

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

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University News:

Changes were made to Memorial University's Board of Regents to improve governance at the university. [Read more.](#)

The Office of the Auditor General has delivered its audit report on Memorial University to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. [Read more.](#)

The Board of Regents has approved the appointment of **Dr. Ian Sutherland** as Memorial's next Vice-President (Grenfell Campus). [Read more.](#)

The search committee for the role of Dean of the Faculty of Education has completed its work and recommended **Dr. Pamela Osmond-Johnson** for the position. Dr. Osmond-Johnson will start her five-year term on December 1, 2023.

Dr. Dolores McKeen was appointed Interim Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, effective August 1, 2023 until July 31, 2023 or until the search for the permanent role is complete.

Research:

Scholarly communications Librarian **Dr. Patrick Gamsby** has published a new book [The Discourse of Scholarly Communication](#). The Book was also featured in the Gazette Column "[Books at Memorial](#)". He has also been granted a cross-appointment with the Department of Sociology for a three-year term, effective November 1, 2023.

"Bricolage: The Art of Natural Remedies in Newfoundland and Labrador" is **Lindsay Alcock's** sabbatical project. The art exhibit blends her librarian expertise and her vocation as an artist. It is on display at the First Space Gallery in the QEII Library until Jan. 2023. Read more about it on the [University's website](#).

The 2023 Memorial Libraries Research Fair will be held on Dec. 8th. The event will be fully virtual with an informal in-person social held after the fair on the St. John's campus.

On Nov. 9th, Grenfell librarian **Chelsea Humphries** discussed all things at the intersection of wellness and libraries on IG live with Brock University Teaching and Learning Librarian and author of <https://librarywellness.ca> - **Justine Cotton**.

The Grenfell Campus's first-ever **Academic Prep Week** ran from August 28-September 1. The library was a major partner, running 8 workshops and events throughout the week that introduced the library and essential library research skills to 60 incoming first year students.

Employee News:

Meghan McKibbon is the successful candidate in the Marine Institute Public Services Librarian search. She started her term on November 6.

Pam Morgan of the Health Sciences Library retired on October 13, 2023. She worked with the Libraries for over 33 years.

Digital Initiatives Librarian **Nailisa Tanner** will be leaving Memorial University on December 15, 2023.

Susan Cleyle and **Louise McGillis** both officially retired this summer from Memorial University Libraries and we would like to thank them for their years of service and leadership.

MI Library's **Brian Quinn** retired this summer after 30 plus years with Memorial University.

Karen Stapleton from QEII Library public services retired in September after 15 years with Memorial University.

Alice Canning started a new permanent position on October 23 as a Band 7 in QEII Public Services.

Nicholas Diamond recently started a permanent Band 4 position in QEII Public Services.

Health Sciences Library welcomed two new staff members this Fall, **Patsy Campbell** and **Laura Baggs**.

Archives and Special Collections' **Matthew Keels** attended a week-long training course in Ottawa for National Archival Appraisal Board (NAAB) Certification.

Donna Doucette was the successful candidate for the permanent LA8 position in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies and **Karen Darby** accepted a contractual position as an LA8.

Danielle Gillespie is now in a permanent LA3 position with the Centre for Newfoundland Studies.

Emily Gushue recently joined the Cataloguing & Metadata division as an LA3. Emily is thrilled to be joining the Memorial Libraries. She has previously worked with the College of the North Atlantic, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries and The Rooms Provincial Archives. She holds an MA from Memorial University and an MSc in Archives and Information Systems from the University of Dundee.

There was a celebration of life ceremony at the Centre for Newfoundland Studies for **Dr. Anne Hart** on August 4th. She was the division head of the CNS for many years and made a lasting impact on our libraries, the university, and the province. You can read about her life and legacy [here](#).

Cool Stuff:

To mark Remembrance Day, a Memorial University Gazette article features three archival collections of women who served in the First World War. [Read more](#).

A recent acquisition (**Cassie Brown's** typewriter) from the Archives and Special Collections Division garnered media attention. Find the CBC story [here](#) and the Saltwire story [here](#).

The Maps Department has merged with the Archives and Special Collections. The Map Room will serve as the unit's reading room.

Archives and Special Collections recently acquired the archives of a provincial and national icon a Codfather/Rowdyman.

Education Library's **Liza-Ann Tucker** was recently featured in Saltwire magazine in a feature about [east coast traditions](#).

On October 23, Library IT employee **Dennis Flynn** was acknowledged for his contribution to his community in Newfoundland and Labrador's House of Assembly. Dennis is an author and photographer.

Grenfell Library ran a "Welcome Back Open House" on September 13 and a Board Game Night on September 15 while also participating in many campus-wide orientation events. Board Game Night was an especially successful event, bringing over 100 students into the library!

Archives and Special Collections' **David Mercer** was recently featured on [CBC's St. John's Morning Show](#) speaking about his experiences with the C.L.B. Armoury.

QEII Library Commons student staff member is currently on a work term with Amazon Robotics. You can read about Ahmed's adventures [here](#).

Public Services Librarian **Chelsea Humphries** was interviewed for CBC Newfoundland Morning about her recent publication about ChatGPT. [Listen to the interview here](#) and [read her article here](#).

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies (CNS) has contributed a substantial amount of material to the Digital Archives Initiative over the years, but one collection in particular is noteworthy because it involved the cooperation of an external partner. [The NTA Journal](#) published by the Newfoundland Teachers' Association gives a comprehensive look at the field of education for most of the 20th century. CNS did not have a complete run of the journal so the NLTA was contacted and they agreed to loan issues that CNS was missing.

On Sept. 26th, the QEII Library was the setting for the Drag show extraordinaire "The Library is Open" that celebrated fun, diversity, identity, creativity and all things LGBTQIA2S+. Thanks to **Newfound Lad**, **Madame Daddy**, **Tara Nova**, and **Sasha Doll** for sharing their joie de vivre with us.