

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University Libraries

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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 who 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](#).