

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

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University News

Memorial University's Grenfell Campus experienced a cybersecurity incident on Dec. 29, 2023. Security protocols were put in place to isolate the impacted systems, and an investigation is ongoing. IT staff worked night and day to reach operational functionality at Grenfell Campus: Wi-Fi in residence, printing and copying services, access to mun.ca emails and various solutions to help the winter semester get underway. In addition, almost all computer labs are now up and running for students and instructors. This took a tremendous amount of effort and co-ordination by our staff and faculty.

Dr. Anne-Marie Sullivan is the new Dean of the School of Human Kinetics and Recreation (HKR). Dr. Sullivan, who was in the role on an interim basis since summer 2021, began a five-year term effective December 8, 2023.

Dr. Amy Warren is the new Associate Vice-President (academic (AVPA) and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (SGS). Dr. Warren, who was in the role on an interim basis since fall 2021, began a five-year term effective December 8, 2023.

Research

This March, the Centre for Newfoundland Studies is planning its second annual event that recognizes recent book publications or other creative works (not including journal articles) by the Memorial community. The event is tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2024.

As part of Love Data Week 2024, ACENET, the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO), and the Centre for Analytics, Informatics and Research (CAIR), are presenting on active data storage options available to MUN researchers. The event is scheduled for Feb. 13 and Health Sciences Library Head of Public Services, **Alison Farrell**, will be presenting.

The 2023 Memorial Libraries Research Fair was held on December 8th. This year's agenda was eclectic. It covered aspects of professional practice, such as **Janet Goosney's** - "We learned as we went like everyone else:" Experiences of librarians teaching information literacy at Canadian universities during the Covid-19 pandemic," or **Kristen Romme's** Lightning Round – "What Can Scopus Tell Us About Our Collections?" The presentations also delved into areas where personal interest and professional research mix in unique and creative ways. For example, **Lindsay Alcock's** Bricolage or **David Mercer's** "Data visualization: Numbers? Pictures?."

Public Services Librarian **Chelsea Humphries** ran an Introduction to Zotero workshop this fall. The presentation was recorded and is [available on the Library's YouTube channel](#). She also ran a portion of the hybrid workshop titled "Introduction to Archival and Primary Source Research for Graduate Students: Thinking Inside and Outside the Box", with Archives and Special Collections about Zotero and archival research.

As part of his cross-appointment with the Department of Sociology, Scholarly Communications Librarian **Dr. Patrick Gamsby** is teaching the Sociology of Time course for the Sociology department this term.

Associate Dean of Libraries, Grenfell Library, **Crystal Rose** presented on Open Access and the Research Repository as a part of Research Week at the Grenfell Campus on November 21.

Employee News

Welcome **Sarah Papple**, our new Labrador Campus Public Services Librarian. She holds an MLIS degree from San Jose State University and a BA from Wilfrid Laurier University. Her career includes roles as a Technology Librarian, several years as a Library Director in a public library, and most recently, as a Librarian in the Toronto Public Library's Newcomer Services. She conducted fieldwork in Iqaluit as an Anthropology student and led a placement program in the library for Bachelor of Education students at Lakehead University.

Welcome **Emily Gushue**, a LA3 in Cataloguing and Metadata on a three-year contract. She has previously worked with the College of the North Atlantic, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries, and The Rooms Provincial Archives. She holds an MA from Memorial University and an MSc in Archives and Information Systems from the University of Dundee.

Scholarly communications librarian **Dr. Patrick Gamsby** has been granted a cross-appointment with the Department of Sociology for a three-year term, effective November 1, 2023.

Ian Hutchings of QEII Library Public Services recently started a Band 3, three-year contract.

Cool Stuff

Read about **Kate McClintock's** (Cataloguing and Metadata, QEII) creative talent in this [Gazette article](#).

Congratulations to QEII Library **The Commons** on their 20th anniversary. A video was created this fall, capturing the successes over the past two decades. Have a look at its [history](#). Read about The Commons' in this [Gazette article](#) that celebrates their 20th anniversary.

Read about a [cool scavenger hunt](#) created by two biology profs who wanted their students to get to know the QEII Library.

The QEII Library Archives and Special Collections Division is hosting a couple of events with community partners. "Unboxing the History of Social Work in NL: Delving into the Digital Archives" is tentatively scheduled for March 11 from 3-4pm on the Fiesta Deck. Also, "A Video Journey of Disability Rights

Activists” – the launch of an archival hub of the History of Disability Rights Movement in NL is happening on March 6.

The QEII Library **Digital Archives team** got a shout out in the November issue of the [Downhome Magazine](#).

Coming Soon! The First Space Gallery in the QEII Library will be exhibiting **In that Country and Along that Shore** by retired QEII Library employee **Joanne Cole** from February 9 - May 5, 2024.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies and the Archives and Special Collections were part of Memorial University’s **Whale of a Day!** Exhibitors from across Memorial’s campuses were also on hand to celebrate all things ocean. The event was a huge success, including and not limited to, an inflatable globe from the map collection, and some sought after squid hats (thanks to **Donna Doucette** of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies for the hats).

This fall, Library IT employee **Dennis Flynn** was acknowledged for his [contribution to his community](#) in Newfoundland and Labrador’s House of Assembly. Dennis is an author and photographer.

What do you do when you have material for the **Digital Archive Initiative** but it's trapped in old technology? You hunt down and buy a 1968 Sony-Matic Solid State AV-3600 Video Tape Player/Recorder on Ebay (in its original and unopened packaging from 50 years ago). That's what the DAI's very own **Don Walsh** did. All in a day’s work for the DAI team.

This fall, Grenfell Library had a booth at the second annual **“No Stress Fest”** organized by Counselling & Psychological Services with games, colouring, Buddha boards, books from our self-help collection and button-making.

Library Yoga ran four times in the fall term at Grenfell Library, promoted in partnership with the Grenfell Campus Psychological Society, and run by Public Services Librarian and yoga instructor **Chelsea Humphries**.

On November 3, the library hosted a **“Grenfell Authors”** event, celebrating five faculty representing all three schools at Grenfell who shared their research and writing, followed by a reception.

The Grenfell Library hosted a **Tropical Games Night** on Friday, January 12, to welcome students back to campus and offer a fun escape from the snow.