

## News from Newfoundland and Labrador

### News from Memorial University

**Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries**

### Research

- This year's recipients of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award are Nathan Hynes and Michaela Doucette. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis to applicants seeking funding for library-related projects or assistance in pursuing full-time graduate studies in librarianship, archival studies, or teacher librarianship. The 2019 award was valued at a maximum of \$1,500.
- Memorial University Libraries circulation policies have been adjusted for improved service to our users. Faculty & staff will have material automatically renewed and undergraduate loans have been extended to one month.
- The Ferriss Hodgett Library (Corner Brook) received a donation from the estate of the late Arthur Lundrigan. The collection is comprised of books, maps, and art all related to Newfoundland.
- The Education Library is busy making major improvements and additions to their Children's literature collection (aussi en français) in preparation for the revised Bachelor of Education as a Second Degree (Primary/Elementary – French Immersion option) that begins in August 2019.

### Strategic Planning

- The latest two strategic projects were officially launched - The Communications Platform and The Organizational Review. This makes eight strategic planning projects underway by Memorial University Libraries. For more information about our strategic plan, [click here](#).

### Employee News

- Krista Godfrey has accepted a position as Head of Digital Initiatives at the University of Waterloo. Her last day will be August 30<sup>th</sup>. Wishing her all the best on her next chapter.
- Donna Manning of the QEII Library Cataloging and Metadata Division has retired. Carolyn Courtenay of the LITS Division is also retiring on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Cool Stuff

- Beth Maddigan was the winner of the 2019 APLA Merit Award. Beth is a vital team member of Memorial University Libraries, and she is a champion of public libraries and literacy throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.



- Colleen Field, Head of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, recently went to Battle Harbour, Labrador. She brought a prayer book from the CNS to a special church service where it had been used over 150 years ago by the Rev. George Hutchinson. He is the subject of a future book by author and Memorial University Alumni Marie Wadden.



- Coming Soon: there will be a wiki edit-a-thon in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies [organized by Dance+Words](#) that will improve the profile of Canadian dance artists on Wikipedia.
- The Health Sciences Library's Founders Archive was [featured on CBC](#).
- A spotlight on a couple of the many [amazing student employees](#) we have working throughout our branches.