

News from Nova Scotia

News from the Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University

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Library Updates

Summer 2024 has been a busy time in the Library due to some exciting renovations in the building. Our Access Services desk and Research Help desk have been completely refurbished, flooring was replaced on the second and fourth floors, and a new accessible washroom is being installed on the first floor.

In May, we launched the *Borealis Acadia University Collection*, our new research data repository. We celebrated with a Research Data Management workshop presented by ACENET, Acadia's Division of Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies, and the Library. A big thank you to librarian **Mike Beazley** for leading this initiative.

For Accessibility Week at Acadia University, May 27-31, the Library hosted two events: "Creating Accessible Documents" led by librarian **Maggie Neilson** and library technology specialist **Josh d'Entremont**, and "Making Communities More Accessible" by Donna Sears, Barb Shaw and Julie Glaser.

The Acadia Archives participated in the Kings Hants Heritage Connection (KHHC) social media project throughout the summer. The theme was "Acadians in the Valley." Check out the Acadia Archives on [Instagram](#) to see the wonderful posts created by the Archives team.

Employee News

Welcome to librarian **Hailey Wills**, who started a 13-month contract on June 1, and librarian **Christine LeBlanc**, who started an 11-month contract on August 1.

On July 1, librarian **Mike Beazley** began a 3-year term as Head of Research Services at the Library.

As of July 9, **Colin MacKay** from Access Services has started a 9-month secondment in Interlibrary Loans and we were happy to welcome **Kathleen Jagoe** back to Access Services.

Research

Deborah Hemming gave a presentation, "Local Lit in the Kirkconnell Room: Fostering local literary culture within the academic library," at the APLA conference (June 2024).