery—books! Staff and students removed seating and computers on Saturday, Jan. 14 while crew brought in professional lighting, soundboards, and speakers. The result was a successful dance party with magnificent sound and lights. A bar was also available in the library's café. Library staff thanked students for leaving no mess and for generating no spills beyond one cup of water.