

## News from New Brunswick

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Laura Landon, Head of Access Services, Bell Library

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## Staff News

- Librarian Jeff Lilburn is serving a second year as President of the Mount Allison Faculty Association (MAFA). Jeff has served for a number of years on the MAFA executive and on its negotiating teams during the last two rounds of collective bargaining. MAFA is beginning contract negotiations next year.
- Laura Landon is serving a second year as subject librarian for Sociology, filling in for Jeff Lilburn. Laura served as a Public Services Librarian at Mount Allison for two separate sabbatical replacements from 2013-2015 and has been Head of Access Services since July 2015.
- Renée Belliveau joined the Library as an Archival Intern in September. A Mount A alumna, Renée has a Master's degree in English Literature from the University of Waterloo. She plans to pursue her MLIS in 2019.
- Long-time Access Services Assistant Brenda Snowdon retired on Sept. 30, 2018. Brenda was the library's informal "ambassador of cheer" for 25 years. She also developed extensive knowledge of the Library's stack space and the mechanics of shifting a large collection. To read more about Brenda, see [the Newsstand – 'Ambassador of Cheer' Brenda Snowdon retires from Library](#).
- Susan Duke joined the Library as an Access Services Assistant in September. Susan worked for the Peace River Municipal Library in Alberta as an interlibrary loans clerk and Access Services Assistant for four years. She also ran a high-school library in Peace River in 2013-14.
- Rodney Howland joined the Library as an Access Services Assistant in October. Rodney has 20 years' experience as a Library Assistant, primarily at UNB and McMaster University. He is a library technician and librarian.

- The University Archives invites applications for the [J.E.A. Crake ArtsWork Internships](#). The 2018-19 intern will work with the University Archivist and the Department of Music to process the papers of former Mount Allison Music Professor Michael R. Miller, among other projects. The posting closes Nov. 12.

## Events and Related News

- Librarians Anita Cannon and Laura Landon led an hour-long session at the June 2018 APLA conference in Fredericton. Their session, called Librarians as Government Information Activists, provides a snapshot of the state of Freedom of Information (FOI) federally and in Atlantic Canada, with information on how to file a freedom-of-information request. [Their slides are available on the Mount Allison Libraries website.](#)
- Librarians Elizabeth Millar and Elizabeth Stregger led a lightning session at the 2018 APLA conference called Truth and ReconciliACTION Activities at Mount Allison Libraries & Archives. During Mount Allison's Year of Indigenous Knowing (2016-2017) and Indigenous Action (2017-2018), we were grateful for the opportunity to better educate ourselves and others. The Libraries and Archives also made changes to library space, practices, and programming in response to the CFLA-FCAB Truth and Reconciliation Report. This talk outlined what we've accomplished so far, what more we would like to do, and what we've learned from our efforts.
- On Sept. 10, the Libraries & Archives hosted the University's second summit on Digital Literacy and Citizenship @ MTA. Participants explored the meaning of digital literacy and digital citizenship as well as what core competencies students need for an undergraduate degree. Several members of the organizing group will be using the results from the two summits to develop a green paper on next steps for consideration by the Provost and Vice President Academic and Research, Jeff Ollerhead.
- In late September, the Mount Allison Libraries & Archives joined the Novanet consortium of academic libraries. We are the first library outside Nova Scotia to join the consortium. This year will be a busy one in the Libraries & Archives as we migrate our library systems from SirsiDynix to Novanet's Ex Libris platform. The migration should be complete by late Spring, 2019.
- In October 2018, the Library began its ["Our Picks" author speaking series](#) with a riveting talk by award-winning journalist and novelist **Omar El Akkad**, author of *American War*. The next author in the series is mystery writer **Peter Robinson** (author of the Inspector Banks series) on Nov. 21, followed by **Sean Michaels** (*Us Conductors*) on Jan. 16, 2019, and **Katherena Vermette** (*The Break* and others) on Feb. 6, 2019. University Librarian Marc Truitt created the Our Picks series by asking staff and librarians what Canadian authors they would like to bring to Mount Allison University, which led to the 2018-19 lineup. The events bring authors to the Library and into Mount Allison classrooms.
- Consultations regarding the upcoming R.P. Bell Library renovations continued in the Fall term with a series of focus groups involving staff, librarians, faculty, and students. The Libraries 2025

Vision Committee is leading the [renovation consultation efforts](#). The University expects the Library renovation, which is in early planning stages, to be finished by 2025.