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## From the President's Desk



**Winter 2021**

**Ann Smith**



### **Happy Winter 2021**

Happy Winter 2021! I hope you are getting a chance to take a breath and embrace the Atlantic Winter, whether by getting outside or admiring the beauty of the Winter with a hot drink in hand. Our friends, family, and colleagues are always important and particularly this year.

### **APLA Awards 2021**

Please consider nominating a colleague, applying for a scholarship, or developing projects to attain your career goals. Calls are out for our APLA Merit Award, the APLA Memorial Award, and the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship. The deadlines for all these awards are **31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**. Details are available from our [website](#).

### **APLA Conference - Cross-Pollinate, Cultivate, Change! Brassier des idées. S'épanouir. Changer, Virtual Wolfville, June 8-11**

The conference committee is working hard to finalize details on what is going to be a fabulous conference. A few details are here. For more information, check out Catherine Fancy's contribution to this edition of the Bulletin.

Our opening keynote is Camille Callison, and our closing keynote is Gerald Gloade. With 60 sessions from friends new and old and an exciting array of virtual social events, there will be something for everyone! Our virtual conference will be using Zoom as a platform. Please think about joining us and celebrating at the 2021 APLA Conference.

### **APLA Members**

Remember that an APLA membership gets you preferential pricing at the conference, so make sure to [renew](#)! APLA offers member benefits to all library workers, and our conference is the highlight of our professional programming, socialising, and exchange of ideas. We look forward to "seeing" you.

## **Committees, Interest Groups, and Working Group**

Since the Fall newsletter, our committees and Interest Groups have been working hard. Our Nominations Committee, our Grow a Library Committee, and our Finance Committee have been working behind the scenes with the results coming later in the year. Our Information Literacy Interest Group and our Continuing Education Interest Group are actively meeting and planning for the future. Our Governance Working Group is busy researching potential structures for our future.

I look forward to “seeing” you in virtual Wolfville in June.

Thank you for your membership and support of APLA,

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

Membership has its rewards! (Read on 01 to 06 for more details) and click [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)

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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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### 03 THE PARTNERSHIP JOB BOARD

the PARTNERSHIP JOB BOARD  
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

*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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## 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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The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research

## 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.

## Announcements

### APLA Conference 2021

Catherine Fancy, APLA 2021 Conference Committee

#### **Cross-pollinate. Cultivate. Change. / Brassier des idées. S'épanouir. Changer.**

June 8-11, 2021 | "Wolfville", Nova Scotia

APLA 2021 is going online! We're putting everything we've learned about virtual meetings in the past year towards making this one of the most engaging, productive, and beneficial conferences yet.

We're excited to announce that registration opens **March 1<sup>st</sup>**, and the conference will take place on Zoom. Keep an eye on our website and follow APLA's social media as we roll out more information— including a handy-dandy virtual FAQ!

A reminder that our two keynote speakers will be Camille Callison, Librarian, Archivist and Anthropologist from the University of Manitoba, and Gerald Gloade, Program Development Officer with the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq. More programming information will be posted on our website soon!

#### **Keynote Speaker: Gerald Gloade (Millbrook First Nation)**

As an artist, educator and Mi'kmaw storyteller, Gerald guides the development of visitor and educational programs for the future cultural centre at Mi'kmawey Debert. His stories and interpretations of the Kluskap legends, in particular, have captivated many audiences. Gerald is a key member of the curatorial group at Mi'kmawey Debert, growing our understandings of collections, places, people, practices and events.



#### **Keynote Speaker: Camille Callison (Tahltan Nation)**

Camille is an Indigenous Strategies Librarian and a PhD student at the University of Manitoba. She is a passionate cultural activist who currently serves as the Chair of IFLA Indigenous Matters Section, a member of the NFB Indigenous Advisory Group, and a member of Canada's Steering Committee on Archives – Truth & Reconciliation Commission Taskforce.



We're going to miss your in-person attendance this year, but we can't wait to "see" everyone virtually! Our planning committees are working hard to ensure a taste of the Annapolis Valley makes its way through the internet to the comfort of your home. We hope you'll join us!

**Get in touch:**

<https://conference.apla.ca/> | <http://www.apla.ca/> | Twitter: @APLAcontact | Facebook: @APLAContact  
| Instagram: @aplagram

## Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship

**Marc Harper, 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 Studies. 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 to 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 the profession 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**

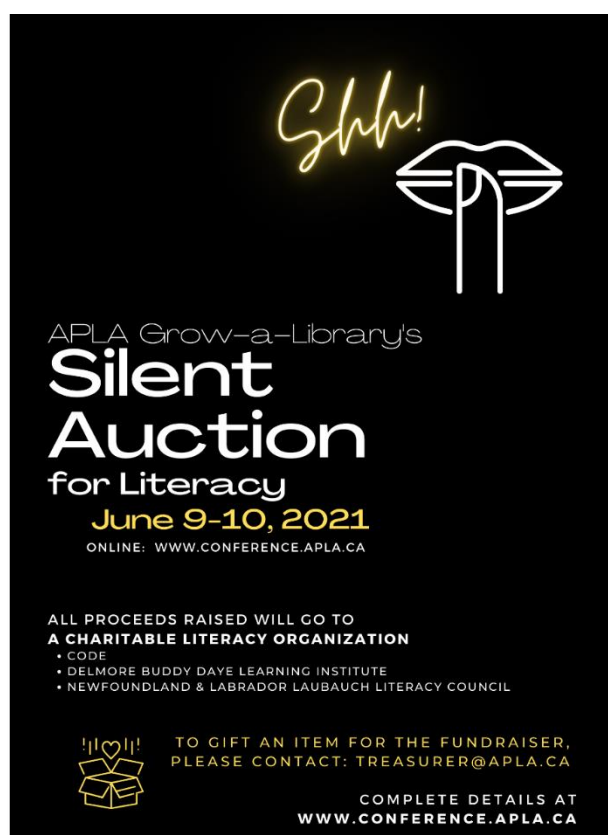
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## **Grow-A-Library Silent Auction**

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

The APLA Grow-A-Library Committee needs your special talents and donations for our first ever virtual silent auction happening this June at our annual conference! All winning bids will be donated in full to 1 of 3 Atlantic provinces literacy organizations (of the bidder's choosing, more on that soon!). eGift cards and services that can be posted virtually are much appreciated, as well as physical items both purchased and/or handmade. Be creative!

Please contact Terri Winchcombe ([treasurer@apla.ca](mailto:treasurer@apla.ca)) with a description of your items(s) or service(s) and a picture (if applicable) by **April 30, 2021**.



The poster features a black background with a glowing yellow 'Ghh!' sound effect and a white line-art illustration of a hand holding a book. The text is white and yellow, providing details about the silent auction event.

APLA Grow-a-Library's  
**Silent Auction**  
for Literacy  
June 9-10, 2021  
ONLINE: [WWW.CONFERENCE.APLA.CA](http://WWW.CONFERENCE.APLA.CA)

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COMPLETE DETAILS AT  
[WWW.CONFERENCE.APLA.CA](http://WWW.CONFERENCE.APLA.CA)

## **2021 APLA Memorial Award**

**Sarah Gladwell, 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, 2021**.

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 honoring past members.

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

Sarah J. Gladwell, MLIS  
Community Services Librarian / Bibliothécaire des services communautaires  
Bibliothèque publique de Saint John Free Public Library  
New Brunswick Public Library Service / Service des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick  
Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour / Ministère de l'Éducation  
postsecondaire, de la Formation du Travail  
Phone / Téléphone : 506-643-7227  
E-mail / Courriel : [Sarah.Gladwell@gnb.ca](mailto:Sarah.Gladwell@gnb.ca)

## APLA Merit Award Nominations 2021

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

APLA Merit Award Nominations for the 2021 APLA Merit Award are now being accepted.

Presented 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).

## Feature Stories

### Games at the Library 2020 Report

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

The 2020 Games at the Library week was held from Sunday, October 16 through Saturday, October 24, inclusively. These dates were chosen so APLA's Games at the Library could align with celebrating Canadian Library Month. It was important this year, more than ever, to provide opportunities for community members to practice self-care through fun experiences and to connect with their community in safe ways.

All participants during Games at the Library week were eligible to enter their names in the grand prize draw, which took place November 16, 2020. This year there were 414 ballots submitted for the grand prize draw, and 281 participants. A total of fifteen libraries sent in ballots and tally sheets in 2020. This rate of participation has decreased from the 2019 Games at the Library, when 45 libraries submitted ballots and tally sheets. Rates of library participation were lowered significantly due to Covid-19.

Putting on a socially distanced, safe, and game-themed event was a challenge, and many libraries may not have the resources to be able to put on an event while also following safety procedures. Many libraries may have had reduced hours, have been short staffed, or may have not been able to welcome patrons in for programs or events. Most academic libraries were closed to patrons in the fall.

Library staff were very creative and put in extra time to organize, given the added challenge of making the event fun, safe, and socially distanced. Libraries offered many types of games including board, card, video, and building games (both socially distanced and lent for the week to family bubbles). Active and outdoor games were also offered. Virtual games included a virtual family bingo and an online escape room. Other games included: puzzles, trivia, Scrabble (patrons vs. librarians), Duplicate Scrabble, a pet photo contest, and guessing games.

Games included practicing literacy, creativity, memory, strategic thinking, problem solving, spatial analysis, nonverbal reasoning, and motor skills. Libraries held socially distanced games to encourage social connection while following state of emergency restrictions.

Denise Green Jesso participated in the 2020 Games at the Library week 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!

Many thanks to Margaret Vail (APLA Webmaster) and Kim Mears (APLA Communications Coordinator) for disseminating the information about Games at the Library online via the APLA Games at the Library website and APLA social media accounts. Thanks also to Terri Winchcombe (APLA Treasurer) for purchasing and sending the prize, and APLA President Ann Smith for her guidance and support. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who held a Games at the Library event this year! The goal of Games at 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 at the Library 2020.

## News from New Brunswick

## News from Mount Allison

Laura Landon, Public Services Librarian, R.P. Bell Library



### Staff News:

After 11 years at Mount Allison, during which she worked in several roles, **Sally Krueger** retired from her position as Music Library, Archives & Special Collections Assistant in October 2020. Before moving to the Maritimes, Sally was the Library Director at the Mary C. Moore Public Library in Lacombe, Alberta from 2004 to 2007, and the Circulation Desk Supervisor at the Red Deer College Library from 2007 to 2008.

**Wendy Witzcak** joined the Library in October as Interlibrary Loans Coordinator. Wendy has 15 years of experience in academic libraries and extensive interlibrary loans experience, most recently as the ILL Specialist at Mount Royal University.

The Libraries & Archives extends a heartfelt thanks to **Nicole Marcoux**, who joined us in November to provide much-needed emergency librarian assistance. During her term as a Public Services Librarian, Nicole provided professional librarian support for the delivery of reference/research assistance and information literacy instruction in the Humanities and Social Sciences, including Fine Arts and Music. Nicole is a graduate of the MLIS program at Dalhousie University and has worked at Halifax Public Libraries, Dalhousie Libraries, and NSCAD University. She is currently working at Mount Saint Vincent University Libraries. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

The Libraries & Archives welcomed librarian **Linda Yang** in December 2020 as a Young Canada Works Library Intern. A graduate of the University of Toronto's Master of Information program, Linda also holds a Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Waterloo. During her term at Mount Allison, Linda is working on reference, information literacy, and collections projects in the library, with a focus on the sciences.

**Renée Belliveau**, who has worked with the Mount Allison Libraries & Archives in a variety of capacities since 2018, accepted a term as Music Library, Archives & Special Collections Assistant in January. Renée has worked on numerous archival projects, including several [virtual exhibitions](#). In 2020, she completed her Master of Information from the University of Toronto, with dual concentrations in Archives & Records Management and Library & Information Sciences.

**Keagan Hawthorne** joined the Library in February 2021 as an Access Services Assistant. Keagan brings a diverse skillset that includes work in digital archives initiatives and public libraries. Most recently, he worked with Mount Allison University as an Educational Technology Consultant, playing a pivotal role in enabling the delivery of online teaching and learning due to COVID-19.



## News from Newfoundland and Labrador

### News from Memorial University Libraries

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

#### University News

Memorial will remain in a primarily remote environment while Newfoundland and Labrador continues to manage the recent [COVID-19 outbreak](#).

#### Research

As part of Memorial University's Research Week 2020 held in November, Health Sciences Librarian Alison Farrell examined best practices in Research Data Management, focusing on how to access tools and resources to support researchers in their data management. She outlined the services available at Memorial University as well as nationally and a portion of the session was a Q and A.

#### Employee News

New Hires:

**Eden Kinzel.** She joins the Health Sciences Library as a Public Services Librarian. She will be the liaison for Pharmacy and will be working on research data management initiatives. Previously, Eden was an Associate Fellow at the National Library of Medicine. She received her MLIS from Western University and a Bachelor of Science majoring in Biomedical Sciences and minoring in Molecular Biology and Genetics from the University of Guelph.

**Nailisa Tanner.** She joins the QEII Library as Digital Initiatives Librarian. She comes to Memorial from the University of Toronto Libraries, where she worked as the Collections & Outreach Librarian at the Faculty of Education Library. Prior to that, she worked at Simon Fraser University Libraries in Special Collections and Rare Books where she worked on the launch of the [Archives of Lesbian Oral Testimony](#).

**Alexandra Marcaccio.** She is an MLIS student from Western University joining the Collections team as the Collections Analysis Intern for the winter semester. Prior to this internship, she worked with the User Experience team for Western University Libraries, conducting user testing research to understand the barriers and challenges library users with disabilities face when accessing online library services at Western. To this extent, she is particularly interested in issues of academic librarianship, collections analysis, and library accessibility.

**Natalia Barykina** will join the Libraries as a Graduate Studies Librarian starting on April 1, 2021.

The following library employees recently completed their "Certificate in Canadian Copyright Law" :

Alison Ambi, Maurice Barry, Anne Bowden, Mark Brown, Nicole Cahill, Alice Canning, Amy Clarke, Karen Darby, Lori Fleming, Susan Fry, Sharon Hewitt, Jackie Hillier, Krista Howell, Tina Lawlor, Katie Lawton, Ryan Lewis, Louise McGillis, David Mercer, Christa Newhook, Jessica Norris, Wendy Rodgers, Kate Shore, Lisa Small, Becky Smith, Monika Stephenson and Lisa-Ann Tucker.

**Louise McGillis** will be finishing her term as Associate Dean of Libraries at the end of November 2021 and will then begin an administrative leave.

**Heather Pretty** is Acting Division Head of Cataloguing and Metadata as of January 1, 2021.

**Darren Furey** has started his sabbatical.

## **Cool Stuff**

Our Dean of Libraries recently appeared on the Ontario Library Association's podcast *Library Land Love* to discuss how to have difficult conversations. A great interview with lots of great tips. You can hear the entire interview on Apple Podcasts or click [here](#)! If you want more information and are attending the OLA Conference, Su will be presenting a more in-depth session on this topic at the 2021 OLA Virtual Super Conference.

A Commons Marketing MUCEP student (Alanna Harriot) put together a video highlighting the changes that we made when we moved our services to remote. All of our student staff participated in it, and I think she did a great job putting it together. If you have 5 minutes to spare, you should [check it out](#).

## News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

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

### **Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries Launches Inaugural Black History Month Program**

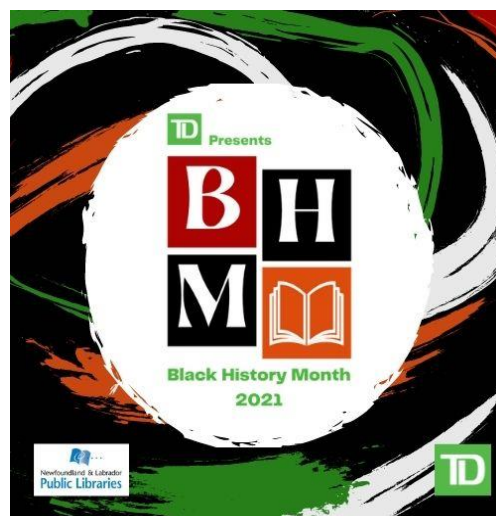
Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) are happy to announce the launch of their first ever Black History Month program. This will be a province-wide celebration of the Black community living within Newfoundland & Labrador, with free events and programming to be held online.

This program was possible through the TD Ready Commitment grant from TD Bank. "This February is not just another African Heritage Month. We are coming together at a time in which Black communities and allies around the globe are questioning whether the protests of last summer inspired moments or movements," says Jennifer Auld, VP Atlantic Region at TD Bank Group. "We are proud to support Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries, as we push progress forward for the Black colleagues, customers, and communities we serve."

This grant has been used to support the programming that NLPL will be putting on over the course of February. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, in partnership with Memorial University's Grenfell Campus, Black History Month kicked off with a talk from Dr. Afua Cooper, a Dalhousie Professor whose studies deal with the history of Black people in Canada. Various programs and events will be held across the province, both online and in-person, along with videos on the NLPL's social media and YouTube channel.

The funds from the TD Bank grant have also been put toward collection development. New releases by Black authors have been added to the NLPL's digital library, and book club kits have been created in St. John's. Patrons will be able to participate in province-wide discussions through NLPL's two book club titles, *I've Been Meaning to Tell You* by David Chariandy and *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla F. Saad. Both titles will be available with unlimited eBook access for all of February.

For more information about the programs happening in February, please click [here](#). Also check the Facebook page of your local branch for information about events happening near you!



## News from Nova Scotia

### News from Dalhousie Libraries

Marlo MacKay, Communications Coordinator, Dalhousie Libraries

#### Dal Reads 2020/21: *The Marrow Thieves*



This year's [Dal Reads](#) book is *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline. *The Marrow Thieves* is a dystopic novel set in the not-too-distant future. Humanity has nearly destroyed the world as the effects of global warming have taken hold. In this dark setting, the Indigenous people of North America are being hunted and harvested for their bone marrow. The settler population believes the marrow of Indigenous people carries the key to recovering something they have lost: the ability to dream. A young adult named Frenchie and his companions struggle to survive against this backdrop as they make their way north.

For the first time in the history of Dal Reads, we did not purchase any physical copies of the book due to the majority of classes being online. Instead, we negotiated a license for unlimited, simultaneous access of the eBook for the Dalhousie community for the duration of the academic year.

We presented three events on this year's selection in January, which included a live discussion between Indigenous Services Librarian Samantha Adema and *The Marrow Thieves* author Cherie Dimaline.

#### **Teaching *The Marrow Thieves*: a Pedagogical Roundtable**

with FASS faculty members Dr. Andrew Brown, Dr. Brian Gillis, Aiden Tait & Dr. Erin Wunker.

Moderated by Dr. Margaret Robinson.

Thursday, January 7, 2–4 p.m.

[Watch the recording](#)

#### **Moving Through Trauma: Indigenous Futurism, Survivance, and the Apocalypse in *The Marrow Thieves***

with Tiffany Morris

Wednesday, January 20, 7 p.m.

[Watch the recording](#)



*Tiffany Morris (left) & Author Cherie Dimaline (right)*



## **A Talk with Cherie Dimaline, Author of *The Marrow Thieves***

Wednesday, January 27, 3 p.m.

(Recording available to members of the Dalhousie community only.)

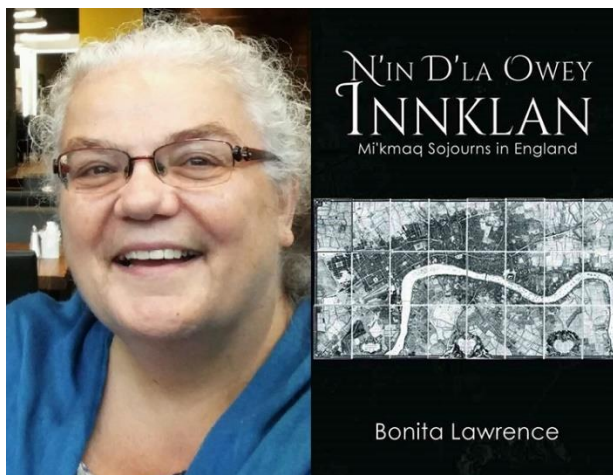
## **Open Educational Resource (OER) Grant**

In partnership with the Centre for Learning & Teaching and with the support of Dalhousie's Strategic Initiative Funding, the Dalhousie Libraries are offering a grant that will provide support for Dalhousie educators who are interested in adapting or creating an OER. Grants up to \$5,000 may be awarded. Projects must be completed, and funds expended in their entirety by March 31, 2022. More information about the grant can be found [here](#). Last year's recipient of this grant, Dr. Leanne Stevens, has [saved students more than \\$200,000](#) thus far.

## **Atlantic Canada Book Launch for *N'in D'La Owey Innklan: Mi'kmaq Sojourns in England* by Bonita Lawrence**

Dr. Bonita Lawrence is a professor in the Department of Humanities at York University and is a founding member of the Indigenous Studies program. She is of Mi'kmaq, Acadian, and English ancestry. At this Atlantic Canada launch of her new historical novel, she was joined by Dr. Marie Battiste, *Sings to the Forest*, Dr. Sean Hillier, Cathy Martin, and Dr. Margaret Robinson.

*N'in D'la Owey Innklan: Mi'kmaq Sojourns in England* begins in 1497 and takes the reader on a series of vignettes through five centuries of interconnections between Mi'kmaq people and London. In addition to this novel, Dr. Lawrence has authored two academic books, *Fractured Homeland: Federal Recognition and Algonquin Identity in Ontario* and *"Real" Indians and Others: Mixed-Race Urban Native People and Indigenous Nationhood*. With Kim Anderson, she co-authored a collection of essays entitled *Strong Women Stories: Native Vision and Community Survival*.



[Watch a recording of the launch.](#)

## **Data & GIS Lunchless Learns**

Members from the Data & GIS team are offering their "lunchless learns" series this winter. Sessions include: First Encounters of the GIS Kind; So You Want to Make a Map – Where and How to Find Data; Raster – How to Become a Raster Master; Carto – Maps – The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly; Understand

the Use of Data and Statistics; Play with Text and Text Mining Using Google Online; and Work with Canadian Data and Statistics.

For more information about these and other Dalhousie Libraries events and learning opportunities, visit our [events calendar](#).

## **Layers: The Data & GIS Newsletter**

In 2016, the Dal Libraries launched *Layers*, a digital newsletter designed to cover news and topics related to data and GIS at Dalhousie and in the larger community. The newsletter comes out twice a year and back issues can be found [here](#). To subscribe, contact [gis@dal.ca](mailto:gis@dal.ca).

## **Records Management Sessions**



Courtney Bayne of the Dalhousie Libraries is the Records Manager for Dalhousie University. She regularly offers sessions for the Dalhousie community to help employees manage their files.

The session is called *How long do I keep this stuff? DalCLASS can help with that!* Designed for anyone who may be overwhelmed with multiple versions of documents, drafts, and/or duplicates, the session uses DalCLASS and other records management tools to help individuals figure out what information has institutional value and what can be securely shredded or deleted.

(DalCLASS is the main records management tool that supports the Dalhousie Records Management Policy. It is the authority for organizing, retaining, and disposing of Dalhousie University administrative records.)

## **Staff News**

**David Ryan** is the new Library Services Supervisor, based at the Sexton Design & Technology Library.

**Alanah White** is the new Library Services Assistant, based at the W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library.

**Sangeet Goyal** is the new Instructional Support Technician, a position that will be shared between the Dalhousie Libraries and the Faculty of Management.

**Helen Wojcik** is retiring after 17 consecutive years with the Dalhousie Libraries.

**Amanda Sparks** is taking on Helen's role as Manager of Access Services at the Killam Library as a temporary assignment until the job is formally posted.

Congratulations to everyone!

## News from Prince Edward Island

### News from Prince Edward Island Library Services

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

#### Programming

##### **Crafts to Go**

Craft to Go Kits continue to be very popular and the PEI Public Library Service has been creating them monthly for patrons of all ages and to celebrate and highlight different programs, events and special months, including Black History Month.



##### **Virtual Programs**

Using Zoom, Facebook Live, and collaborating with other community organizations, like the Canadian Mental Health Association, Anderson House & Family Violence Prevention Services, the Black Cultural Society of PEI, and Kids Code Jeunesse has allowed the PEI Public Library Service to offer a variety of fun and educational programs for patrons of all ages.

## Passive Programs

As another way to stay engaged with our patrons during this time, the PEI Public Library Service also participated in some national events/programs like: Family Literacy Day, Hackmatack Children's Choice Book awards, and One eRead Un livrel Canada through virtual clubs, bilingual passive programs, and Craft to Go's.

## Initiatives

### Snowshoe Lending

Our popular snowshoe lending program is back for another winter!

### Music & Memory

Through this new program, individuals with cognitive and physical conditions can borrow MP3 players with personalized music playlists from public libraries.



## Flipster

The PEI Public Library Service also launched a new digital magazine service called Flipster, giving library patrons 24/7 access to 24 magazines from the comfort of home. The magazines are always available; you can borrow as many as you like, and there are never any fines.



## Call2Recycle

The 25 PEI Public Library Service branches are now drop-off locations for the Call2Recycle battery recycling program. Batteries that have been properly bagged or taped can be deposited in the special boxes which are then shipped to a recycling facility when full.

## News from Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island

Donald Moses, University Librarian, UPEI Robertson Library

### **COVID-19**

We had a brief closure in December 2020 - a “short circuit” period to address concerns related to a rise in COVID cases on the Island. Following the holidays, the Robertson Library reopened on January 4, 2021. More information about our operations during COVID-19 are available on our [website](#).

### **Staffing**

We are hoping to advertise for a Systems Librarian soon and we are in the process of filling a vacancy in the Circulation Unit. Maggie Gordon has been hired as a graduate student assistant working on the Rylie Campbell Collection in [KindredSpaces.ca](#). We have also hired several new student assistants to work on the Service Desk including Alexandra Campbell, Maria Dinh, and Alexander José Chang Ojeda.

Dr. Yolanda Hood has been selected by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) as one of as one of the recipients of the 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award for her work as Chair of the Outstanding Books for the College Bound (OBCB) committee. Congratulations to Dr. Hood and her committee. The hard work of the committee can be viewed in the [substantial list of books that have been reviewed](#).

All Robertson Library staff engaged in a 3-part Anti-racism Education series facilitated by Angela Ma Brown, an education consultant on social justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

### **SAD Lamps**

Inspired by the PEI Public Library Service’s program and in collaboration with the Student Union, the Library purchased 15 lamps that help mitigate the impact of Seasonal Affective Disorder. This led to a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with 3rd year Nursing students and a project they will carry out related to the health information associated with the use of these lamps.

### **Refurbishing Laptops**

We provided the Student Union with several refurbished laptops for them to distribute to students in need. Thanks to our technician Larry Yeo for making this happen. Larry has also been exploring the possibility of writing chrome OS onto some of our older laptops, essentially turning them into Chromebooks for redistribution.

## **In Memoriam**

University of Prince Edward Island's first president, Dr. Ronald Baker, passed away peacefully on December 12, 2020. University Archivist, Simon Lloyd, shared his memories:

*"I had the pleasure to meet with Dr. Baker many times over the last decade, and I quickly understood why he had been an amazing president during UPEI's foundational years, and why his leadership was widely credited with helping the University overcome numerous challenges during its first decade... Dr. Baker received many honours, including Officer of the Order of Canada (1978), the Queen's Silver and Golden Jubilee Medals (1977, 2002), and honorary doctorates from the University of New Brunswick, Mount Allison University, Simon Fraser University, and UPEI. On behalf of the entire UPEI community, I offer my most sincere condolences to Dr. Baker's family, friends, and former colleagues and students."*

Prior to his passing, we were able to interview Dr. Baker as part of the 50 Years, 50 Voices project and that interview has been added to the [site](#).

## **Digital Collections**

As part of our ongoing digital collection migration project, we have relaunched two collections recently including the [Prince of Wales College Digital Archive](#) and the [Island Narratives Digital Collection](#). We are hoping to relaunch other collections before the end of the winter semester.

## **Collaboration with 4th Year Computer Science students**

Librarian Rosie Le Faive and developer Alexander O'Neill are working with Dr. David LeBlanc's 4th-year computer science capstone students to bridge Islandora / [IslandNewspapers](#) with the Library of Congress's [Newspaper Navigator](#) machine learning-based entity extraction system. This will facilitate a search of images that appear in the newspapers.

## **Black History Month/Year**

Dr. Yolanda Hood is coordinating a year-long Community Reads collaboration to read Desmond Cole's book [The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power](#). Leila Edwards from the Citizens for Public Justice says "*The Skin We're In* actively contests Canada's national narrative by following a year in Black encounters with and resistance to white supremacy.... This book forces readers to confront Canada's historical and contemporary narratives and reflect on what exactly is being celebrated." Each month participants will read a chapter from Cole's book each month and discuss the chapter using an intersectional and antiracist lens.

## **Open Textbook Champions Program**

As part of the Library's Open Education Resource Development Program, librarian Kim Mears has developed a [Textbook Champions Program](#) and will be launching that during Open Education Week, March 1-5th. The program profiles UPEI faculty that have created, adapted, or adopted Open Education Resources for use their courses.

## **Nursing Exhibit**

We are in the process of putting together a new exhibit on the history of nursing education on PEI, with special emphasis on Dr. Vera E. Dewar, a pioneer in nursing education and nursing practice on Prince Edward Island.