

News from Prince Edward Island

News from Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island

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Staffing Updates

Metaliteracy and Student Engagement Librarian Yolanda Hood is on leave until September 2020. We are seeking a library technician to fill a *serials, university archives/special collections, and public service* role.

Events

Frank Pigot Lecture Series

On Thursday, September 26, Dr. Alan MacEachern presented “A Child of the ’60s: Creating the University of Prince Edward Island”. The PEI government began pressing for a single Island university in the spring of 1968. By spring 1970, UPEI was not merely up and running, but was holding its first graduation. The whirlwind nature of UPEI’s founding—with long-term decisions made in the very short-term—meant the new university was a product of its time: A time of visionary planning and respect for tradition, of religious authority and rising secularism, of student alienation and student power.



Dr. Alan MacEachern

Spooktacular Tales

We hosted a frightful night of tales and treats on October 29th. Dr. Richard Raiswell talked about “Early Modern Witch Hunting” followed by a showing of the movie, “The Witches: A New England Folktale”. All in all, a horrific evening!

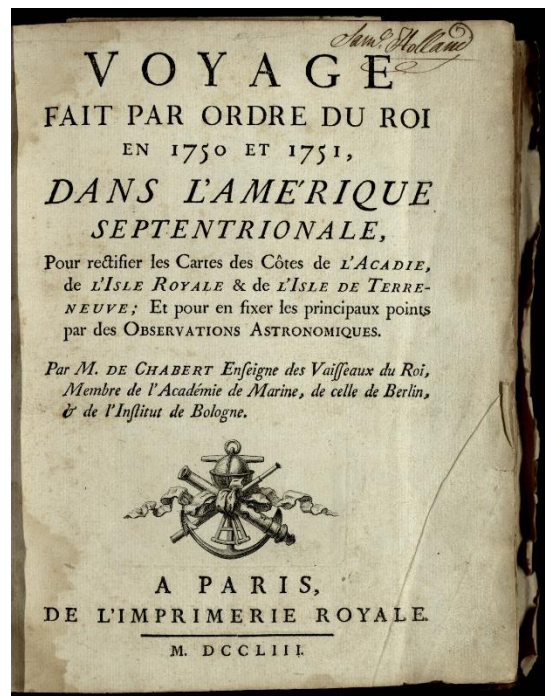
Collections

Databases

We have cancelled *Films on Demand* and have started a subscription to Proquest's *Academic Videos Online*.

Donation

The book "*Voyage fait par ordre du roi en 1750 et 1751*" by French geographer, Joseph-Bernard Chabert de Cogolin was donated to the library in August. The book, published in 1753, was donated by Jeffrey Barglowski, a construction company project manager from the U.S. He was given a box of books from a client and this book was found inside. After some research, he decided that the book belonged to the place where it had a home in its early days. The book bears the signature of Samuel Holland, a surveyor and map producer of Prince Edward Island. Samuel very likely used this book as a reference guide when he mapped out PEI in the mid-eighteenth century.



Projects

50 Years, 50 Voices Interviews

To celebrate UPEI's 50th Anniversary, the library has been working on capturing "50 Voices" which scan the past "50 Years". We're filming stories and memories, and producing an audio-visual archive that will carry us through to the next fifty years.

Through this process, we had the opportunity to interview Bea and John Keaveny. They are both UPEI graduates and were the first couple married on campus. John was honoured as a UPEI founder - he participated in student government at UPEI's founding institutions: Prince of Wales College and Saint Dunstan's University. He was also UPEI's first Student Union President.



Bea and John Keaveny

BookLives.ca

Popular Atlantic Canada magazine, *Saltscapes*, featured our project, BookLives.ca, in their October/November 2019 edition. BookLives.ca is our Provenance Collection website. The project traces signatures & bookplates found within the Robertson Library collection. The site now has over 150 biographies tracing people across the globe through history.

Activities

Escape Room

Our consistent "crow issues" on campus were the inspiration for this term's Escape Room, hosted by the Robertson Library. "Escape the Deadly Virus on PEI: Crow Disease" was a great success. Not everyone lived, but all had fun!

Displays



Along with the Mawi'omi Centre, the Robertson Library co-hosted an exhibit, *Kejimkujik: History Written in Stone*, featuring the artwork of Mi'kmaq artisan Todd Labrador. Julie Pellisier-Lush, Mi'kmaq Author and PEI Poet Laureate, helped open the event with some traditional storytelling.