

## News from New Brunswick

### News from Mount Allison University

**Laura Landon, Head of Services, Bell Library**

### Staff News

- Music Librarian Laura Snyder is retiring in June 2019. Laura's distinguished career included appointments at St. Olaf College, Oberlin College & Conservatory, Eastman School of Music (University of Rochester), University of Houston, and University of Alberta. She joined Mount Allison's Libraries & Archives in 2012, playing a key part in the Music program by providing research instruction in its core, first-year Music course every fall, which included several class sessions, an assignment, and many tutorials. She also provided library instruction for other Music courses, and teaching and liaison expertise in Anthropology, Fine Arts, Religious Studies, Classics, and Philosophy. Laura recently worked with Music Library Association colleagues on developing the ACRL Framework for Music, co-publishing a chapter in the 2018 book *Ideas, Strategies, and Scenarios in Music Information Literacy*. The Library is in the process of hiring a term Music librarian to perform some of the work Laura performed so expertly.
- University Librarian Marc Truitt is retiring in June 2019. Marc joined the Library in 2012 from the University of Alberta Libraries, where he was Associate University Librarian for information and bibliographic services. Before that, he had an extensive career in technical services and library systems at Yale, Princeton, Notre Dame, University of Houston, and the Linda Hall Library of science, engineering and technology in Kansas City.

During his term at Mount Allison, Marc worked to improve student space by, for example, increasing the number of study spaces, investing in comfortable furniture, and working with the student union to increase library hours by 15 hours a week. He also worked to improve technology and access by upgrading equipment and facilitating the purchase of back files for about 2,000 Elsevier journals. His other notable campus-wide contributions include helping to create the University's *Quo Vadimus* series of conversations and working with Deans on Mount Allison's digital future. Most recently, he led the Library in its efforts to join the Novanet consortium in 2018-19. Marc provided service to the community and represented Mount Allison by serving as chair of CAUL-CBUA from 2015-2017.

Mount Allison recruited for a new University Librarian in 2018-19, conducting interviews in Spring 2019. The hiring committee expects to make an announcement later this spring.

- The Library and Archives welcomes students Susanna Cupido, Marin McBeath and Cameron Hambrook as summer interns under the New Brunswick Government's Student Employment

Experience Development (SEED) program. Susanna, Marin and Cameron will be working on various projects throughout the Library.

- Victor Lima joined the University Archives in January 2019 as J.E.A. Crake ArtsWork Intern. He has been working with the University Archivist on the records of the R.C. Goodwin Company of Baie Verte, New Brunswick and on reports from the 1930s-1950s by Biology students on community health throughout the Maritimes.
- In April and May 2019, the Library welcomed MLIS student Steve Geier, who did his practicum in the Mount Allison Library. Steve worked with Data & Digital Services Librarian Elizabeth Stregger to develop faculty and student publication collections in our Institutional Repository. Steve works as a research associate in Mount Allison's Chemistry and Biochemistry department and is a student in the University of Alberta's MLIS program.

## Events and Related News

- The Libraries & Archives joined the Novanet consortium of academic libraries in 2018. We are in the process of a systems migration from SirsiDynix to Novanet's Ex Libris platform. Migration work is ongoing, and the new system is scheduled to go live by July 2019.
- The Library concluded its successful ["Our Picks" author speaking series](#) in February 2019 with a talk by award-winning writer and filmmaker Katherena Vermette (*The Break* and others). 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, which led to the 2018-19 lineup of four authors: Omar El Akkad; Peter Robinson; Sean Michaels; and Katherena Vermette. The events brought authors to the Library and into Mount Allison classrooms.
- Data and Digital Services Librarian Elizabeth Stregger and Jaclyn McLean, a librarian at the University of Saskatchewan, will have a poster presentation at the International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference (EBLIP10) in Glasgow, Scotland in June 2019. The poster presents the initial results of their survey on unaffiliated users and access to academic library collections.
- Data and Digital Services Librarian Elizabeth Stregger will be co-teaching a new, third-year Spring session course called Operational Data Science with faculty members from Computer Science and Biology. They will use open educational resources such as an adapted New England Collaborative Data Management Curriculum (NECDMC), R, and the open access textbook *R for Data Science* by Hadley Wickham and Garrett Grolemund.