

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

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University News:

The negotiating teams for Memorial University and the Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association (MUNFA) [reached a tentative agreement](#) on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, after a two-week long strike.

A number of members of the Memorial University community were appointed to the [Order of Canada](#) in 2022.

Memorial continues to be a [national research leader](#), according to new numbers released Jan. 18.

Memorial University's [report to the community](#).

Memorial University [President's awards](#) were presented on Nov. 30, 2022.

Research:

The Memorial University Libraries Research Fair was held on Dec. 9th. From **Michaela Doucette's** presentation that examined reconciliation and decolonization through archival processes to **Alison Ambi's** futuristic look at AI and the Academy, the agenda displayed librarian and archivist research and expertise in both existing and emerging areas of importance.

Congratulations to **Courtney Pearce** who is the recipient of the 2022 Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award. Ms. Pearce is currently completing her Master of Information (MI) at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. *"While I am interested in many areas of librarianship, I plan to explore academic librarianship. My interest in academic libraries stemmed from my experience working in the Queen Elizabeth II library at Memorial University during my 4th year of my undergraduate studies. During this time, I saw how important the library was to students and to members of the public who would visit. My experience working at the QEII library showed me that not only is there a need for libraries but also a need for knowledgeable librarians who can assist the information seekers who frequent them. I want to be the person who can navigate their way through the library's information resources not only for myself but also for people who need help with doing so."* – Courtney Pearce

Map Librarian **Dan Duda** was recently featured on CBC Radio's the Broadcast talking about some of the unique maps in our collections. You can listen to the interview [here](#). On another somewhat related note, **Dan Duda** and library assistant **David Mercer** were also featured on the CBC Television show Here and Now as part of the "MUN Geographers are all over the map for MUN Research Week 2022" event that took place on Nov. 21st. The event involved placing a giant floor map on the 3rd floor of the QEII Library to highlight Memorial University geography research.

Employee News:

Graduate Studies Librarian **Natalia Barykina** left Memorial University Libraries to take a new permanent position as the Reference Specialist at the Petro Jacyk Central and East European Resource Centre, User Services Department, at the University of Toronto Libraries. She is providing reference and research services to University of Toronto faculty, staff, and students, as well as members of the external communities, who engage in the study of East-Central European and Slavic Studies.

The QEII Library welcomed back Collections Librarian **Amanda Tiller- Hackett** who returned from maternity leave in early January.

Public Services Librarian **Erin Alcock** began her sabbatical in January.

Christa Newhook has moved from the MRC to CNS on a contract until September 2, 2023.

Health Sciences Library staff member **Amy Clark** started a new position as an Academic Program Assistant with the Registrar's office at Memorial in January.

Congratulations go out to the following Memorial University Libraries' service award recipients:

- 10 Years – **Krista Howell**
- 20 Years – **Alice Canning, Karen Darby, Dion Fowlow**
- 25 years – **Martin Nolan**
- 30 Years – **Christine Doody, Sonia Power, Linda White, Louise McGillis**
- 35 Years – **Louise White, Aspi Balsara, Victor Hancock**

Mike Fitzpatrick with the Serials and Acquisitions Division, QEII Library, retired from Memorial University on Feb. 10, 2023. Mike joined the QEII Library in 2016.

Eden Kinzel has taken a new position at the Gerstein Science Information Centre at the University of Toronto. She joined Memorial University Libraries during the pandemic and finishes up at the end of February.

The QEII Library's Cataloguing and Metadata Division welcomes new staff members **Kate McClintock** and **Emma Luke**. Kate is happy to be joining the Memorial Libraries after previously working at the UPEI Robertson Library and completing her MLIS at Dalhousie University.

Cool Stuff:

QEII Library's **David Mercer** was part a CLB presentation with Premier **Andrew Fury**. On Nov. 17, at a dinner commemorating 130 years of the CLB, David presented special guest Premier Fury with a set of commemorative badges.

Currently on display at the First Space Gallery, QEII Library – “Woman, Life, Freedom.” The exhibit showcases artwork related to Iran Revolution Movement from Iranian artists based in Newfoundland and Labrador. This exhibit is from January 18-April 2023.