

News from Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University

Deborah Hemming, Academic Librarian

The Garden of Reading Partnership with Annapolis Valley Regional Library

We hosted a wonderful collection of leisure reading materials from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library this term, which patrons were able to easily borrow using their Acadia University ID card.

Acadia at Vimy Commemoration by Archives and Special Collections

From April 6-11, 2023, the Vaughan Memorial Library hosted a display showcasing Acadia students who took part in the Vimy Ridge battle of WW1. The display was created by **Wendy Robicheau** (Archivist) and **Carol Hadjisterkoti** (Research Services Assistant). **Catherine Fancy** (Archives Coordinator) made a video about the display, available to view on the [Acadia Archives Twitter page](#). As well, Wendy Robicheau made a video showing how a WWI photograph was used in a WWI poster, and the questions surrounding the creation of this poster, also available to view on the [Acadia Archives Twitter page](#).

Archivist Pat Townsend retires

After many years and a celebrated career at the Vaughan Memorial Library, Archivist **Pat Townsend** will be retiring from Acadia University on June 30, 2023. We are delighted to announce that Pat Townsend has been honoured with the title of Archivist Emeritus. Congratulations, Pat!

Work Continues on the Elwood Archive

Lynn Aylward (School of Education), **Catherine Fancy** (Archives Coordinator), and **Jennifer Richard** (Academic Librarian) have been tentatively awarded a Young Canada Works grant to proceed with work on the Elwood Archive. Coupled with funding secured from the Library, the School of Education, and the Division of Research, Innovation & Graduate Studies at Acadia, the project is moving forward. Materials will soon be going to CRKN/Canadiana in Ottawa to be digitized, while the YCW intern will be working on the description and exploring access options for the materials. Earlier this year, the audio materials were converted from cassettes to digital files.

New Browsable Special Collections Page

Created using ALMA by **Jennifer Richard** and **Catherine Fancy**, here is a sneak peek at the Vaughan Memorial Library's [browsable Special Collections page](#) that will be launching soon. Browsable Gift and Endowment Collections will be added in the coming months. Acadia is the first library in Novanet to implement this feature and Jennifer and Catherine will be presenting at Novanet Day on how it was created.

Local Lit in the Kirkconnell Room: Talks and Readings by Local Literary Figures

During the winter 2023 term, **Deborah Hemming** (Academic Librarian & author) organized a new series of talks and readings by authors and publishing professionals based in the Annapolis Valley. Hosted in the Kirkconnell Room, home of Acadia University's Archives and Special Collections, the series aimed to celebrate local literary culture while also shining a light on the library's rich collection of local literature. Speakers included **Laura Churchill Duke** (author), **Danielle Pierce** (author), **Deborah Hemming**, and **Brenda Thompson** (founder of Moose House Publications).

Snakes in the library! Exam Period De-Stress Events

The library was delighted to offer a full schedule of de-stress events during the April exam period. For the first time ever, we hosted snakes in the library, which saw an impressive turnout of students. On other dates, we offered visits with therapy dogs, therapy animals (guinea pigs & bunnies), yoga, and an art class. Further highlights include: study snacks, a colouring table, and Mario Kart (Nintendo) available to play on the TV in the library lobby.