

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

Memorial University Libraries

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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 Spéciel) 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](#)
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- For the last ten years, QEII Library IT employee Gord Little has designed special Christmas cards. We have showcased [these original designs here](#)