

News from Prince Edward Island

News from Robertson Library, UPEI

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News

CANARIE Funding

Robertson Library was [one of nine recipients of CANARIE's funding call](#) for the development of research data management software tools. The project, *Managing the Research Data Lifecycle using Islandora*, co-led by Donald Moses and Rosemary Le Faive will build research data management capacity and integrations using the latest version of Islandora. The project will develop integrations with identifier, metadata, authentication, storage, and dissemination systems, supporting the FAIR principles and the research data lifecycle.

Matilda "Tildy" MacMillan Good Mentorship Recipient

We are happy to announce that Nick Scott, a fourth-year History student, was awarded this year's *Matilda "Tildy" MacMillan Good Mentorship*. The mentorship is awarded to a UPEI student "who demonstrates a strong interest in historical/archival material and in creative and innovative use of technology in the storage and retrieval of such material". Nick has a keen interest in historical maps and will be helping Library staff enhance and add to the existing map collection available through <http://www.islandimagined.ca>.

Moodle Upgrade

The E-Learning team in collaboration with Information Technology Systems and Services staff will be upgrading Moodle, UPEI's learning management system, to version 3.5. Previews and training are planned to introduce the new features available.

Staffing Updates

UL Search

A search committee for the University Librarian was formed and continues to do its work.

Library Staff

The Robertson Library welcomed three new staff members that will be working on our CANARIE project, *Managing the Research Data Lifecycle using Islandora*. Alexander O'Neill and Alan Stanley, both past contributors to the Islandora project, are the development team and they are joined by Noella MacIntyre, project coordinator.

Events

Wikipedia 1Lib1Ref Canada

The Robertson Library is participating in Wikipedia's 1Lib1Ref project with the aim of having each librarian add 1 reference/citation to any Wikipedia article where there's a flag that one is needed. More information about the project [can be found here](#).

Environmental Studies Book Club Discussion Series

This winter in collaboration with Dr. Nino Antadze, the Environmental Studies Book Club will be reading and discussing "Time and a Place: An Environmental History of Prince Edward Island" (2016). The series will probe into past and present environmental changes on PEI, and how and why the Islanders are particularly sensitive to environmental issues and enmeshed in their landscape in a way that is unique among Canadians.

Movie Talks

The Robertson Library will be hosting a series of "Movie Talks" through the winter. In recognition of Black History Month, Robertson Library and the UPEI Student Diversity Office (SDO) are presenting *I Am Not Your Negro*, an Oscar-nominated documentary narrated by Samuel L. Jackson. The documentary "...explores the continued peril America faces from institutionalized racism." A facilitated discussion follows the film. The next movie to be featured is *The Miseducation of Cameron Post*.

Escape Rooms

The Library's [Escape Rooms](#) continue to be popular. The theme for the semester is *Museum Marauders* that has participants racing against time to save a long-lost manuscript of L. M. Montgomery from destruction.

Programs

Updates

We continue to work with first year students through our Personal Librarian Program pilot. Library staff updated the resources for winter semester courses for our [Textbook Access Project](#), proactively putting on reserve course texts that we may hold in our print or digital collections.

Pressbooks

Kim Mears is working with a Student Union student researcher to identify open textbooks that have been adopted or adapted on campus. The researcher will also provide assistance to Kim and to faculty interested in adopting or adapting an open textbooks through the [Library's Pressbooks](#) instance.

Digital Collections

IslandVoices

At the end of December we relaunched [IslandVoices](#) featuring [Dutch Thompson's oral history collection](#) and additional [lectures](#) and [oral history interviews](#) from the Benevolent Irish Society.

La Petite Souvenance

Content continues to be added to the [IslandNewspapers.ca](#) site. In collaboration with its creators, [La Petite Souvenance](#), published by *Societe historique acadienne de l'Île-du-Prince-Edouard*, has been added to the service and is available for viewing.

50 Years, 50 Voices

As part of the University's 50th celebration, we'll be recording and sharing video vignettes highlighting individual experiences and memories of UPEI.