

News from Prince Edward Island

Robertson Library – January 2018 Update

Donald Moses, Interim University Librarian, Robertson Library

Staffing

Robertson Library welcomed two new library staff members during the fall of 2017.



Judith MacNeil began her role as a cataloguing technician in late November.

Leo Yeo joined us in early December and provides computer desktop and technical support for Library staff and users.



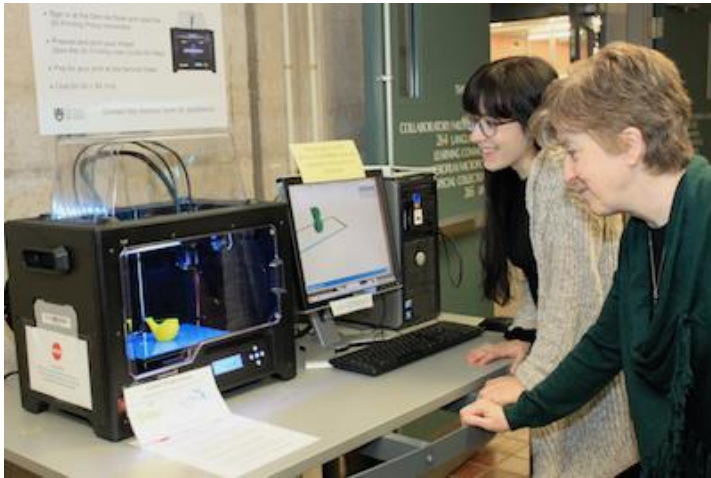
We were saddened to learn of the passing of UPEI Founder and retired librarian Franklin (Frank) Pigot. Frank was the first Prince Edward Island Collection Librarian at UPEI. He began building a collection of PEI-related material in the early 1970s and also developed the University Archives. Frank spent his career expanding, describing, and curating incredible collections that our students, faculty, and the wider Island community continue to use, appreciate, and benefit from. Frank's legacy can also be felt in the development of our digital collections, many of which are built on the collections Frank developed. Read more about Frank Pigot's

contributions [in an article prepared by Simon Lloyd](#), University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian.

Services

3D Printing

We officially launched our 3D printing service on November 7th. Keltie MacPhail provided training sessions for Library staff followed by several workshops open to the campus. Printing during November was brisk (we offered free printing for the first two weeks) and continued to see use during December. Our policies, user guide, and FAQs are [available here](#).



Hanna Cochrane (student) and Judith MacNeil (staff) get ready to remove a printed object.

Library Outreach Activities and Events

Open Access Week - October 22-28, 2017

We celebrated and promoted open access week with a number of events. Librarians presented on topics related to open access and copyright, open education resources, and how to avoid predatory publishers. Rosie Le Faive also hosted a Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon, part of the [Music and Belonging Wikipedia Project](#), to improve existing PEI-related music and artist articles or to create new articles. CBC [covered the story here](#).

Charlottetown Guardian World War monthly series



Simon Lloyd, University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, has been authoring a monthly series of lookbacks at the First World War for the [Charlottetown Guardian](#). The articles draw on the historic issues of *The Guardian* available online at [islandnewspapers.ca](#).

Spooktacular Tales @ Robertson Library

To celebrate Halloween, Robertson Library hosted an evening of ghost stories, eerie tales, songs, and legends from UPEI (is there a ghost in Dalton Hall?), PEI, and beyond. Library staff Leo Cheverie, Simon Lloyd, Yolanda Hood, Kim Mears, and Sarah Fisher shared and read stories and participants shared their own ghost stories.



Halloween also brought out some great staff costumes.



Stress-free Zone / Pajama Party

Robertson Library launched their stress-free zone during the exam period with a pajama party. The party included snacks, a photo booth, maker-type activities, yoga and stretching, palm reading, tarot reading, therapeutic touch, and dancing. The stress free zone was a popular place for students to relax during exams.



Students enjoying the Stress Free Zone

Digital Collections

The Systems and Digitization team has been working on a significant migration of our legacy digital collections to the latest Islandora framework including the IslandLives community histories and documents, IslandVoices audio recordings, IslandImagined maps and many other collections. Stay tuned.

We often don't know who is looking at our collections, but we had a note from *New York Times* best selling author Diane Setterfield ("The Thirteenth Tale"). She shared her enjoyment of the BookLives project on FaceBook:

I've just spent a very happy time browsing your website and really didn't want to come away! The lives that are present inside a book, pressed between the pages... I've often had the impulse to know about the person who read a book before me, felt the wish to have a conversation with them about it, but you have gone one step further. What stories you tell by doing that! Congratulations... what you and your colleagues are doing there is very special.

Read more about the BookLives project - <http://booklives.ca>

