

## News from UPEI Robertson Library

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### Events

Our Summer began with an exciting fundraising campaign announcement, aimed at raising \$15 million dollars for our [library revitalization project](#). Capturing much enthusiasm from our staff and our patrons, this campaign will help us upgrade study spaces, refurbish teaching spaces, expand our Special Collections area, and otherwise enhance facilities based on feedback from over 700 students.



We also participated in hosting the 16th biennial L.M. Montgomery Institute conference, where our University Archives and Special Collections Unit unveiled never-before-seen Montgomery records donated by the Heirs of Lucy Maud Montgomery.

With a prodigious turnout, it was fantastic to see Montgomery scholars and enthusiasts from all over the world join us for this special event!

### Upgrades

We've also been hard at work completing upgrades of our Redmine ticketing system, our OneSearch & Ebscohost database interfaces, and our Evergreen Integrated Library System, before we welcome back our students back for the Fall semester.

## Presentations

At the 2024 CRKN Virtual Conference, User Experience & Collections Librarian **Melissa Belvadi** shared exciting updates on three open-source tools developed in collaboration with UPEI computer science students - [video here](#).

Instructional Services Librarian **Katelyn Browne** took part in hosting a session at the annual APLA conference, providing an update on the work of APLA's Intellectual Freedom Interest Group, while at the same conference Systems Librarian **Courtney Matthews** held a lightning talk about his team's efforts to modernize Robertson Library's infrastructure with the Ceph Storage Cluster.

In his role as Chair of the Board for the Islandora Foundation, University Librarian **Donald Moses** traveled across the Atlantic to present at the 2024 Open Repositories Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden.

## Staffing Changes

We're thrilled to welcome **Keri McCaffery** back as our new One Health and Scholarly Communications Librarian, assuming the role held by **Kim Mears** who has transitioned to our Medical & Knowledge Synthesis Librarian.

While University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian **Simon Lloyd** is away on sabbatical, our own **Juanita Rossiter** has taken over operations in our Archives and Special Collections Unit.

**Stacey Meenink** has moved from a part time term role to a permanent library technician role in our Access Services and Scholarly Communications and Resource Sharing Units.