

News from Newfoundland

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News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Library System

As previously reported, Ernst & Young's *Organizational and Service Review of the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Library System* was released on May 5th, 2017. Following the release, the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA) and the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) were vocal about the desired outcomes of the review, and which recommendations should be prioritized. While there are many questions surrounding the report, it will serve as a helpful foundation document to propel the conversation forward. To date, no concrete plans or responses have come forward from the government. We hope to know more in the near future.

News from Memorial University Libraries

Memorial University Libraries is in the process of creating its Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. Consultations with the library and university community, and as well as with outside stakeholders, have been ongoing for several months, with the deadline for feedback coming up at the end of October. To date, the library has attended student, staff, and faculty events, to encourage feedback on how MUN Libraries can change. On September 27th, all MUN Libraries branches joined in a "Talk to the Libraries!" event to introduce students and other library patrons to the library and its many functions and services, and also to encourage feedback to assist with the Strategic Plan. Each branch created interactive activities for students to complete, and ballots were awarded towards a draw of a \$250 tuition voucher. Throughout the last few months, the library has also held focus groups with library staff, undergraduate and graduate students, and faculty. The next phase involves our campus-wide collaborators. The Library is thrilled with the amount of valuable feedback received, thus far. Next steps will involve collaborative efforts to compile feedback and identify the themes and priorities which will help to shape the final product.

Since the beginning of 2017, Memorial University Libraries has been reviewing the Sage journal package for cancellation at the end of 2017. This project follows other similar projects which resulted in the cancellation of the Cambridge, Oxford, Wiley, Springer, and Taylor & Francis journal packages. The deadline for feedback on which Sage journals should be retained was September 15, 2017. The Library is currently reviewing all data collected and received to ensure that as many valuable titles as possible are retained.

