

News from Prince Edward Island

News Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island

Donald Moses, University Librarian

COVID-19

Library staff worked through the summer to develop an ease back plan for the Library that included new procedures and service models. Details about our reopening [can be found here](#).

Staffing

In August we welcomed Dr. Yolanda Hood back to her role as Metaliteracy and Student Engagement Librarian. With librarian Melissa Belvadi on sabbatical, Keri McCaffrey began her term as Liaison Librarian in August. We are still delayed in filling existing vacancies. This summer we were able to continue employing student assistants and have them work on a variety of digital projects including one that enhanced personal name metadata extracted from maps in the IslandImagined collection.

Renovation

As part of our data collection prior to renovation, we worked with student and alumni representatives to develop and distribute a student survey; over 700 students responded.

Collaborations

For the first time ever, L.M. Montgomery's famed *Anne of Green Gables* original manuscript will be made widely accessible as the central feature of an online exhibition to be launched in 2022. With funding from Virtual Museums Canada, the ambitious new exhibition, *Exploring a National Treasure: L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables Manuscript*, will be developed through a partnership between the Confederation Centre Art Gallery (CCAG), the L.M. Montgomery Institute (LMMI) and the Robertson Library at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI). The Library will be digitizing the manuscript as part of its contribution to the project.

[Read the full news release.](#)

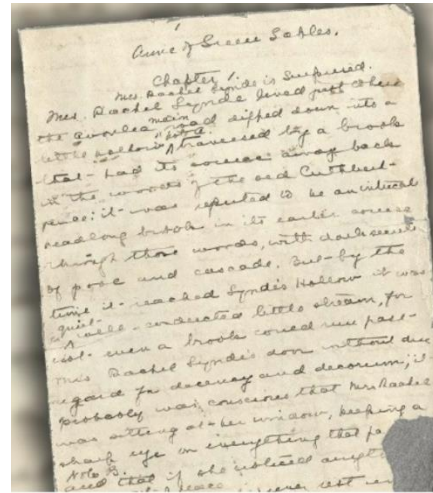


Image Source: Lucy Maud Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables* manuscript, page one, 1905 (published 1908), pen and ink on paper, purchased, 1967, Collection of Confederation Centre Art Gallery.

Librarian Simon Lloyd worked with the late George O'Connor and the Benevolent Irish Society (BIS) to digitize and make accessible their Oral History Interviews collection on cassette tape. The collection consists of recordings of oral history interviews conducted by student researchers in 1982 and 1983 with elderly Irish residents on PEI. More than 50 hours of audio recordings are now [freely available online here](#), thanks to a collaboration between the BIS and the Robertson Library, with funding support from the Government of Ireland's Emigrant Support Program.

Open Education Resources

The results of the grant funds for OER development have started to show results. So far, two textbooks have been published with the grants provided including [Applied Statistics in Healthcare Research](#) and [Maritime Management: Micro and Small Businesses](#). Both texts are being used during the fall 2020 semester and have been published using the Pressbooks platform.

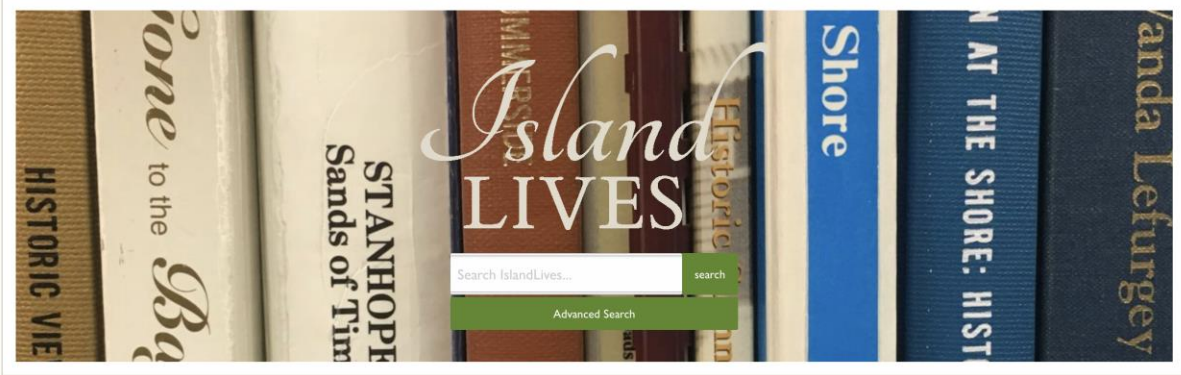
Pressbooks @ UPEI

The Library has utilized Pressbooks to support other publishing at UPEI. During the summer and fall, librarian Kim Mears and library staff worked with the Registrar's Office to port the UPEI Academic Calendar to the platform. Likewise, Kim Mears worked with the editors of the student publication *Arts Review* to publish its annual collection of student writing online for the first time. [Tinge: Arts Review Volume IX](#) is available online and the students have assigned a Creative Commons license to their work.



Digital Collections Relaunch

Over the summer, staff worked to migrate a number of legacy collections to the Islandora 7 platform. We have relaunched [IslandLives](#), [IslandImagined](#), and [PEI Legislative Documents Online](#) and work continues to migrate the remaining collections.



Preserving PEI's community histories
Welcome to the new IslandLives

While we have made significant changes to the look and feel of the site, the content remains the same. If you have any feedback please [contact our project team](#).

Made possible through a generous private donation, IslandLives contains community and church histories and it builds on the Robertson Library's mission to preserve and share unique material relating to Prince Edward Island and demonstrates UPEI's ongoing commitment to making PEI's cultural and published heritage available to all.

Islandora 8

Librarian Rosie Le Faive has been working with the Islandora community on the next version of Islandora. Alexander O'Neill has recently been nominated as an Islandora 8 committer. During July and August 2020, the Islandora community held a set of [Islandora Online](#) learning events and the recordings are now available on the [Islandora Foundation's Youtube channel](#).

Collections

With support from the Vice President, Academic Research, the library has purchased subscriptions to Audio Cine Films and Criterion-on-Demand. The library has dedicated funds to support the purchase of materials intended to increase equity, diversity, and inclusion resources in our collections.

Start Your Research Paper

Leveraging Portland State University Library's Library DIY model, librarians and staff members launched a "[Start Your Research Paper](#)" service intended to help students navigate the research process and library resources.

Academic Integrity Badge

The Library played a lead role in developing the content for the [Academic Integrity Portal](#). Students that complete the tutorial successfully, earn an Academic Integrity Badge.