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From the President's Desk



Winter 2020

Trecia Schell

Dear all,

It's Award Season! It's time to nominate a deserving colleague, and to support your career learning goals. Calls have been posted for APLA's Merit Award, Advocacy Award, Memorial Award, Carin Somers Scholarship, and the First Timers Conference Grant too. Full details are available on our [APLA website](#), and the annual deadline for all applications is the 31st of March.

The APLA Board will be meeting (virtually) in early February. Following that, we will have several items to share with the membership – including the agenda, resolutions and proposed budget notes for your consideration for the upcoming AGM/OGM at the conference.

Since the Fall newsletter, several committees and Interest Groups have been hard at work – from the Bulletin to Continuing Education, Communications, Membership to Conference, Aims & Objectives, Finance and soon – Nominations too. And thank you, for taking a few minutes of your time, to share with us your feedback and comments, in our upcoming 'snapshot' surveys on Membership and Professional Development.

Plans for the 2020 Conference are well underway for early June on the scenic campus at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, with an exciting program filled with inspiring opportunities. We look forward to meeting you, in the beautiful Annapolis Valley.

Take care,
~ Trecia

Trecia Schell,
president@apla.ca
APLA President, 2019-2020

Membership has its rewards! (CLIC on 01 to 06 for more details) and [click here](#) for the calendar

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The Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada

6 WAYS THE PARTNERSHIP ENRICHES MEMBER LEARNING AND BENEFITS

The Partnership is Canada's national network of provincial and territorial library associations. The Partnership meets twice a year to collaborate and to develop services and programs for members of their respective associations. More than 7,800 people who work for or with the library and information management sector belong to the associations that make up The Partnership.

The associations that make up the Partnership include: l'Association des bibliothécaires du Québec - Quebec Library Association (ABQLA); Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA); British Columbia Library Association (BCLA); Library Association of Alberta (LAA); Manitoba Libraries Association (MLA); Nunavut Library Association (NLA); Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA); Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA); Northwest Territories Library Association (NWTLA); Ontario Library Association (OLA); Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA); Yukon Library Association (YLA)

02 CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE (CEC)



The Partnership's *Continuing Education Certificate (CEC)* is a national program administered by the Library Association of Alberta on behalf of The Partnership.

As a CEC program participant you will:

- Plan and document your learning and professional development by activity type and subject areas;
- Collect points annually, based on learning activities, over the program period of three years;
- Receive a certificate of completion and a full record of your learning activities.

Visit <http://bit.ly/ContinuingEducationCertificate> for more information.

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EDUCATION INSTITUTE (EI)

The *Education Institute (EI)* is a continuing education program for library information workers developed by The Partnership. Annually, there are three EI Semesters. The Winter semester runs from January - April; the Spring/Summer semester runs from May - August, and the Fall semester runs from September - December. Each semester is promoted through a calendar. Members of the Partnership receive discounts on webinars and annual institutional subscriptions are available.

Visit <http://bit.ly/EducationInstitute> for upcoming events and more information.

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the **PARTNERSHIP JOB BOARD**
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS OF CANADA

The Partnership Job Board lists positions available to library and information personnel from coast to coast to coast. The Partnership Job Board was developed and is managed by the British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) to support members of The Partnership. The Job Board is free to job seekers and is a paid service for employers. The employer is responsible for all job posting content. BCLA does not participate in the hiring process and does not forward messages or applications to employers. The cost to post is \$55 for institutional members of a provincial or territorial library association in the Partnership, and \$85 for non-members.

Visit <https://partnershipjobs.ca/> for more information.



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THE LIBRARY MARKETPLACE

Library associations in the Partnership receive discounts from *The Library Marketplace*. Associations are also provided with a variety of product marketing tools like "the store in a box".

Visit <https://www.thelibrarymarketplace.com/> for more information.



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06 PERKOPOLIS



Individual members of library associations in the Partnership are offered an opportunity to take advantage of some very good savings on many products and services in entertainment, hotels, shopping, and travel. This offer is available through The Partnership at **Perkopolis** and is accessible through a code which is available through your association's office.

Visit <https://www.perkopolis.com/> for more information.

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THE PARTNERSHIP JOURNAL

PARTNERSHIP: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research is the journal of the Partnership. The Journal promotes the exchange of ideas about libraries, librarianship, and information science among practitioners across all library sectors. We are a Canadian, open access journal publishing double-blind peer-reviewed research and editorially reviewed articles and opinion pieces.

Visit us at www.partnershipjournal.ca for more information.

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Announcements

APLA 2020 Conference: Wolfville, Nova Scotia, June 9-12, 2020

Catherine Fancy, APLA Promotions, PR and Publicity Committee

Only a few more months until **APLA 2020: Cross Pollinate. Cultivate. Change/Brasser des idées. S'épanouir. Changer!** Our planning committees are hard at work!

Don't forget you can stay up to date by keeping an eye on [our website](#) (with fancy new logo):

Keynote speakers:

We are pleased to announce that we have our two keynote speakers!

Our Opening Keynote will be Camille Callison, Librarian, Archivist and Anthropologist from the University of Manitoba. Gerold Gloade, Program Development Officer with the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, will be our closing keynote.

Call for proposals:

The Call for Proposals has closed. Stay tuned for our program release!

Registration:

Our registration page will be live soon! [Find it here:](#)

New this year! Career Centre:

Be sure to check out APLA's inaugural Career Centre for library students and new grads! Similar to the OLA Super Conference, participants can sign up for a mock interview and/or resume/cover letter critiques from experienced Library and Information Science volunteers in the librarianship stream of their choice!

Spots will be limited, so be sure to keep an eye on our website for more details and online registration.

First-time attendees:

Don't forget you can apply for the APLA First-Timer's Conference Grant. Submissions must be received by March 31. Find out more [here](#)

Accommodations:

Wolfville and area has a wonderful selection of Bed & Breakfasts, cottages, hotels, and Inns. Check out some of our suggestions [here](#)

Things to eat and do:

Your Local Arrangements & Entertainment Committee has some super-fun social events planned and has secured a gorgeous menu and rockin' band for the banquet. Explore more things to eat and do in Wolfville [here](#)

Thinking about being an exhibitor or sponsor? [Get more information here](#)

New Executive Positions

APLA Executive Committee

The APLA Executive Committee has filled the following positions:

-Vice President/President Elect: Marc Harper (Université de Moncton)

-VP PEI: Krystal Dionne (PEIPLS)

The following positions remain vacant:

-Bulletin Editor

-Conference Coordinator(s) PEI 2021

(Conference Coordinator is independent from the Executive Committee; it is not an elected position)

Please forward your nominations to:

Patricia Doucette
Past President, APLA
(902) 394-3372
Past-president@apla.ca

Open Letter from APLA Re: NBPLS New Executive Director

APLA Executive Committee

On February 28, 2020, APLA sent an open letter to the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training, and Labour, Mr. Trevor Holder.

APLA's open letter ([available here](#)), was in response to the controversial appointment of the new Executive Director of the New Brunswick Public Library Service.

The new Director was hired despite the job requirement of an MLIS from an ALA accredited program; our letter discusses APLA's concern over the Province of New Brunswick's successful candidate.

APLA was one of several associations, news outlets, political figures, and library professionals, who commented on this story.

2020 APLA Memorial Award

Kate Stewart, Convenor, APLA Memorial Award Committee

APLA MEMORIAL AWARD

Do you need financial assistance for study or research? The APLA Memorial Trust provides funding for projects that contribute to the development of your career, and are of benefit to the library profession, through research, educational opportunity, or other appropriate endeavor. Applicants must be members of APLA. Previous applicants and winners are eligible. To apply, send a letter outlining your proposed project and estimated costs, and a copy of your curriculum vitae. Applications must be submitted **by March 31, 2020**.

The award amount is determined annually by the interest from the Trust. Please consider making a donation to the Trust as a means of assisting the professional development of present and future members, and of honoring past members.

For more information about the award, to apply, or to make a donation, please contact:

Kate Stewart
Convenor, APLA Memorial Award Committee
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Tel: 902-420-5542
Fax: 902-420-5561
Email: kate.stewart@smu.ca

APLA Merit Award

APLA Executive Committee

Nominations for the 2020 APLA Merit Award are now being accepted

Presented at the Banquet during the Annual Conference, the APLA Merit Award honours an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library services in the Atlantic Provinces.

Some of the contributions that might be considered in selecting a person for this award are; leadership in library associations at the local, regional, and provincial levels; contributions to the development, application, and utilization of library services and library systems; significant contribution to library literature. [Here is the list of the past recipients of the Merit Award.](#)

Nominations, including documentation of the nominee's achievements and letters of support, should be submitted by March 31, 2020 to:

Past President

Patricia Doucette
Holland College
Prince Edward Island
Tel: (902) 394-3372
past-president@apla.ca

APLA Advocacy Award

APLA Executive Committee

Presented at the Banquet during the Annual Conference, the APLA Advocacy Award, valued at \$500, recognizes exemplary library promotion, advocacy and outreach. The Awards Committee, which will consist of the APLA Advocacy Interest Group and a member of the APLA Executive, will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

1. Creativity and innovation as demonstrated by the originality of the project
2. Potential for generating public visibility and support for libraries, irrespective of the kind or amount of resources employed;
3. Relevance and effectiveness illustrated by measurable objectives and subsequent evaluation methods;
4. Commitment to ongoing library promotion and advocacy.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a personal member of APLA residing in Atlantic Canada. Applications should be **submitted by March 31, 2020** to:

Mathieu Lanteigne
APLA Advocacy Committee
advocacy@apla.ca

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship

Ann Smith, VP, President Elect, APLA

The Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust

- [Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Form](#)
- [La Bourse Carin Alma E. Somers](#)

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association administers the Carin Somers Scholarship Trust. The trust provides an annual scholarship, valued at approximately \$1,000, in her name to assist a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a degree in Library and Information Science. Selection of the recipient will be recommended by a committee of the four Provincial Vice Presidents and the President-Elect to the Executive Committee. The successful applicant will have been accepted in a School of Graduate Studies as a candidate for a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies accredited by the American Library Association. The award will normally be announced at the Annual Atlantic Provinces Library Association Spring Conference.

Carin Alma E. Somers 1934-1990

Carin Alma E. Somers was the Provincial Librarian for Nova Scotia from 1974 to 1987. Her working career as a librarian started in 1958 when she went to work at what was then the Halifax Memorial Library. She worked there both before and after going to library school at the University of Toronto. Carin became Chief Librarian of the Halifax County Regional Library in 1967 and oversaw the rapid growth of that region. In 1973, she was appointed Supervisor of Public Libraries (NS Provincial Library) and in 1974, Provincial Librarian. Carin was always a tireless supporter of public service, libraries and both CLA and APLA. During her time as Provincial Librarian, 100% of the population of Nova Scotia became served by public libraries. She was president of APLA, a second vice president of CLA, a guest lecturer at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Services, and a frequent speaker at trustees meetings. In 1988, APLA honoured Carin with its Merit Award. Carin died in 1990. The terms the trust established by her family, are a demonstration of her interest in people and in the profession which she chose (preceding from the APLA Bulletin, *May/June 1990* and *Sept./Oct. 1996*).

Nominations should be submitted by March 31 to:

VP, President Elect

Ann Smith

Acadia University

Wolfville, Nova Scotia

president-elect@apla.ca

Feature Articles

Games @ the Library 2019 Report

Jennifer Devlin, Games @ the Library Co-Convener, APLA

Anytime during Games @ the Library week (also known as Jeux @ la bibliothèque), libraries in Atlantic Canada were encouraged to host a game themed event of their choice. The 2019 event was held from Sunday, October 20 to Saturday, October 26 inclusively. These dates were chosen so that APLA's Games @ the Library could align with Canadian Library Month in order to celebrate.

All participants during Games @ the Library week were eligible to enter their names in the grand prize draw which took place November 15, 2019. This year, there were 1062 ballots submitted for the grand prize draw which included 1003 participants.

The tally sheet gave libraries an opportunity to provide further information about the event. A total of 45 libraries sent in ballots and tally sheets in 2019. This rate of participation was an increase from Games @ the Library 2018 when 31 libraries submitted ballots. In addition to tracking the number of ballots, the tally sheets were used to categorize the participating libraries by type and track the types of games offered.

Type of Library	2018	2019
Public Library	23	33
Academic Library	3	7
Public & school libraries	5	5
Grand total	31	45

Libraries offered many types of games including board, card, video, dice, tile, word, drawing, building, and role-playing games. Active games offered included: stick in hand, hide & seek, musical chairs, scavenger and treasure hunts, mini golf and bowling, charades, theater games, escape room, ping pong, bean bag toss, and Simon says. Other games offered included: puzzles, trivia, Bingo, and I spy (**see pie chart at the end of this article**).

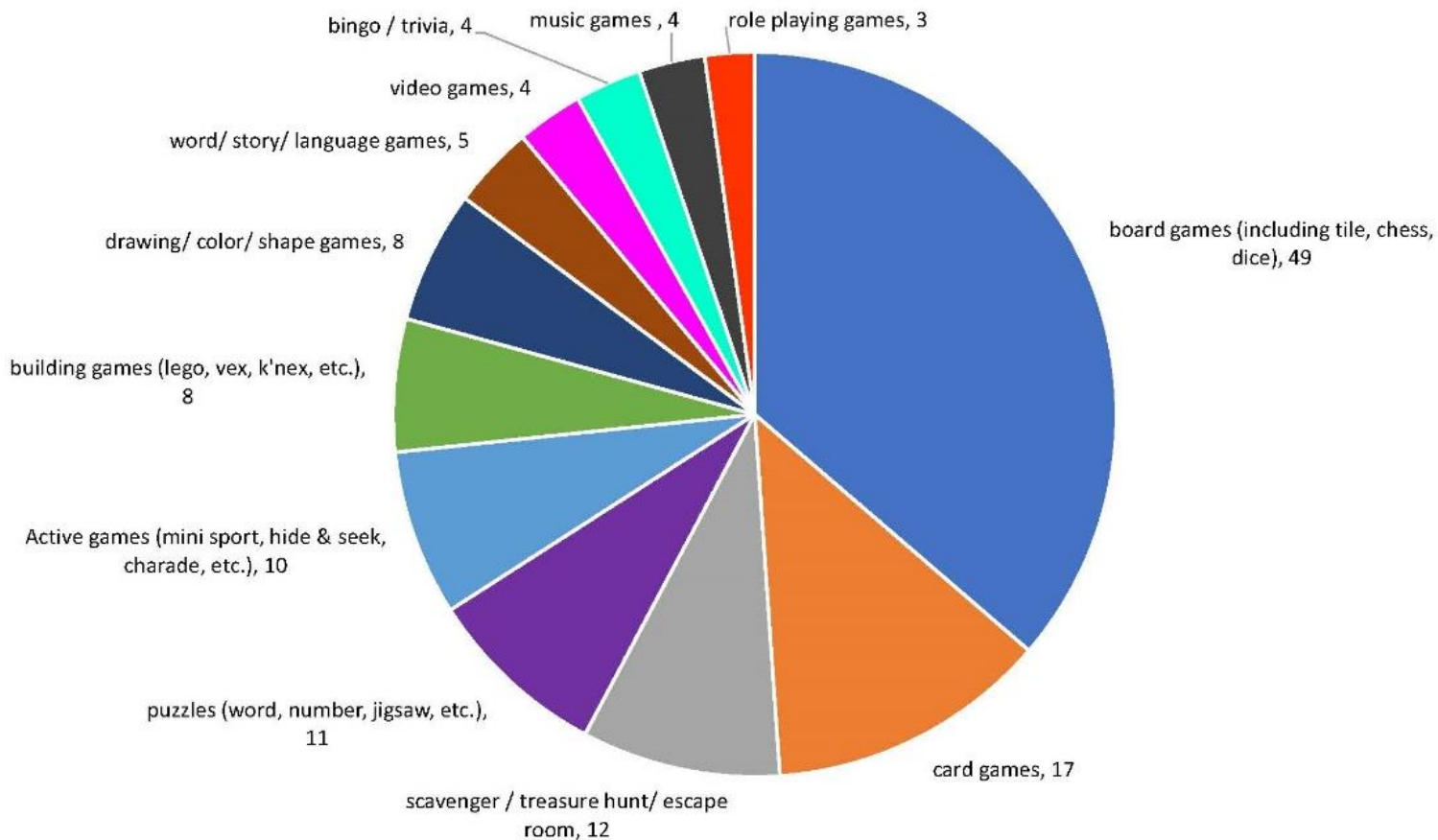
Games included practicing math, science, literacy, creativity, memory, strategic thinking, problem solving, spatial analysis, nonverbal reasoning, and motor skills. Libraries held tournaments or offered collective puzzles and ongoing games to encourage social connection. Emphasis was placed on indigenous language and games at two libraries, and multicultural games were offered at five libraries.

Library and Information Technology Program student Serena Mott participated in a Games @ the Library event held at Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) Ivany Campus Library, she is the Games @ the Library 2019 Grand Prize Draw winner! She won an Amazon Fire HD 8 Tablet and a \$25.00 Amazon gift card.



Jennifer Devlin and Serena Mott

Many thanks to Margaret Vail (APLA Webmaster) and Courtney Pyrke (APLA Communications Coordinator) for disseminating the information about Games @ the Library online via the website and social media accounts. Thanks also to Terri Winchcombe (APLA Treasurer) for purchasing and sending the prize, and APLA President Trecia Schell for her guidance. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who held a Games @ the Library event this year! The goal of Games @ the Library is to show that libraries are places where people meet, learn, and have fun. That goal was met, and libraries were celebrated through the wide range of successful activities offered by Atlantic libraries during the Games @ the Library 2019.



News from New Brunswick

News from Bibliothèque Champlain

Marc Harper, Bibliothécaire de référence

Institutional Repository

L'Université de Moncton (UdeM) has begun work on its own institutional repository, and *Bibliothèque Champlain* is at the heart of the initiative. With the help of the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI)'s Robertson Library, the Islandora system will be used to house *Université de Moncton's* intellectual output, under the name of ScriptoriUM. Victoria Volkanova is the project coordinator for UdeM and *Bibliothèque Champlain*.

As the project moves forward, librarians from *Bibliothèque Champlain* remain in close contact with the Islandora team as they work on the configuration, decide upon features and policies to implement, and upload and test first batches of content. Other regional libraries who use Islandora have already provided invaluable feedback and advice, special thanks to colleagues from the Acadia, CBU and StFX, as well as Donald Moses from UPEI.

When the repository becomes fully functional, it will remain hosted by UPEI which will be responsible for managing updates and maintenance to the system.

New Edition of APA Citation Manual

In late 2019, the American Psychological Association (APA) released the seventh edition of its citation manual. *Bibliothèque Champlain*, like other libraries, has been busy adapting to these changes. In February, the library invited members of the university community to view an APA produced webinar titled: "[Creating references using seventh edition APA style](#)".

Librarians have had to stay sharp in order to:

- Communicate relevant changes to professors and avoid having students lose APA points due to confusion over which edition was in effect.
- Raise awareness to our users that our citation manager of choice (Zotero) has automatically updated to the seventh edition, therefore professors may see "errors" if they're still grading with sixth edition standards.
- Ensure consistency: Many students have visited our offices with hybrids of APA sixth AND seventh edition formats in their bibliographies.

Staff News

In February 2020, Odette Fougère retired after more than four decades of service to *Bibliothèque Champlain*. Odette began her career in 1978, just weeks after her high school graduation, as a typing clerk. After a two-year stint at the neighboring Law Library (1980-82), she returned to *Bibliothèque Champlain* until her retirement.

When she returned in the early 1980s, she took on the role of information technology aid in the cataloging service. During her last years at the library, she was a library technician aide III.

Odette's warm personality and pleasant demeanor will be missed by her colleagues.

En février 2020, Odette Fougère a pris sa retraite après au-delà de quatre décennies de service à la Bibliothèque Champlain. Odette a commencé sa carrière en 1978, quelques semaines après la conclusion de ses études secondaires, comme commis-dactylo. Après deux ans à la Bibliothèque de droit avoisinante de (1980-1982), elle est retournée à la Bibliothèque Champlain jusqu'à sa retraite.

Lors de son retour au début des années 1980, elle a abordé le rôle d'auxiliaire en informatique au service de catalogage. Durant ses dernières années à la bibliothèque, elle était aide-bibliotechnicienne III.

La personnalité chaleureuse d'Odette ainsi que sa plaisante manière d'agir seront manquées par ses collègues.

News from Horizon Health Network Library Services

From the Horizon Star, Issue No. 20, Vol. 5

Horizon's Library Services Team was recently featured in an issue of The Horizon Star.

The article discusses how they have "streamlined and consolidated all their resources, processes and services, and now operate as One Horizon Library, regardless of where they work".

More on this milestone and achievement [can be found here](#).

News from New Brunswick Public Library Service

Kate Thompson, Head of Public Services Development

- Sylvie Nadeau, Executive Director of the New Brunswick Public Library Service, retired in December 2019. She had worked in the library system for more than 20 years in various capacities and had served as Executive Director since 2000. She is looking forward to being able to spend more time travelling and working in her garden. Ella Nason is acting as Executive Director until a permanent replacement is found.
- The Gérald Leblanc Public Library in Bouctouche underwent major renovations in the fall. The library was closed from October 21 to November 25, 2019 while the existing building was upgraded.
- The Petit-Rocher Public Library opened in a new location on January 7th. The library had been closed since May 18, 2019 while the building where they are now located was renovated. The new library is nearly double the size of the old one.

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries

Research

- Effective Jan. 1, 2020, Copyright Services moved from the Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning to Memorial University Libraries.
- Memorial University Libraries is organizing an RDM Day. More information is available [here](#).
- The Libraries launched [Lasting Remembrance: Newfoundland, Labrador and War](#), a digital humanities project that integrates geographic information and resources with our collections. *Lasting Remembrance: Newfoundland, Labrador and War* is an ongoing project, which will be updated with new research and information as it becomes available.
- We have a new [wikipedian-in-residence](#)
- The Libraries' subscription to RefWorks ended on December 31, 2019 and will not be renewed.
- On Friday, January 31st, the QEII library hosted an event in support of Wikipedia's #1Lib1Ref campaign, which asks library workers to add a single reference to Wikipedia in an effort to make Wikipedia a more reliable starting point for researchers. Our nine participants went above and beyond expectations, adding a total of 37 references to 9 articles, for a total of 41 edits and 2,150 words added. Thanks to all participants! Look out for the next iteration of #1Lib1Ref in May 2020.
- Archives and Special Collections staff attended the four-day training session in December with Archival Service Platform vendor, Minisis, along with staff from Maritime History Archive, Founders' Medical Archive, MUNFLA (Folklore & Language Archive), as well as members from Metadata & Cataloguing.

Strategic Planning

- Strategic planning continues. Another successful Collaboration Day was held on Dec. 18th. Divisions and Branches provided updates on their accomplishments outside the strategic projects. Also, everyone was encouraged to provide new ideas/suggestions for upcoming strategic projects. Stay tuned for more on those in the new year. [Click here](#) or more information about our strategic plan.
- The Organizational Review strategic project Committee completed its work and submitted its final report to the University Librarian. More details will follow as the report is reviewed.

Employee News

- Susan Kearsy retired after 33 years at Memorial University. Her final day was December 20th. Susan started as a student assistant in the library and spent 30 years working in numerous divisions in the QEII Library. It was announced that Colleen Field is the Head of CNS, effective January 1, 2020.
- Sue Fahey (Serials and Acquisitions, QEII Libray) and Darren Furey (QEII Library Cataloging and Metadata) have been renewed as Division Heads.
- Dan Duda assumed his new role as QEII Public Services Division Head on January 6th, 2020.
- Michelle Swab published the article:

Swab, M. (2019). Connecting users to articles: An analysis of the impact of article level linking on journal use statistics. *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice*, 14(4), 38-51.

<https://doi.org/10.18438/eblip29613>
- Patrick Gamsby published the article:

Gamsby, P. (2019). The common ground of open access and interdisciplinarity. *Publications*, 8(1).

<https://doi.org/10.3390/publications8010001>

Cool Stuff

- The Jumping Bean Café expansion in the QEII Library is complete. An official opening took place Feb. 27th.
- Exciting changes continue in the reference area of the lobby of the QEII Library. Shelving was taken down in December and in its place are tables and comfortable seating for students to enjoy. Some compact/lower shelving is being put back in the space, but remains in line with creating a more open concept for the space.
- The First Space Art Gallery in the QEII Library is hosting its second annual graduate student exhibit. This year, 18 artists are showing their work.

News from Nova Scotia

News from Dalhousie Libraries

Marlo MacKay, Communications Coordinator

Celebrating the Donation of the Oberlander Collection

A significant new collection of over 500 books is now available at the Dalhousie Libraries. The materials were all handpicked by one of Canada's most eminent landscape architects, Cornelia Hahn Oberlander (pictured below).



Ms. Oberlander, a Companion of the Order of Canada and one of the first women to graduate from Harvard with a landscape architecture degree in 1947, has designed high-profile buildings in Canada, Europe, and the U.S. as well as landscapes for low-income housing projects. She also designed landscapes for playgrounds, including the Children's Creative Centre Playground, Canadian Federal Pavilion, featured at Expo '67 in Montréal.

With over 70 years of experience as a landscape architect, Ms. Oberlander has amassed a significant professional library. Recently, she donated that collection to the Dalhousie Libraries.

Ms. Oberlander reached out to Christine Macy, then Dean for the Faculty of Architecture & Planning, in June 2018. She wanted to donate her professional collection to Dalhousie University after hearing about the construction of the new Emera IDEA Building at Dalhousie's Sexton campus, and because the university was working towards starting a master's program in landscape architecture at Sexton Campus.

"The materials in [the Oberlander collection](#) are wonderfully diverse, including books on grasses, trees, flowers, and the importance of bees, butterflies, and insects. This collection will be invaluable to aspiring and experienced landscape architects," says Donna Bourne-Tyson, Dean of Libraries. "On behalf of the Dalhousie Libraries, I'd like to express our sincere thanks to Cornelia Hahn Oberlander for this significant gift."

Most of the collection is located at the Sexton Design & Technology Library and some of the collection is at the MacRae



Library, but books can be sent to any Novanet library through the Novanet Express service, making them accessible to a much wider audience. Many of the titles are unique to the Novanet catalogue.

To celebrate this extraordinary acquisition, the Dal Libraries recently held a reception with attendees from the local architecture community, faculty members from the Faculties of Architecture & Planning and Agriculture, and other special guests (Ms. Oberlander, based in Vancouver, was not available to attend).

Donna Bourne-Tyson hosted the event, which featured remarks from the Dean of Architecture & Planning Joseli Macedo, Associate Dean of Resources and Head of the Sexton Design & Technology Library Michelle Paon, local landscape architect Sue Sirrs, and former Dean of Architecture & Planning Christine Macy.



Dean of Architecture & Planning Joseli Macedo and Dean of Libraries Donna Bourne-Tyson



Associate Dean of Resources and Head of the Sexton Design & Technology Library Michelle Paon

Both Sue Sirrs and Christine Macy know Ms. Oberlander personally. Sue shared a collection of personal photographs featuring Ms. Oberlander and a group of local landscape architects, remarks from Ms. Oberlander's convocation address when she received an honorary doctorate from Dalhousie in 2008, as well as a humorous anecdote praising Ms. Oberlander's steadfast nature.



Landscape Architect Sue Sirrs



Former Dean of Architecture & Planning Christine Macy

Christine Macy explained the significance of the ginkgo leaf, Ms. Oberlander’s personal symbol, which represents longevity and endurance. Like the ginkgo leaf, Ms. Oberlander herself embodies longevity and endurance as she maintains her landscape architecture practice into her 90s. In correspondence with the Dal Libraries, Ms. Oberlander explained that she found a ginkgo leaf in Nanjing in 1976 on a walk to the tomb of Sun Yat-sen, a Chinese philosopher, physician, and politician considered by many to be one of the greatest leaders of modern China.

Preparing the collection

Processing and preparing the collection for the shelves has taken Dal Libraries’ staff members the better part of this year, and as they worked, they delighted in becoming acquainted with this unique collection. In addition to the materials added to library shelves, the Dal Libraries will be making some items, mostly duplicate titles, freely available to students according to Ms. Oberlander’s wishes, giving students the opportunity to add to or start their own professional libraries.

“Thanks to Ms. Oberlander’s generosity, this collection adds a significant dimension to the landscape architecture resources of the Dalhousie Libraries,” says Michelle Paon. “Faculty, students, alumni, community members, and researchers will have access to a wider range of relevant materials as well as the opportunity to consult books and journals that both informed and inspired Ms. Oberlander’s landscape architecture decisions.”

Cornelia Hahn Oberlander continues to inspire the landscape architecture community. Recently, The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF) announced that the [\\$100,000 International Landscape Architecture Prize](#) will be named for Ms. Oberlander, whom they call “the Dean of Canadian landscape architects.”

More information about the Oberlander collection, including the complete lists of titles added to the Dalhousie Libraries, is available [on the Dal Libraries website](#).

Increasing Access to the First World War Records in the Dalhousie Archives

Mitchell Jabalee, Dal Libraries Archives Intern

I am a second-year student in Dalhousie's Masters in Library and Information Studies (MLIS/MI) program and working as a Dalhousie Libraries student intern in the Archives. This semester, I have been working through a self-directed reading course based around the subject of digitization in archives under the supervision of Michael Moosberger, the Associate University Dean of Archives, Special Collections and Records Management, and University Archivist.

As part of my course, I have been working on the digitization of a selection of First World War material. I chose to work with these records because the subject is one that is of great interest to me as well as an area I have spent much time studying, dating back to my final year of my undergraduate degree in history, writing my honours thesis at Cape Breton University, and working in the CBU's Beaton Institute.

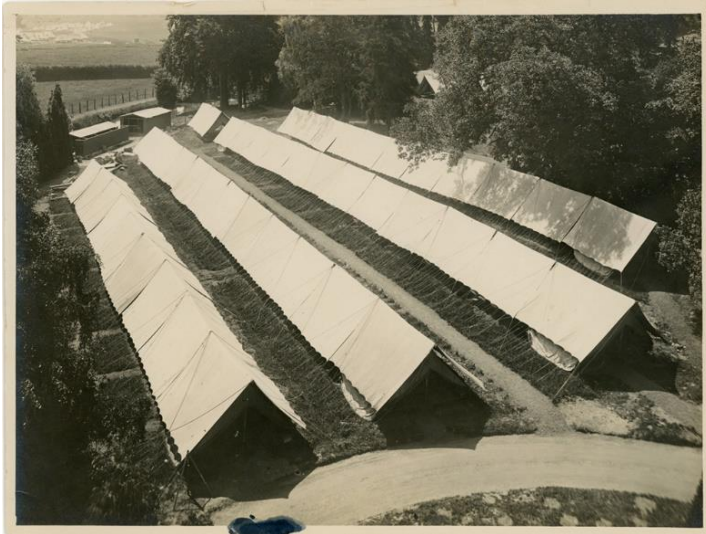
Since I began studying the First World War, it has become a great passion of mine. I saw my reading course not only as an opportunity to practice digitization and become more familiar with the functions of an archives, but also as a way to increase access to the Dalhousie Archives' First World War records by making them digitally available through their online catalogue, AtoM.

Digitization has become a common feature of archives in today's world. It is the process of creating digital copies of analog records with the end goal of making them more widely available online. Through this process, archives are able to greatly increase the breadth of access for their holdings.

My work this semester has included digitizing a selection of First World War records, thus filling in holes of collections with files that had not yet been digitized. In this manner, I conducted a review and scanned through the archives' holdings of First World War records, looking for material that did not have any digital objects attached to them already. This provided me with a starting point for selecting material to digitize, to ensure I was not duplicating work that had already been done. What I ended up with was a selection of material from different collections that had not been digitized.

A number of digitized items have come from the Samuel Balcom fonds that contained photos of soldiers at Stormcliff, England (1914); tenting encampments at Argues, France; German prisoners of war in Argues; photos of Captain James A. Murray and Batman (not the Caped Crusader); and other papers relating to the Dalhousie No. 7 Overseas Stationary Hospital, which was started in the fall of 1915 in response to a need for qualified medical personnel. Additionally, I digitized other items from smaller

collections including notes relating to the young Soviet revolutionary Leon Trotsky who was imprisoned in an Amherst internment camp in 1917; photographs of military personnel Oscar Donovan and Laura Hubley; as well as a message written in French from French Marshall Philip Pétain, addressed to Oscar Donovan, a Nova Scotian who served as a lieutenant with the Canadian Army Medical Corps during the First World War, relating to his service during the war.



Tent hospital in Argues, France



Oscar Donovan, a Nova Scotian who served as a lieutenant with the Canadian Army Medical Corps

The Dalhousie University Archives is home to many amazing archival records that document the University's and Canada's involvement in the First World War. First, Samuel Balcom fonds (MS-2-128): Balcom was a well-known Halifax businessman and politician who established the MacLeod-Balcom Ltd. (later Balcom-Chittick Ltd.) retail and wholesale business and served in both world wars. During the First World War, he served with the Dalhousie University Medical Unit and in the Second World War, he served as Officer Commanding, Medical Stores (1942-43) and as the Chief Medical Stores Inspection Officer (1944-45).

Another excellent collection is the Robert A. Logan fonds (MS-2-580). Contained in this collection are documents relating to his studies of language, his time as a German prisoner of war during the First World War, as well as his publications among other records. Logan served with the Royal British Flying Corps and was later shot down in an aerial attack led by the notorious Baron von Richtofen, the "Red Baron". Logan survived being shot down (and the war) but was captured and taken as a prisoner of war by the Germans.

Records of this nature can give amazing insights into what the First World War was like, and to see into the lives of the men and women who served so long ago.

Guylaine Beaudry Visit

Guylaine Beaudry, Vice-Provost, Digital Strategy and University Librarian at Concordia University, visited Dalhousie in November to give a lecture called: *Academic Libraries and the Digital Culture: How Should We Be Preparing for the Future?*

Guylaine led the major renovation of the Webster Library and the transformation of the chapel of the Grey Nuns motherhouse into a reading room. Since August 2017, she has been leading the university-wide digital strategy. She was recently elected member of the Royal Society of Canada and served in 2014 on its Expert Panel on the status and future of libraries and archives in Canada.

She holds a doctorate in history of the book from École pratique des hautes études (Paris). Her thesis is entitled “Scholarly communications and the digital revolution: Analysis of a mutation period from a historical perspective”.



Guylaine was previously Executive Director of Érudit (www.erudit.org), a publishing platform for humanities and social sciences scholarly books and journals. She wrote many publications on scholarly publishing, notably, the books *La communication scientifique et le numérique* (Hermès/Lavoisier, Paris); *Le nouveau monde numérique et les revues scientifiques* (Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal [PUM] and La Découverte, Paris, France), that was translated and published by University of Calgary Press (Scholarly Journals in the New Digital World); and *Profession : bibliothécaire* (PUM).

Guylaine Beaudry was presented by the School of Information Management and Dalhousie Libraries

Michelle Sylliboy Visit

Interdisciplinary artist and poet Michelle Sylliboy came to Dalhousie in January for two events in support of this year's Dal Reads title, *Song of Rita Joe: Autobiography of a Mi'kmaw Poet*.

Michelle (Mi'kmaq/L'nu) was born in Boston, Massachusetts and raised on her traditional L'nuk territory



in We'koqmaq, Cape Breton. While living on the traditional, unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, Sylliboy completed a BFA at Emily Carr University of Art & Design, and a Master's in Education from Simon Fraser University. She is currently a PhD candidate in Simon Fraser University's Philosophy of Education program, where she is working to reclaim her original written komqwej'wikasikl (hieroglyphic) language.

Michelle's collection of photography and Mi'kmaq (L'nuk) hieroglyphic poetry, *Kiskajeyi—I Am Ready*, was published by Rebel Mountain Press in 2019. On January 15, she gave an artist talk about her book and the work she has been doing with the komqwej'wikasikl Mi'kmaw writing system. The following afternoon, she led a workshop where participants painted the **komqwejwi'kasikl writing on birch bark**.

Dalhousie University Libraries Joins Scholars Portal Dataverse

Dalhousie University, along with several members of the Council of Atlantic University Libraries (CAUL) and other universities across Canada, has entered into a Service Agreement with the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) to host an institutional Dataverse on the Scholars Portal Dataverse. Dataverse is an open-source web application used to deposit, share and cite research data. It was developed by the Institution for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University.

"One of the biggest benefits with having an Institutional Dataverse on the SP Dataverse is that we are contributing to the effort for a robust national data repository. We already have a strong collective effort to develop research data management tools and resources through the Canadian Association of Research Libraries' Portage Network, and this will further assist these endeavors," said Dean of Libraries, Donna Bourne-Tyson.

Staff News

Retirement

Stephen Murray, who has been at the Sir James Dunn Law Library since 1990, retired in December. He started in technical services, moving into IT in 2001. Stephen is known for his creative and beautiful library displays to mark important occasions like African Heritage Month, Mi'kmaq History Month, and Pride Week.



New staff



Scott MacPherson is our new Library Services Assistant, based in the Killam Library.

Deborah Hemming is our new limited term Learning & Instruction Librarian, covering a maternity leave. Deborah will be at the Dal Libraries until October 31.





Louise Gillis, is our new limited term Data Librarian, covering a maternity leave. Louise will be at the Dal Libraries until October 31.

Accomplishments

Erin MacPherson and Melissa Rothfus of the Dal Libraries, along with Alison Farrell of Memorial University, Jasmine Hoover of Cape Breton University, and Kim Mears of the University of Prince Edward Island, were the recipients of a CAUL-CBUA 2019 Innovation Grant to help support their project, *Atlantic Canada Research Data Management (RDM) Workshop*.



Erin MacPherson



Melissa Rothfus



Jackie Phinney

Jackie Phinney of the Dal Libraries and Lucy Kiester of McGill were the recipients of the CAUL-CBUA 2019 Collaborative Research Grant to help support their project, *Are Canadian medicine librarians directly supporting medical student health and wellness? A nation-wide survey*.

For upcoming events, visit our calendar: <https://dal.libcal.com/calendar/events>

News from the Vaughn Memorial Library, Acadia University

Britanie Wentzell, Outreach & Promotions Coordinator

In Memoriam

Joseph (Joe) Stevens, long-time employee of the Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University, passed away at the Valley Regional Hospital after a short illness.

A native of Morden, a small village on the Bay of Fundy, Joe resided in the Valley for his entire work life, but he always referred to Morden as “home”. Joe graduated from West Kings District High School and received his Bachelor of Arts from Dalhousie University in 1974. A little-known fact is that Joe also studied photography at the Banff Centre and performing arts management at Confederation College; however, his love of books and libraries brought him to the Library Technician program in Kentville at NSCC’s Kingstec Campus in 1987.

Joe started his career at Acadia in 1988 as the serials assistant. In 1990, he moved to the position of Assistant Cataloguer before being promoted to Cataloguer. If you’ve ever looked for something in the Acadia library, Joe likely helped you find it. He had a hand in describing tens of thousands of items, including foreign language materials, albums, scores, CDs, DVDs, and of course, books.

Joe’s interests were varied to say the least: books, reading and collecting, movies, soccer, cricket, Dr. Who, craft beers, and soup: mulligatawny was known to be his favourite. If Joe wasn’t at the library surrounded by piles of books, you could find him at Gaspereau Press chatting with Andrew and Gary or hunting for treasures with Jim at the Odd Book in Wolfville.

An endowment fund in support of a special library collection has been established in Joe’s name and memorial gifts are welcome at giving.acadiau.ca/JoeStevens.



University Librarian

After an excellent year, Daphne Flanagan has stepped down as University Librarian and returned home to New Brunswick. Jennifer Richard is now our Interim University Librarian and a UL search Committee is currently being put together. Daphne will be missed, and we are very thankful to Jennifer for taking on this role in the meantime!

Welcome Back

Agnieszka Hayes has rejoined our Librarian team, taking over Jennifer's liaison roles of Biology, Chemistry, and Nutrition & Dietetics. She is also the Coordinator of Website Development. We are pleased to have her back!

Outreach & Promotion

We had an extremely successful Exam De-stress round this past December. An event took place every single weekday while exams were on. Our most successful was a new one, where we brought miniature therapy pigs into the Library (yes, you read that correctly – we had pigs in the Library)! This event saw over 200 students visiting the pigs in 3 hours. We had line-ups out the door the whole time! We of course also had our regular Paws Room event with the Therapeutic Paws of Canada, which is always a big success! Some of our other events included; an art class, Mario Kart on the Wii (borrowed from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library), movies, more therapy dog visits, a hot chocolate station, and knitting.



Partnerships

A new initiative has begun at the Library thanks to the Acadia Student Union Food Cupboard. Through this program, we now have an area with free snacks in the Library for those in need! The ASU Food Cupboard was founded to give Acadia University students access to emergency food services on campus. This new resource provides emergency food support to any student along with miscellaneous living supplies such as toilet paper and feminine hygiene products. With these supplies, the room also provides nutritional information, dietary support, and budgeting tools that are available to all students. To learn more, [visit here](#).

APLA 2020 Conference

We can't wait to host the APLA Conference 2020 in June and look forward to seeing everyone there! Visit [us here](#) for full details!

News from Prince Edward Island

News from Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island

Donald Moses, University Librarian, Robertson Library

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

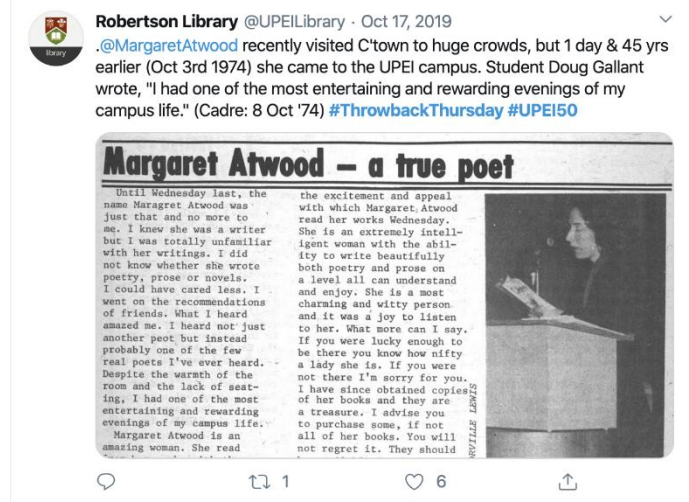
- We are really pleased to announce the creation of the OER Development Program. Through the advocacy of the UPEI Student Union, the Library received funds from the Government of PEI to provide a funding program for the creation, adaptation, and adoption of Open Education Resources. More information 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.



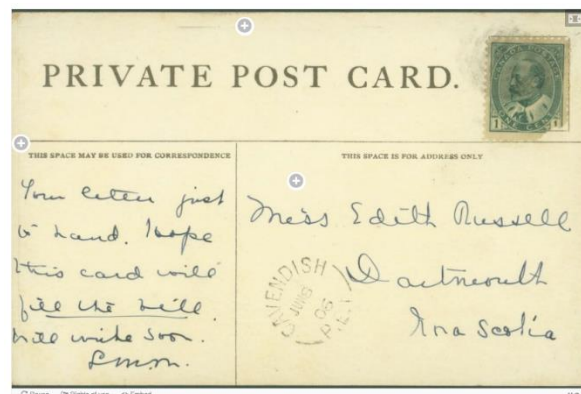
#ThrowbackThursday Twitter post from October 17, 2019.

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.

News from the Prince Edward Island Public Library Service

Beth Clinton, Regional Librarian, PEI Public Library Service

SucSeed Grow Garden Starter Kits

Thanks to financial support from Brilliant Labs, the PEI PLS will soon have 3 hydroponic gardens to grow greens, flowers, and other delicious/pretty stuff right in our libraries. The PLS will be getting three Grow Garden starter kits from a social enterprise group in Newfoundland called SucSeed. Brilliant Labs has provided temperature and light sensors for the plants and taught staff how to code them. The program will start in March.

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day was celebrated throughout the province the last week of January with programs representing all types of literacy. For adults—chair yoga, understanding Google calendar, and homemade sushi. Kids were represented through games, family read-ins, dance parties, and ‘feeling the feels’ storytimes. One highlight was a program featuring adult learner Dianne C. Smith who received the Peter Gzowski award for literacy from the PEI Literacy Alliance.

Astro Pi: Mission Zero

The PEI PLS is partnering with Kids Code Jeunesse to offer a program that lets kids ages 9-12 send their code into space. Teams write a simple program that will display a message to the astronauts on the International Space Station. Perhaps the kids can include some tourism messages so we can get some astronauts to visit!

3D printing

The PEI PLS now offers 3D printing service to the public! A bit late to the party but we are very excited.

Gift of Reading

Libraries across PEI took part in the Gift of Reading campaign for the sixth year. Libraries collect donations of new and gently used children’s and YA books in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The books are donated to food banks across the Island to be included in Christmas hampers. This year, there were enough donations to add the town of Souris’ Lion’s club hampers to the list—so 125 more families received books this year. Go Souris!!! Best town in PEI!!! Represent!!!! Hometown high five with Andrea Stewart of NSCC!

PEI Collection

The PLS is in the process of re-organizing, re-vamping, and re-purposing the PEI collection. We are shifting from an all-encompassing collection of anything PEI related (by an Islander, about an Islander, or about the Island) to a local history collection. A local author designation has been created for some items that were previously part of the PEI collection.