

News from Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island

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Preparing for Fall 2021

We have been reviewing guidance from the University and the province's Chief Public Health Office to inform our preparations for Fall 2021. About 75% of classes are planned to be offered in-person. We have reopened our stacks for browsing, have discontinued our Click and Collect service, and are no longer quarantining returned books given recent evidence. We are monitoring as the situation continues to evolve. More information about our operations during COVID-19 are available on our [website](#).

Staffing

User Experience & Collections Librarian **Melissa Belvadi** completed her sabbatical and we welcomed her return on July 1, 2021.

Keri McCaffrey's term appointment as a Liaison Librarian ended at the end of July 2021. We thank her for all of her contributions and wish her the best.

During the summer we posted several positions at the Library, including a term Systems Librarian, term Metadata Librarian, 2 part time Circulation positions, and Student Assistants. An advertisement for a Systems Librarian will be posted shortly.

We were fortunate to receive three Young Canada Works grants this summer. We hired **Alex Wood** to help prepare an updated inventory of our Art Inventory, **Mingyu Shim** to work in the Digitization Lab on our ongoing newspaper digitization project, and **Megan MacEachern** as our OER Program Associate to help support the Library's OER Program.

Student **Alexander Chang** was also hired to work in the Digitization Lab, and we were fortunate to have co-op student **Varesh Kumar Beeharry** work with us on a variety of projects, including the migration of our research data repository.

Librarians and staff participated in a variety of learning and professional development activities during the summer, including the Atlantic Provinces Library Association Conference, the annual Evergreen Conference, WILU: Workshop for Instruction in Library Use Conference, the American Library Association conference, and First Aid training.

Open Textbook Initiative

Following ongoing UPEI Student Union advocacy, the province has provided UPEI with additional funding to carry on its support for the development and hosting of OER resources. We plan to put out a call for grant applications in the Fall of 2021.

WiFi Update

The UPEI campus updated their wireless access method and now all users can connect to the wireless network using [Eduroam](#). This will be helpful for anyone visiting UPEI from other institutions that use Eduroam.