

News from New Brunswick

News from Mount Allison University

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Staffing:

Mount Allison welcomed **Janice Stockall** into a two-year term as Head of Access Services in September 2022. Janice joined us in late September after working for eight years in the Access Services department at University of New Brunswick's Law Library. This is a homecoming of sorts for Janice, who worked as an Access Services Assistant in Mount Allison's R.P. Bell Library for 10 years before moving to Fredericton.

The Mount Allison University Archives has been fortunate to receive funding that currently supports three archival internships. **Susanna Cupido** is the Bell intern, **Zoe Hunter** the Crake ArtsWork intern, and **Bryenton Innes** the Young Canada Work Early Professional intern. These internships have focused on records processing, digitization, and conservation work. We have also been conducting background research into some of our Indigenous holdings in support of the Calls to Action set forth by the TRC.

Caroline Kaszar joined the Library in November 2022 as Administrative Assistant. Caroline graduated with a BA in Archaeology and Heritage Studies from Wilfrid Laurier University and has a Master of Museum Studies from the University of Toronto. She spent two years working with museums across Canada in public-facing and behind-the-scenes roles. Since 2020, she worked in the administration department at an accounting firm running daily office administration tasks as well as heading large-scale digitization and organization projects.

We welcomed librarian **Dr. Stephen Geier** back to the Libraries in January 2023 in a half-time position as a Public Services Librarian. Steve is the liaison librarian for Biology, Chem-Biochem, Health Studies and Psychology. He worked for nine years in Mount Allison's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry as a Research Associate before getting his MLIS from the University of Alberta in 2020. Steve has worked in the Mount Allison Library previously as a Data & Digital Services Librarian.

News & Events:

In January 2023, Mount Allison received \$36 million in federal and provincial funding to renovate the R.P. Bell Library. The renovated space will house the Library and its collections along with community spaces, an Indigenous knowledge space, audio-visual labs, and digital teaching and learning resources. Estimated costs for the total project are \$65 million. Read more on [Mount Allison's news pages](#).

Refuge Canada Exhibit: Mount Allison is hosting a large, interactive exhibit in January & February from the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. Refuge Canada is an immersive exhibition that

provides the context for Canada's place in the global refugee crisis and shares stories of success and contributions made by people who came to Canada as refugees. It is set up on the main floor of the R.P. Bell Library.

Writers' Series: On Dec. 7, 2022, the Library hosted *Disharmonies: An Evening of Poetry and Discussion*, featuring Sackville poets **Marilyn Lerch** and **Dr. Geordie Miller** reading from their collaborative poem, *Disharmonies*. The event, part of the Faculty of Arts Speakers Series, was followed by a discussion with **Keagan Hawthorne** of the Hardscrabble Press, which printed the book. Keagan, a poet and printer who works in the library, set up a small letterpress on the main floor to show people how to print their own holiday cards.

Author Reading: On March 2, the Library will host a reading and discussion with **Uchechukwu Peter Umezurike**, author of *Double Wahala*, *Double Trouble* as part of the Faculty of Arts Speakers Series. Umezurike is a Canadian-Nigerian writer of fiction, poetry, essays, and literary journalism. He lives in Calgary.

Elizabeth Stregger, Data and Digital Services Librarian, worked with Mount Allison's Research Data Management Steering Group to plan a series of research data management sessions for faculty, staff, and students in Winter 2023. The four sessions included introductions to research data management concepts, data management plans, data deposit, and LimeSurvey for researchers creating surveys. These sessions are a key component in our preparation for the launch of an institutional strategy for Research Data Management.

The Libraries & Archives embraced **Love Data Week** February 13 – 17 with displays and a webinar led by Data & Digital Services Librarian **Elizabeth Stregger**. The webinar, *Telling Data Stories: Infographics and Data Visualization*, was open internationally through the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research's International Love Data Week website.