

News from Nova Scotia

News from the Vaughn Memorial Library, Acadia University

Britanie Wentzell, Academic Librarian, Vaughn Memorial Library

Acadia Reads

Our third year of Acadia Reads has kicked off, and the book chosen by the Acadia Campus is *The Rest is Silence* by Scott Fotheringham:

“In the backwoods of Nova Scotia, a man has decided to withdraw from the world to simplify his life. He builds a cabin and plants a garden. He befriends the few people he can reach within biking distance — an old man living on the shore and a woman who may be as damaged as he is. In fits and starts, he recounts a story to his new friends, a tale of youthful passions, of idealism and rebellion, of love and of science.”

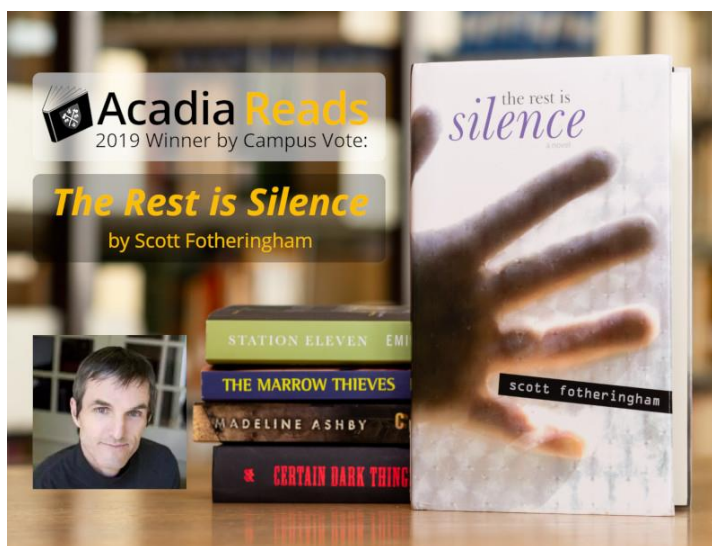
From Goose Lane Publishing.

Acadia Reads encourages the Acadia community to share their love of books by reading the selected title and

participating in programming surrounding the book. This year’s events include, but are not limited to, a panel, book clubs, film screenings, and a presentation and book-signing by the author Scott Fotheringham on Wednesday, March 4th, 2020.

The Acadia Reads campaigns are coordinated by Librarian Ann Smith.

Learn more at www.acadiareads.acadiu.ca



Diversity and Inclusion

The Library is collaborating with Acadia’s Accessible Learning Services to connect students with disabilities to free accessible books through the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) and BookShare’s Educator Access Program. Learn more at: www.celalibrary.ca/educators

Librarian Maggie Neilson (Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator) hosted a weekly pop-up reference at Welkaqnik Indigenous Student Centre during the Winter 2019 term.

Library staff will receive gender diversity training in the fall.

Outreach and Promotion

The Acadia Archives launched their own Instagram account in May. Follow them @AcadiaArchives for some great images from the Archives and follow @AcadiaLibrary for library-related content.



Acadia University's Welcome Week/Student Orientation is coming up at the end of August. Librarian Britanie Wentzell (Outreach and Promotion Coordinator) is planning a giveaway to encourage new followers on the Library's social media channels.



The Library's weekly Therapy Dog visits will recommence in the fall. This program began last winter and was extremely popular with students.

Due to the huge success of the end of term colouring table, the Library will now have a permanent colouring/jigsaw puzzle table in the main lobby. The puzzles were kindly donated by the Acadia University Community.

In collaboration with Open Acadia, the Library will be providing workshops for faculty, staff and students in August and during the Fall term. Librarian Erin Patterson will be hosting a series of Copyright workshops, and Librarians Maggie Neilson and Britanie Wentzell will be hosting a workshop, aimed at new faculty, introducing the Library's resources and services for faculty and students.

This October, in partnership with the Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL), the Library will be hosting a Halloween Garden of Reading party. This annual event introduces students to the Garden of

Reading Collection—a rotating collection of leisure reading materials from AVRL which are housed in the Vaughan Memorial Library—and encourages students to sign up for a public library card.

International Conferences

Two of our Librarians presented at international conferences this Spring:

Maggie Neilson co-presented a poster with Carla Graebner from Simon Fraser University at the **IASIST 2019 Conference** (International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology) in Sydney, Australia. They presented a poster for the *Canadian Association of Research Libraries Portage Data Management Plan Expert Group* (DMPEG). The group set out to create a series of DMP exemplars to assist and support researchers in creating their own DMPs. Of particular interest to the DMPEG was the creation of exemplars from arts and humanities projects (such as historical research), as these disciplines are largely underrepresented in the pool of DMP examples currently available. Recognizing DMPs are living documents, DMPEG worked with researchers to create four exemplars. The poster touched on the unique challenges and requirements researchers face — highlighting sample language, resources and ‘call-outs’ to identify best practices and challenges for further discussion.

Britanie Wentzell presented at the **QQML International 2019 Conference** (Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International) in Florence, Italy. She presented on her work as an Embedded Librarian and co-instructor in Dr. Ryan MacNeil’s 4th year *Small Business Management* course. Ryan and Britanie have co-taught the Small Business Management course for four years; adapting and improving the course each term. Britanie discussed how and why this partnership began, the benefits to students having an embedded Librarian in the classroom, her experience as a co-instructor, how the course has evolved and what it looks like today, as well as, future research plans surrounding the course.

APLA 2020 Conference

Planning is underway for APLA 2020, which will be held from June 9th to 12th 2020 at Acadia University in beautiful Wolfville, Nova Scotia. Visit <https://conference.apla.ca/> for Conference details.