

## News from Nova Scotia

### Updates from the Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University

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#### Outreach

**Mend Your Broken (Hearted) Books**, a book-mending clinic, was hosted by the Library on February 27. Patrons were invited to bring books in need of extra love and care to the library. Staff were on hand to repair and reattach book pages and covers, as needed. This event was originally scheduled for February 13, ahead of Valentine's Day, but had to be postponed due to weather.

In honour of **African Heritage Month**, the Library is highlighting relevant works from our collection with physical and digital book displays.

A two-day **Thesis Writing Retreat** was offered by the Library in January. Quiet study space, snacks, hot beverages, and information about getting research help was provided. This event was open to Honours and Graduate students.

In collaboration with the **Black Student Association** at Acadia, the Library recently hosted a free **Games Night** in our Quiet Reading Room.

The Library offered **library orientation sessions** to new incoming students at the start of Winter term. These sessions were designed to introduce new students to library resources, services, and spaces and concluded with a trip to the Archives.

In December, the Library will host a variety of **de-stress programming** during the exam period, including animal therapy (dogs and snakes), yoga, scrapbooking, on-site counselling, and study snacks.

In November, the Library hosted **Dr. El Jones** for a public talk, titled "Animals, Humanity and Abolition."

#### Collections

The Library now has a projector available for patrons to borrow and use in the library, ideal for practicing class presentations.

#### Website

The Library has a [new section of the website](#) dedicated to accessibility information about the Library.

#### Research

In December, Archivist **Wendy Robicheau** published a novella, titled [\*The Burning of College Hall: What Else is Hidden in Plane Sight?\*](#) The novella details events from 104 years ago when College Hall at Acadia University burned down in a fire.