

## News from Nova Scotia

### News from the Vaughn Memorial Library, Acadia University

**Britanie Wentzell, Outreach & Promotions Coordinator**

#### In Memoriam

Joseph (Joe) Stevens, long-time employee of the Vaughn Memorial Library, Acadia University, passed away at the Valley Regional Hospital after a short illness.

A native of Morden, a small village on the Bay of Fundy, Joe resided in the Valley for his entire work life, but he always referred to Morden as “home”. Joe graduated from West Kings District High School and received his Bachelor of Arts from Dalhousie University in 1974. A little-known fact is that Joe also studied photography at the Banff Centre and performing arts management at Confederation College; however, his love of books and libraries brought him to the Library Technician program in Kentville at NSCC’s Kingstec Campus in 1987.

Joe started his career at Acadia in 1988 as the serials assistant. In 1990, he moved to the position of Assistant Cataloguer before being promoted to Cataloguer. If you’ve ever looked for something in the Acadia library, Joe likely helped you find it. He had a hand in describing tens of thousands of items, including foreign language materials, albums, scores, CDs, DVDs, and of course, books.

Joe’s interests were varied to say the least: books, reading and collecting, movies, soccer, cricket, Dr. Who, craft beers, and soup: mulligatawny was known to be his favourite. If Joe wasn’t at the library surrounded by piles of books, you could find him at Gaspereau Press chatting with Andrew and Gary or hunting for treasures



with Jim at the Odd Book in Wolfville.

An endowment fund in support of a special library collection has been established in Joe's name and memorial gifts are welcome at [giving.acadiau.ca/JoeStevens](http://giving.acadiau.ca/JoeStevens).

### **University Librarian**

After an excellent year, Daphne Flanagan has stepped down as University Librarian and returned home to New Brunswick. Jennifer Richard is now our Interim University Librarian and a UL search Committee is currently being put together. Daphne will be missed, and we are very thankful to Jennifer for taking on this role in the meantime!

### **Welcome Back**

Agnieszka Hayes has rejoined our Librarian team, taking over Jennifer's liaison roles of Biology, Chemistry, and Nutrition & Dietetics. She is also the Coordinator of Website Development. We are pleased to have her back!

### **Outreach & Promotion**

We had an extremely successful Exam De-stress round this past December. An event took place every single weekday while exams were on. Our most successful was a new one, where we brought miniature therapy pigs into the Library (yes, you read that correctly – we had pigs in the Library)! This event saw over 200 students visiting the pigs in 3 hours. We had line-ups out the door the whole time! We of course also had our regular Paws Room event with the Therapeutic Paws of Canada, which is always a big success! Some of our other events included; an art class, Mario Kart on the Wii (borrowed from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library), movies, more therapy dog visits, a hot chocolate station, and knitting.



## **Partnerships**

A new initiative has begun at the Library thanks to the Acadia Student Union Food Cupboard. Through this program, we now have an area with free snacks in the Library for those in need! The ASU Food Cupboard was founded to give Acadia University students access to emergency food services on campus. This new resource provides emergency food support to any student along with miscellaneous living supplies such as toilet paper and feminine hygiene products. With these supplies, the room also provides nutritional information, dietary support, and budgeting tools that are available to all students. To learn more, [visit here](#).

## **APLA 2020 Conference**

We can't wait to host the APLA Conference 2020 in June and look forward to seeing everyone there! Visit [us here](#) for full details!