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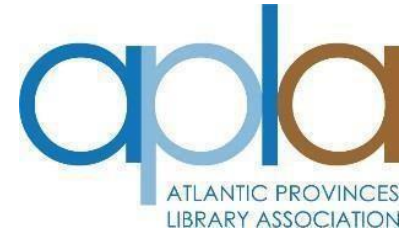
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## From the President's Desk



**Fall 2020**

**Ann Smith**



### **Welcome**

We held our first Executive Meeting on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>. Traditionally, this is our first in-person meeting, but this year we moved to a virtual setting. It is wonderful when the Executive get together and share our thoughts whether it is in-person or virtually. These are tough times for library and information workers, their families, and library associations. It is delightful to share and hear about the dedication, and enthusiasm from our members, volunteers, supporters, and allies who continue to work in the best interests of libraries and information workers and the communities they serve. Thank you to all our members for your continued support and work.

### **The Partnership**

VP President-Elect Marc Harper and I attended the *Fall Retreat(s) of The Partnership*, a national network of provincial and territorial library associations. This year the Summer meeting was held in the Fall and moved to two shorter virtual sessions. These roundtables allowed member associations to share our collective challenges and exchange ideas. Maintaining membership is of course important and continues to be discussed at all meetings. However, there are additional challenges during covid-19 such as delays and cancellations in conferences whilst associations “go virtual”, and challenges moving to virtual OGMs, sometimes where the bylaws only allow for in-person voting. Associations are stepping up and seeking ways to support their members through these challenging times.

### **APLA Governance Working Group**

At the Summer APLA Executive meeting, the Executive decided to form a working group to look at our governance structure. The governance structure ultimately serves the members. We last looked comprehensively at programs and structure in 2012 and were led by then President-Elect

Lou Duggan. The terms of reference for the working group are provided by me and are to examine the governance structure of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association to see if the current structure serves the needs of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. The working group will produce recommendations as to whether the governance structure should be modified, and if so, how it should be modified. Ideally, any potential changes will be brought to the 2021 OGM; however, given the challenges faced by all members and associations during covid-19 this may be a later OGM.

The governance working group is ably led by President-Elect Marc Harper and members are Erin Alcock (VP Membership), Cate Carlyle (VP Nova Scotia & Convenor of the Continuing Education Interest Group), Sarah Gladwell (APLA President 2010-2011 and current APLA Chair Memorial Awards Committee), and Cynthia Holt (APLA Secretary 2018-2019, Executive Director, CAUL-CBUA). We are grateful to these APLA members for agreeing to undertake this important work on our behalf and look forward to the results of their work.

### **Games at the Library**

Special thanks to Jennifer Devlin our APLA Games @ the Library Convener who convened a socially distanced Games @ the Library this year. There was a total of 218 participants in the ballot for the grand prize. Denise Green Jesso participated at the A.C. Hunter Public Library in St. John's, Newfoundland, to win a \$175 card for EB Games.

### **APLA Grow a Library Committee**

There are changes coming to the fundraising efforts for the fabulous Grow A Library Committee. Stay tuned for more information, coming soon!

### **Dalhousie SIM Association Day**

Cate Carlyle (VP Nova Scotia & Continuing Education IG Coordinator) provided a virtual association display for the SIMSA Dalhousie School of Information Management.

### **APLA Conference - Cross-Pollinate, Cultivate, Change! Brassier des idées. S'épanouir. Changer.**

The call for proposals is out! Please think about contributing or joining us and celebrating at the APLA conference for 2021. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Our Conference Planning Team is led by Conference Co-ordinator Maggie Nielson.

Thank you for your membership and support of APLA,

Ann Smith  
APLA President 2020 – 2021  
president@apla.ca

**Membership has its rewards! (CLICK on 01 to 06 for details) and here for the calendar**

## the PARTNERSHIP

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.

## 01



### 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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### 03 THE PARTNERSHIP JOB BOARD

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*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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#### 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](http://www.partnershipjournal.ca) for more information.

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## Announcements

### APLA Nominations and Elections 2021

The APLA Nominations and Elections Committee is now accepting nominations (including self-nominations) for the following executive positions:

1. VP / President Elect (3-year term as President Elect, President, and Past President)
2. VP Membership (2-year term)
3. VP Nova Scotia (2-year term)
4. VP New Brunswick (2-year term)
5. VP Newfoundland & Labrador (2-year term)

Details on the duties of these positions can be found in the APLA Procedures manual, [available here](#).

Membership on the Executive of APLA is a very rewarding experience, both professionally and socially. Please consider helping to contribute to the administration of your association. Forward all nominations before February 28, 2021 (including a CV, and brief statement of interest) to:

Trecia Schell  
APLA Past President / Nominations and Elections Committee Chair  
[Past-president@apla.ca](mailto:Past-president@apla.ca)

## APLA Merit Award

### Trecia Schell, 2020-2021 APLA Past President

APLA Merit Award Nominations for the 2021 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.

A list of the past recipients of the APLA Merit Award may be found [on the APLA website](#).

Nominations, including documentation of the nominee's achievements and letters of support, should be submitted by March 31 to the APLA Past-President, [past-president@apla.ca](mailto:past-president@apla.ca).

## APLA 2021 Virtual Conference

### Britanie Wentzell, APLA 2021 Conference Committee

This year's APLA Conference is going virtual! Due to the unprecedented circumstances we will be hosting our first ever virtual APLA Conference in Spring 2021! This year's theme is: **Cross Pollinate. Cultivate. Change/Brasser des idées. S'épanouir. Changer!** Our planning Committee and its sub-Committees are working hard to bring you the best experience possible!

### **Call for proposals:**

Please note, proposals that were accepted last year will be automatically accepted for this year.

Libraries are always changing. We are seeking proposals that exhibit change regarding services, collections, spaces, or policies through the experience of working with others. We are looking for proposals on the process, outcomes, or cultivation of relationships, collaborations, working groups, or partnerships on any topics relevant to library and information professionals. Special consideration will be given to proposals addressing equity, diversity, and inclusion. Finally, we invite your own take on the conference themes.



We are seeking the following:

- APLA Talks (18 mins with additional 10 mins for questions);
- Oral presentations (45 mins with additional 10 mins for questions);
- Interactive panel discussions (60 minutes);
- Lightning talks (5-10 minutes);

Proposals that do not fit the above time and structure will be considered by the committee but are dependent on the schedule, logistics and other proposals.

Please submit your proposals via email to [aplaprogram@acadiau.ca](mailto:aplaprogram@acadiau.ca) by December 31st, 2020 at midnight. Please include "APLA 2020" in the email subject, and please provide/specify the:

- Title
- Type: APLA talk, presentation, panel, lightning presentation
- Name, title, institution of presenter(s)
- Two sentence bio of the presenter(s)
- Abstract (250 words or less)
- Language of presentation
- Contact information including email, address, phone number

Presenters will be notified by February 14, 2021. Presenters are responsible for their own registration.

We request that presenters make their presentation available on the conference website.

We would love to hear perspectives from public libraries, health libraries, special libraries, archives, academic libraries, and more!

**Stay tuned for more information about the Conference by visiting our website <https://conference.apla.ca/> and by following APLA's social media channels!**

## Feature Stories

### Games at the Library Week, 2020

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

During the week of October 18 - 24, 2020, APLA sponsored Games at the Library Week, which is also known as La semaine des Jeux @ la Bibliothèque, in French! Anytime that week, libraries of all types in Atlantic Canada were encouraged to host a socially distanced game-themed event of their choice. Game choices in all libraries were creative and safe. APLA's goal is to show that libraries are places where people meet, learn, and have fun!

All participants during Games at the Library Week were eligible to enter their names in the grand prize draw, which took place on November 16, 2020. Denise Green Jesso participated at A.C. Hunter Public Library in St. John's, Newfoundland and won the grand prize of an online \$175 gift card for EB Games! One grand prize was awarded for all of Atlantic Canada. A total of 414 ballots were received from 15 libraries with a total of 218 participants.

A great big thank you to everyone who participated in Games @ the Library Week! Extra thanks for modifying the event procedures to filling ballots on behalf of participants, scanning and emailing the ballots and tally sheet information. We acknowledge the extra work you have put in to make this event safe and fun for everyone, the creativity you showed in your choice of games, and that you have gone out of your way to give your community an opportunity to safely relax and connect.

## View from the Library

**Lorena Brothers, Angus L. MacDonald Library, St. Francis Xavier University**

Attached are two seasons from two different windows from the Fr. Charles Brewer Celtic Collection located in the Angus L. MacDonald Library at St. Francis Xavier University. Both views are looking towards Xavier Hall and the Department of Education Building on the campus. The winter scene was taken last winter after an ice storm.





## News from Newfoundland and Labrador

### News from Memorial University Libraries

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

#### Research

- The Trustees of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund have presented the 2020 award to two recipients (one student/one project). The award was established to promote the development of librarianship in Newfoundland and Labrador and honour the memory of long-standing Memorial University librarian Margaret Williams. Congratulations to student **Katherine Kehoe**. Ms. Kehoe has completed one year of her MLIS degree at Dalhousie University, and returned for her second year in September. Also congratulations to **Bonnie Morgan** who is a professional librarian in Newfoundland and Labrador. She received the award for her proposed project entitled “Little (Public) Libraries: Can Aspects of the Little Free Library Movement be Used to Enhance Public Library Services?”
- Cataloguing librarian Heather Pretty (along with Alexandre Fortier, Daniel B. Scott and Oliver Spécie) won the CAIS2020 (Canadian Association for Information Science) best practitioner paper award for their presentation “[Are Canadian Libraries Ready to Transition from MARC to BIBFRAME?](#)”

#### Strategic Planning and Project Cycle

- Strategic planning continues. The Organizational Review Strategic Project has moved into a new phase of model consultations and feedback. The Research Visibility Strategic Project team and the Research Data Management Strategic Project team have concluded this work.

#### Employee News

- Louise White ended her Administrative Leave October 1 and returned to the library (virtually) to join the Collections Team. Louise will be continuing her work on the Downsview Project. She has also added responsibility for collections in the field of Education.
- Nailisa Tanner will be starting with Memorial University Libraries as Digital Initiatives Librarian on January 6, 2021.
- Laura Holden is the new manager, finance and administration, of QEII Library. She is a chartered professional accountant with ten years’ experience in various finance and accounting roles and her work experience to date has been in the oil and gas industry and the heavy equipment and transportation industry.

- Natalia Barykina, Graduate Studies Librarian, will be starting with Memorial University Libraries on April 1, 2021.
- Memorial University Libraries has launched a professional development program called Leadership in Place. Program pillars include: Leading Self, Leading Others, Leading in the Organization and is open to all library employees. The program is being led by Heather Stamp-Nunes, Manager of Learning and Development, who also focuses on organizational development.

### **Cool Stuff**

- Librarian Crystal Rose did an amazing job as the Libraries spokesperson [on multiple CBC morning shows](#) promoting our on-campus Study Space and our online services  
As well as on campus radio: a CHMR [Campus Connect show promoting library services](#)
- For the last ten years, QEII Library IT employee Gord Little has designed special Christmas cards. We have showcased [these original designs here](#)

## News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

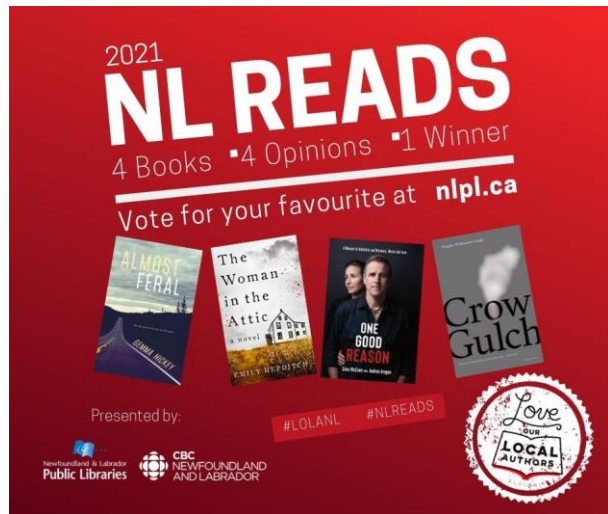
Emma Craig, Regional Librarian, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries

### Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries Launches NL Reads 2021

NL Reads is back for another year celebrating Newfoundland and Labrador authors, books and readers. Done as a partnership between NL Public Libraries and CBC NL, readers will check out the new local titles chosen for this year's competition and cast their votes to determine which one will be declared NL's "must-read" book of the year.

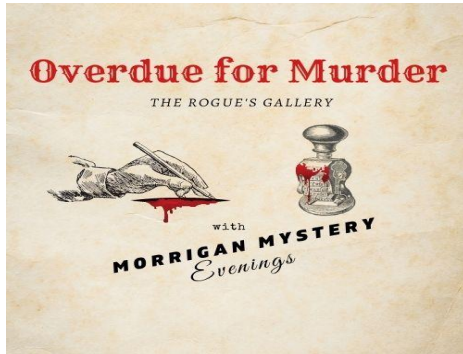
This year's featured books are:

- *Crow Gulch* by Douglas Walbourne-Gough (Goose Lane Editions, 2019)
- *The Woman in the Attic* by Emily Hepditch (Flanker Press, 2020)
- *Almost Feral* by Gemma Hickey (Breakwater Books, 2019)
- *One Good Reason: A Memoir of Addiction and Recovery, Music and Love* by Séan McCann with Andrea Aragon (Nimbus Publishing, 2020)



All of the shortlisted titles are available at NL Public Library branches and in the Digital Library. Due to public health concerns, NL Reads program content will all be offered online. Visit the NLREADS 2021 feature at [www.nlpl.ca](http://www.nlpl.ca) or the NL Reads Libguide at [guides.nlpl.ca/nlreads](http://guides.nlpl.ca/nlreads) for more information.

## **A.C. Hunter Public Library's "Overdue for Murder: Murder Mystery"**



On November 12<sup>th</sup>, A.C. Hunter Public Library in St. John's hosted an online murder mystery party for their patrons. This program was done in partnership with Morrigan Mystery Evenings and the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl. A total of 24 participants attended the evening of mystery, where they worked together to gather clues in order to solve a library-themed murder. Performers from Morrigan Mystery Evenings played the various suspicious characters, as well as other

participants.

Congratulations to the A.C. Hunter staff for delivering a fun party, and thanks to Morrigan Mystery Evening and the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl for partnering with us!

## **Marjorie Mews Public Library Outdoor Storytime**

One of the programs that is most missed at our public libraries is Storytime, as young patrons miss hearing stories, rhymes and songs from their favourite staff members. However, due to Covid procedures at our branches, in-person programming in the library has been limited. The staff at Marjorie Mews Public Library in St. John's found a way to work around this by offering their inaugural Outdoor Storytime on a sunny morning in November!

Two bubbles registered for the program, making social distancing manageable. Due to the weather, the ground was very damp, but participants came with snow suits and rain gear to the program in anticipation of it and chairs were provided. According to staff, everyone had a great time and loved being back in Storytime!

Congratulations to the Marjorie Mews staff for delivering an excellent program and their willingness to try a new Storytime set-up!

## **Michael Donovan Emily Hepditch Author Reading**


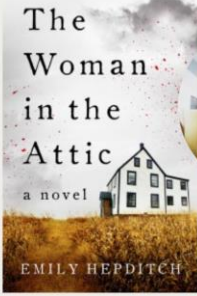
Michael Donovan Public Library in St. John's welcomed Newfoundland author Emily Hepditch for a reading from her debut novel, *The Woman in the Attic*. The event was held online and had great attendance due to the fact that Hepditch is a local author. It featured a reading from her novel, with time for questions at the end where Hepditch talked about her writing process and gave advice for aspiring authors.



Michael Donovan Library presents:

## Author Reading and Q&A

Wed. Nov. 18  
6:30pm to  
7:30pm



Meet Emily Hepditch, author of the bestselling book "The Woman in the Attic" for a reading and chat.

This event is online only, please register by calling 737-2621 or emailing [michaeldonovan@nlpl.ca](mailto:michaeldonovan@nlpl.ca)

*The Woman in the Attic* is among the four shortlisted titles for NL Reads 2021, and is available at all NL Public Library branches and in the Digital Library. Congratulations to the Michael Donovan staff for a successful event, and thank you to Hepditch for attending!

## News from Nova Scotia

### News from Dalhousie Libraries

**Marlo MacKay, Communications Coordinator, Dalhousie Libraries**

#### **Connected Classrooms: a newsletter about online teaching for the Dalhousie community**

In June, the Dalhousie Libraries, in partnership with the Centre for Learning & Teaching, launched a weekly newsletter for faculty. The newsletter aims to keep faculty up to date about online teaching at Dalhousie, including the newest services in support of online teaching, pedagogical articles about online teaching, where to get support, as well as deadlines and other important dates.

See past issues of [Connected Classrooms](#) (scroll down slightly).

#### **Open Access Week 2020**

International Open Access Week is an opportunity for the academic and research community to continue to learn about the potential benefits of open access, to share what they have learned with colleagues, and to inspire wider participation to make open access the norm in scholarship and research.

The Dalhousie Libraries celebrates OA Week annually with a variety of initiatives in support of open access. This year, two of our librarians, Melissa Rothfus and Erin MacPherson, presented at CAUL-CBUA's Atlantic Canada Research Data Management (RDM) Day.

We also wrote two feature stories about open access work at Dal:

[\*Open Books, Open Education: conditions are perfect for open educational resources to become the next big thing in post-secondary education\*](#)

[\*Improving Access: These psychology instructors created a free textbook that has saved students thousands of dollars\*](#)

## News from Prince Edward Island

### News from Prince Edward Island Public Library Service

Krystal Dionne: Branch Technician, Montague Rotary Library; PEI Public Library Service

#### Fine Free!

In October The PEI Public Library Service went fine free, following the example of many library systems across Canada! There has been a notable increase in 'lost' materials being returned as well as patrons coming back through the doors after an absence.

**READ MORE. WORRY LESS.**  
**WE'RE SAYING GOODBYE TO LIBRARY FINES!**  
Starting October 2, 2020, we will follow a fine-free model.  
All existing overdue fines have been forgiven, and blocked cards have been reset.  
**WELCOME BACK!**

**LIRE PLUS, SANS SOUCIS.**  
**AU REVOIR AUX FRAIS DE RETARD!**  
Dès le 2 octobre, 2020 le Service des bibliothèques publiques de l'ÎPE suivra un modèle pour abolir les frais de retard.  
Tous les frais de retard ont été annulés et les cartes bloquées ont été réinitialisées.  
**BON RETOUR!**

#### Programming

- **Crafts to Go**

The PEI Public Library Service was able to procure a grant through Reading Street from PEI Writer's Guild and TD. The grant was used to create 2 Craft to Go bags for preschoolers (250 of each!), one was 'Rhythm Shakers' and the second was 'Fun with Numbers.'



On top of that, we launched our first 'Craft to Go' for teens, a 'Kawaii Sun Catcher' and one for adults, a 'Macramé Key chain'. These have proven to be very popular and we plan to continue with kits for different age groups into the New Year.

- **Storywalk**

The PEI Public Library Service was also granted funding through Reading Street, from PEI Writers Guild and TD to create 2 Storywalks (one in English, one in French). These were set up in multiple locations across the island throughout the fall and have also been quite popular!



- **Fall Photo Scavenger Hunt**

We facilitated a Fall Photo Scavenger Hunt across the Island, using the free app: Goosechase. Many families joined in the fun and over 200 photos were submitted!



- **Zoom Programming**

The PEI Public Library Service has received permission to use Zoom for online library programming as well as library staff meetings. So far, there have been two programs aimed towards adults and seniors that were put on by Community Legal Information: Health Care Decisions and Wills and Estates.

In the coming months there will be preschool Storytimes offered weekly as well as a monthly Hackmatack Book Club for ages 9-12. New programs for all ages will also be offered in the New Year.

## Light Therapy Lamps

20 light therapy lamps have been added to the collection and have proven to be very popular. You can read more about the program here: [CBC Article: Light Therapy Lamps](#)

## Initiatives

- **Study Spaces**

Many branches are now able to offer study spaces for those in need, these are sanitized before and after use.

- **Stack Attack Podcast**

The first episode of the PEI Public Library Services' new podcast, 'Stack Attack,' focused on local ghost stories, was released in October and was a great success! The next edition is coming in December and it is another great way to connect with patrons when in person programming is not yet available.



- **Hydroponics Program**

During Science Literacy Week the Summerside Rotary Library, Confederation Center Public Library, and the Montague Rotary Library took part in the initial growing cycle of the Hydroponics Program, made possible by SucSeed and Brilliant Labs. The initial lettuce crops were donated to local food banks and these systems will be heading to other branches in the future. Find more information about this program here: [CBC Article: Hydroponics Program](#)