

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University Libraries

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University News:

- To support the return to primarily in-person teaching and learning for fall semester 2021, all Memorial employees returned to work on campus on Tuesday, July 13.
- Memorial welcomed **Dr. Florentine Strzelczyk** to [the role of Provost and Vice-President](#) (Academic).
- **Catharyn Andersen** was appointed as Memorial's first Vice-President (Indigenous). The position focuses on continuing to build meaningful relationships with Indigenous Peoples and [advancing Indigenization](#). Ms. Andersen has served as special advisor to the president on Indigenous affairs since 2015 and led the creation of the first [Strategic Framework for Indigenization](#).

Research

We have successfully allocated Memorial University Libraries' Open Access Author Fund for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Employee News

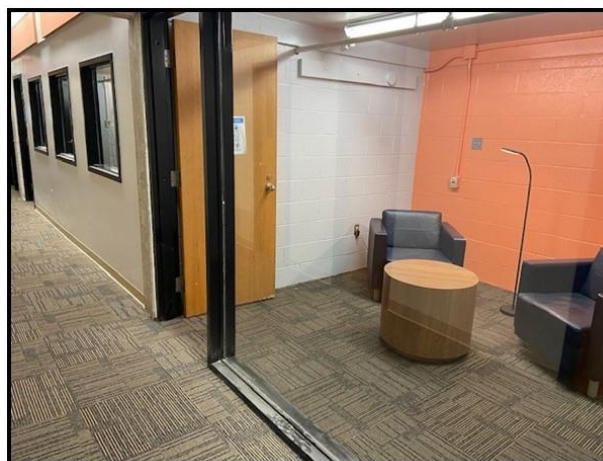
- Associate Dean **Janet Bangma** has been appointed [Interim Dean of Libraries](#) effective July 19, 2021, and ending July 18, 2022, or upon completion of a successful search for a permanent dean, whichever occurs first.
- **Alison Ambi**, Head of Collections Strategies, has been appointed interim Associate Dean of Libraries. Her term began on Friday July 23rd.
- **Cindy Cranford** joined the Libraries from Memorial's Financial and Administrative Services. Cindy, eventually, will be assuming the responsibilities as the Administrative Staff Specialist in QEII but is currently in the interim role of assistant to the Dean of Libraries.

Cool Stuff

Under the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's COVID Alert Level 2, Memorial University Libraries branches are [re-opened](#) to students, faculty, and the public. The Libraries will continue to use their [online booking system](#) to provide access to study spaces to meet contact-tracing requirements. [In-person appointments](#) for materials in the Archives and Special Collections and the Centre for Newfoundland Studies are still required.

Check out the [Q and A](#) with our new Graduate Studies Librarian **Natalia Barykina**.

Manager of Library Facilities, **Rob Ball**, has been working on freshening up our student study spaces during the various pandemic shutdowns. We are excited to unveil some old spaces with new carpet, fresh paint, and furniture this Fall. This was completed in part thanks to funding from the Student Support Improvement Grant.



QEII Library employee **Dennis Flynn** was named a winner in the senior visual arts award category in the 2021 Arts and Letters Award Program. A fulsome story on Dennis can be found [here](#).