

News from Prince Edward Island

News from Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island

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UPEI News

- UPEI announced the construction of the Canadian Centre for Climate Change and Adaptation to be built in St. Peter's Bay
- UPEI and Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) signed an MOU to explore ways in which the two organizations can collaborate in clinical services, recruitment, training, and educational services.
- The Winter 2020 issue of *UPEI Magazine* has been published and is [available here](#).
- UPEI is re-launching the Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development (OCEPD) for 2020.

Robertson Library News

Staffing

- Keri McCaffrey began her term as Metaliteracy and Student Engagement Librarian, backfilling Yolanda Hood who is on leave.
- Meghan Kirkland began a graduate internship in January working with the Ryrie-Campbell collection and KindredSpaces.ca.
- We are seeking to fill a current librarian vacancy with a Systems Librarian.
- We've filled two library technician vacancies with internal competitions and will have another posting up in the near future. James Murphy was the successful candidate for the position of Serials, University Archives and Special Collections, and Public Service Library Technician. Cindy MacDonald was the successful candidate for the Acquisitions and Monograph Collections Library Technician position.

Open Education Resource Development Program

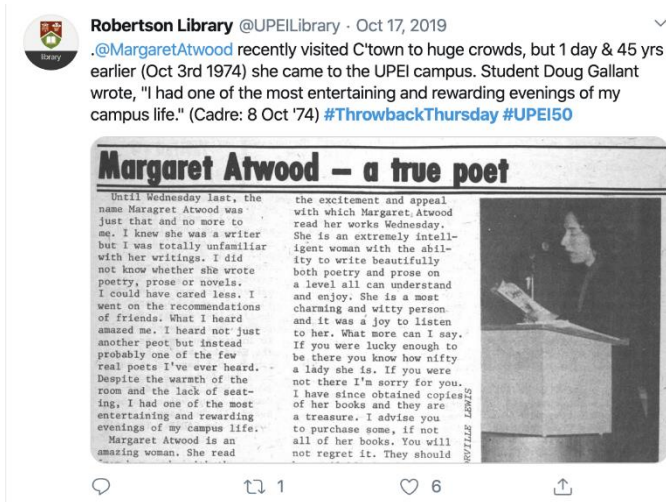
- We are really pleased to announce the creation of the OER Development Program. Through the advocacy of the UPEI Student Union, the Library received funds from the Government of PEI to provide a funding program for the creation, adaptation, and adoption of Open Education Resources. More information about the program can be [found here](#).

Sharing our Research

Robertson Library is coordinating a course for PEI's Seniors College called "Sharing our Research" where two UPEI faculty present their research projects during each class.

50th Anniversary Site

We did a [soft launch](#) of the projects we've been working on to celebrate UPEI's 50th Anniversary including *50 Years, 50 Voices*, a collection of video vignettes produced by Robertson Library staff, images from our year-long [#ThrowBackThursday Twitter campaign](#) featuring materials from our Archives, digitized student newspapers back to UPEI's founding, and more.



#ThrowbackThursday Twitter post from October 17, 2019.

Islandora 8 RDM Platform

With CANARIE funding, we have been working on an Islandora 8 Research Data Management (RDM) Platform that focuses on enhancing Islandora 8 with features that support the research data lifecycle including planning, deposit, publication, citation, sharing, and preservation. We provided an update of our work-in-progress at IslandoraCon 2019 in Vancouver and most recently had an opportunity to share our progress at the CANARIE's Research Data Management Workshop 2020 in Kanata, Ontario. For more information, [click here](#).

KindredSpaces

Dr. Sarah Galletly worked with the Special Items from the Ryrie-Campbell Collection and has created an enhanced and richly annotated interactive [exhibit](#) of postcards, letters, and other L. M. Montgomery-related items that surfaces interesting connections. In January, Meghan Kirkland began an internship with [KindredSpaces](#) focused on the Ryrie-Campbell Collection. Meghan will be working on cataloguing and making accessible works from the Stage and Screen collection and continuing the work of cataloguing and scanning the periodical materials that contain material by or about L. M. Montgomery.



Events

- The Council of Archives New Brunswick (CANB) hosted the Atlantic Canada Oral History Symposium (ACOHS) on November 22 and 23, 2019 at the University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown, PEI. It was terrific to learn about the variety of oral history activities in the region and to hear from experts in the field.
- Movie Talks @ Robertson Library continues, and this Fall we screened the documentary *The Staging Post* as part of a collaboration with WUSC UPEI and the Rotaract Club of UPEI as part of International Education Week (Nov. 18 - 22). The Environmental Studies Book Club and Robertson Library Talks co-hosted a video and discussion forum on “Chernobyl and Beyond: Past, Present and Future of Nuclear Energy.”
- A large number of UPEI students are staying at the Dutch Inn and Library staff hosted an Escape Room there and established a popular fiction “book nook” at the Inn.
- In recognition of Veterans’ Week, November 5 - 11, the Library featured a display of resources on Canada’s many contributions to the war efforts, highlighting materials on Indigenous Peoples who joined the Canadian Armed Forces and fought in foreign lands.
- This winter we will be screening *Lost Boys of Sudan* and *Anthropocene: The Human Epoch*. Additional outreach activities planned for this winter include Escape Room (Snowed In: Escape the House), an International Development Week Display, Blind Date with a Book, Postcards Home, Fair Dealing Week, Freedom to Read Week Display, and more.