

## News from Nova Scotia

### News from Acadia University's Vaughan Memorial Library

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#### Orientation events (In-person and Online)

For Welcome Week 2022, the Vaughan Memorial Library hosted a “Cookies & Colouring” in-person event. We welcomed new students into the library for an afternoon of colouring (colouring sheets and coloured pencils provided) and cookies to snack on. The event was very popular, with 40+ students in attendance, and offered a low-key, relaxing alternative to standard university orientation events.

In late-September, we also hosted three offerings of an online webinar titled “Welcome to the library! Making the most of library services, spaces and materials.” Designed with new students in mind (though open to everyone), this webinar covered the basics of using the library and accessing library resources.



#### Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

New to the Vaughan Memorial Library is the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee, with members of the Research Services and Access Services teams. This committee is part of our Research Services department and is working to address EDI issues and topics at the Library. Keep an eye on the VML website for highlights of our EDI initiatives and projects.

#### Lecture on Censorship in Copyright

Librarian **Erin Patterson** gave the inaugural lecture in the new “BAC Talks” lecture series hosted by Acadia’s Faculty of Arts. Titled “The Big Chill: Censorship by Copyright in Libraries and Literary Studies,” the lecture brought to light how copyright overreach can have a chilling effect on literary studies, a field in which frequent and extensive quotation is an integral part of the discourse.

## Fall Study Break Research Refresh

Librarian **Deborah Hemming** created a “Research Refresh” social media campaign for the library’s social media channels for Fall Study Break 2022. This campaign aimed to refresh our followers’ understanding of research resources in anticipation of final exams and assignments. Posts covered the following topics:

- Subject guides
- Citation management (Zotero)
- Peer-reviewed sources
- Top research tips from Acadia librarians

We had positive engagement with this campaign and Deborah plans to host another “Research Refresh” on social media during Winter Reading Week 2023.

