

## News from New Brunswick



## News from Mount Allison

**Laura Landon, Teaching & Research Librarian, Business, Social Sciences and Govt. Information**

### Library News:

**Dr. Rachel Rubin** began her term as Dean of Libraries & Archives on August 2. Rachel joins Mount Allison from the University of Pittsburgh, where she served as Associate University Librarian for Research and Learning. She has also held positions as Director of Library and Information Services at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and Library Director at Bexley Public Library in Ohio. Rachel holds an MLIS from Kent State University and a PhD in Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions from Simmons University. She has over 10 years of administrative experience in academic and public libraries.

While New Brunswick removed all COVID restrictions in March 2022, Mount Allison will maintain mandatory masking indoors during the 2022-23 academic year, with some exceptions, including when working alone or teaching. The University will not require vaccinations for the 2022-23 academic year, but will provide a secure mechanism for students, faculty, and staff to voluntarily identify their vaccination status.

Preparations for the upcoming renovation of the R.P. Bell Library continue and will escalate over the next year and a half. Staff and librarians are working on deselection and an inventory of all items in the building, with an expected move-out date of Spring 2024. The Libraries & Archives will move into temporary locations, still to be finalized, for the duration of the renovation. The Libraries & Archives renovation represents the largest capital project in Mount Allison's history.

### Staff News:

Librarian **Anita Cannon** retired on May 30, 2022, after 26 years at Mount Allison. Anita was the long-time subject librarian for Commerce, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, Government Information, Languages & Linguistics, German Literature, and Law. A dedicated information activist with a wealth of knowledge about government information, Anita led a session at APLA in 2018 about filing freedom-of-information requests and recently wrote a [journal article about the academic community's use of government information](#) and freedom-of-information requests (2021).

The Libraries & Archives' long-time administrative assistant, **Carol Wilson**, retired on June 30 after 44 years at Mount Allison. Carol joined the Libraries & Archives in 1978 as a newly minted high-school

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graduate from the business stream. In the years that followed, she worked with nine different University Librarians. She is Mount Allison's longest serving employee, with a remarkable depth and breadth of knowledge about the library's history.

**Gavin Goodwin** will continue to serve as a term Creative Arts Librarian in the 2022-23 academic year. Gavin joined the library in 2021 after working as a student Reference Librarian at Concordia University and interning at the Canadian Music Centre in Montreal. A graduate of McGill University's Master of Information Studies program, Gavin also holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music, with substantial experience both performing and teaching music.

**Christine LeBlanc** joined the Library in July 2022 as Public Services, Special Collections and Rare Books Librarian. Christine is filling in for **Elizabeth Millar**, who is on sabbatical until July 2023. Christine most recently served as Campus Librarian at NSCC Lunenburg. She worked at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto as a Reference Assistant and Rare Books Assistant while earning her Master of Information at U of T's iSchool. She has also worked for New Brunswick Public Library Services, the Ontario College of Teachers, and the Government of Nova Scotia.

**Laura Landon** began a two-year term as a Teaching & Research Librarian for Business, Social Sciences, and Government Information in August 2022. Laura has served in a variety of librarian and non-librarian roles since coming to Mount Allison in 2013, most recently as Interim University Librarian from January to August 2022. She worked as the subject librarian for Commerce, Government Information and some social sciences in two previous sabbatical replacement roles at Mount Allison.

**Alexandra Tome**, an Inventory and Withdrawal Clerk in the R.P. Bell Library, hosted a session at the June APLA 2022 conference to encourage library technicians and other library staff to share what they do to foster a diverse and inclusive environment for library patrons and staff. Alexandra joined Mount Allison in 2021 from Toronto, where she was the E-Learning Library Technician at Humber College. Alexandra graduated from the Library and Information Technician program at Seneca College in 2017.