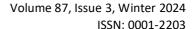


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From the President's Desk





Winter 2024 Krystal Dionne

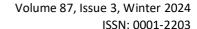
Firstly, I'd like to extend a huge welcome to **Emily Blackmore**, the newest member of APLA's Executive Team. Emily is the Children's and Youth Collections and Services Librarian at the Provincial Resource Library with Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries and has recently stepped into the role of President-Elect. We are thrilled to have her on board!!

I am also very happy to let you all know that our **2024 APLA Conference** will once again be held virtually from Tuesday, June 4th to Friday, June 7th 2024! The theme this year is: **Looking Forward: Library Futures.**

In the words of Neils Bohr, "Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future". Libraries have long served their communities as gateways to a wealth of resources and educational opportunities. As the world navigates the era of digital transformation, the emergence of artificial intelligence, COVID-19, and the ever-changing needs of communities, predicting where the future will lead becomes increasingly difficult. In our rapidly evolving world, libraries are continually adapting to meet the dynamic needs of their communities.



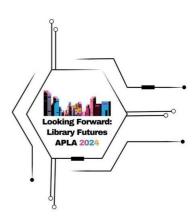
This year's conference theme encourages information professionals to ponder the evolving role of libraries in the 21st century. As libraries adapt to societal, technological, and educational changes, the APLA 2024 virtual conference aims to explore innovative strategies, emerging trends, and transformative ideas that will shape the future of libraries. We have recently sent out a call for proposals and I am really looking forward to reading the submissions that I know will be outstanding. To those interested in presenting at this year's virtual APLA conference, we have created a user-friendly online form. Find the form here. #APLA2024





Many thanks to the NFLD Conference Committee and the hard work that has already gone into and will continue to be put towards the planning process for this exciting event. I know that it takes a lot of time and energy to pull together the conference each year and am extremely grateful for this wonderful team of passionate volunteers:

- Rachel Head, Conference Chair & Literacy Services Librarian, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries
- Natasha Mercer, Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries
- Emily Blackmore, Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries
- Leah Griffiths, Law Society Library Technician (NL)
- Nicole Hackett, Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries
- Kathryn Rose, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Erin Alcock, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Wendy Rodgers, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Kristine Power, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Amanda Tiller-Hackett, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Susan Prior, APLA VP NL
- Krystal Dionne, APLA President
- Colin MacKay, APLA Treasurer



I made it to Toronto in January to attend a day-long retreat organized by The Partnership to meet with other Canadian library association executive members. I learned about the amazing initiatives and advocacy work that other associations are doing across the country and we engaged in an informative and inspiring discussion about intellectual freedom. I wanted to share this new partnership which will benefit us all:

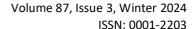
"The Centre for Free Expression (CFE) and the Canadian Federation of Library Associations-Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB) announce their partnership in a single, joint database of challenges to Canadian library materials, programs, displays, and room rentals. The Library Challenges Database is being hosted by the CFE and resides on its website."

Awards Season is coming to a close, but you do have until March 31st so please consider nominating a colleague or applying for a scholarship in the near future. Find all the details here. I hope that you enjoy the rest of the Bulletin, I truly appreciate all of the valuable contributions and the hard work that goes into creating this engaging and informative document, thank you all!

Warm Regards,

Krystal Dionne

APLA President 2023-2024





Membership has its rewards!

PARTNERSHIP

The Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada

6 WAYS THE PARTNERSHIP ENRICHES MEMBER LEARNING AND BENEFITS

The Partnership is Canada's national network of provincial and territorial library associations. The Partnership meets twice a year to collaborate and to develop services and programs for members of their respective associations. More than 7,800 people who work for or with the library and information management sector belong to the associations that make up The Partnership.

The associations that make up the Partnership include: I'Association des bibliothécaires du Québec - Quebec Library Association (ABQLA); Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA); British Columbia Library Association (BCLA); Library Association of Alberta (LAA); Manitoba Libraries Association (MLA); Nunavut Library Association (NLA); Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA); Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA); Northwest Territories Library Association (NWTLA); Ontario Library Association (OLA); Saskatchewan LibraryAssociation (SLA); Yukon Library Association (YLA)

Certificate (CEC)

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The Partnership's **Continuing Education Certificate (CEC)** is a national program administered by the Library Association of Alberta on behalf of The Partnership.

As a CEC program participant you will:

- •Plan and document your learning and professional development by activity type and subject areas;
- •Collect points annually, based on learning activities, over the program period of three years;
- •Receive a certificate of completion and a full record of your learning activities.

Visit http://bit.ly/ContinuingEducationCertificate for more information.

Please note that CEC is no longer an active program

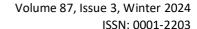
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EDUCATION INSTITUTE (EI)

The Education Institute
(EI) is a continuing education program for library information workers developed by The Partnership. Annually, there are three EI Semesters. The Winter semester runs from January - April; the Spring/Summer semester runs from May - August, and the Fall semester runs from September - December. Each semester is promoted through a calendar. Members of the Partnership receive discounts on webinars and annual institutional subscriptions are available.

Visit http://bit.ly/
EducationInstitute for upcoming events and more information





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JOB BOARD

PARTNERSHIP JOB BOARD

The Partnership Job Board lists positions available to library and information personnel from coast to coast to coast. The Partnership Job Board was developed and is managed by the British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) to support members of The Partnership. The Job Board is free to job seekers and is a paid service for employers. The employer is responsible for all job posting content. BCLA does not participate in the hiring process and does not forward messages or applications to employers. The cost to post is \$55 for institutional members of a provincial or territorial library association in the Partnership, and \$85 for non-members.



Visit https://partnershipjobs.ca/ for more information.

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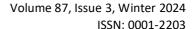


THE LIBRARY MARKETPLACE

Library associations in the Partnership receive discounts from *The Library Market place*. Associations are also provided with a variety of product marketing tools like "the store in a box".

Visit https://www. thelibrarymarketplace.com/ for more information.







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The Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada



6 PERKOPOLIS



Individual members of library associations in the Partnership are offered an opportunity to take advantage of some very good savings on many products and services in entertainment, hotels, shopping, and travel. This offer is available through The Partnership at *Perkopolis* and is accessible through a code which is available through your association's office.

Visit https://www.perkopolis.com/ for more information.

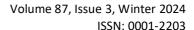
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THE PARTNERSHIP JOURNAL

PARTNERSHIP: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and **Reasearch** is the journal of the Partnership. The Journal promotes the exchange of ideas about libraries, librarianship, and information science among practitioners across all library sectors. We are a Canadian, open access journal publishing double-blind peer-reviewed research and editorially reviewed articles and opinion pieces.

Visit us at www. partnershipjournal.ca for more information.







Announcements

APLA Awards Deadlines are Approaching

APLA provides several funding opportunities and awards to support education, research, and projects that contribute to the library and information profession in Atlantic Canada. A friendly reminder that the application deadline for several awards and grants is right around the corner on March 31st! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

APLA Merit Award

Presented at the Banquet during the Annual Conference, this award honours an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library services in the Atlantic Provinces. Nominations should be submitted to past-president@apla.ca Details can be found here.

First Timer's Conference Grant

This grant was funded to support Atlantic residents to attend the APLA conference. To be eligible, applicants must be members of the association, residing in Atlantic Canada, and planning to attend their first APLA annual conference. A reminder that students can join APLA for free! Submit complete application to president-elect@apla.ca Details can be found here.

Memorial Award

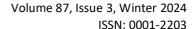
The APLA Memorial Trust provides funding for projects that contribute to the development of the applicant's career and are of benefit to the library profession, through research, educational opportunity, or other appropriate endeavor. To apply, send a letter outlining your proposed project and estimated costs, and a copy of your curriculum vitae to memorial-award@apla.ca Details can be found here.

Somers Scholarship

The Carin Somers Scholarship Trust provides an annual scholarship, valued at approximately \$1,000, in her name to assist a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a degree in Library and Information Science. Nominations should be submitted to president-elect@apla.ca Details can be found here.

Advocacy Award

Presented at the Banquet during the Annual Conference, the APLA Advocacy Award, valued at \$500, recognizes exemplary library promotion, advocacy and outreach. Applications should be submitted to advocacy@apla.ca. Details can be found here.





News from New Brunswick

News from Mount Allison Libraries & Archives Laura Landon, Teaching & Research Librarian



News & Events:

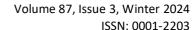
Mount Allison released a concept design in January for the soon-to-be-renovated R.P. Bell Library. The design includes a universal design for learning classroom, flexible collaboration spaces, and quiet study spaces with an overall focus on accessibility, intuitive layout, and natural light. The University plans to build an interim library to house library services and the general collection while the renovation takes place. A portion of the collection will also be housed on campus in the basement of Convocation Hall. The interim library building will become a multipurpose athletics complex when the R.P. Bell Library renovation is complete. Construction of the interim library should begin in 2024. The Library plans to relocate to the temporary space in Spring 2026. Construction begins on the R.P. Bell Library in Summer 2026, with a planned re-opening in Summer 2029. The project will cost an estimated \$85 million. See the <u>University's library renovation web pages</u> for details.

Alexandra Tome attended the Ontario Library Association Super Conference in January to present "Turning Green Dilemmas into Community Building and Outreach: The Plant Summer Camp Story." Alexandra is Assistant Head of Access Services in the R.P. Bell Library. She explained how she and colleagues volunteered to care for out-of-town students' and staff's plants for the summer in 2023, which provided a needed service but also an opportunity for creative—and at times hilarious—outreach on social media. See #plantsummercamp on Instagram.

Staffing:

Longtime Public Services Librarian Jeff Lilburn retired in September 2023. Jeff joined the Library in 2000 after completing a Master of Arts in English Literature (Western) and an MLIS (McGill). He primarily served as subject librarian for Drama, English & French literatures, and Sociology. Over his 20+ year career at Mount Allison, Jeff played key roles on many committees, including serving as president of the faculty union for two years, and serving twice on the collective bargaining and arbitration teams. He also served terms as a director on the boards of CAPAL and FNBFA, and spent two year on the CAUT Librarians' and Archivists' Committee. His publications and presentations over the years brought a critical, scholarly eye to issues of privacy, privatization, and corporate influences within academia.

Alexandra Tome accepted a position as Assistant Head of Access Services in September 2023. Alexandra began her library career in 2017 after graduating from Seneca College's Library and Information Technician program. Alex worked as the E-Learning Library Technician at Humber College before moving to New Brunswick and accepting a position in the Mount Allison Libraries' Technical Services

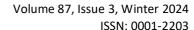




Department in 2021. Her work with marketing and outreach helped facilitate her move to Access Services, where she led initiatives such as the summer plant camp (see events, above). Alexandra is the convener for the Library Staff and Technician's Interest Group for APLA.

Elle Archibald joined Mount Allison in November 2023 as the Student Engagement Librarian, with subject responsibilities in Drama, English Literature, Modern Languages & Literatures, Philosophy, and Religious Studies. She previously worked at Capilano University and is the former Chief Librarian of Sechelt Public Library in British Columbia. She holds an MA from Wilfrid Laurier University and an MI from University of Toronto.

Ramina Mukundan joined Mount Allison in January 2024 as Technical Services Assistant, Collection Maintenance. She holds an undergraduate degree in Zoology, a post-graduate diploma in library automation and networking, and an MLIS from India. In 2023, she received her MI from Dalhousie University. She worked in various librarian roles for 20 years, with positions in special and academic libraries in India, Kuwait, the UAE, and Kazakhstan, where she served as Reference and Instruction Manager at Nazarbayev University Library. In the UAE, she also set up libraries at the Abu Dhabi Vocational Training Institute's Bani Yas Campus. Ramina is an elected member of IFLA ACD, serving on the Acquisition and Collection Development Committee since 2022.





News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries

University News

Memorial University's Grenfell Campus experienced a cybersecurity incident on December 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.

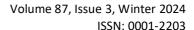
Research

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 <u>available on the Library's YouTube channel</u>. 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 Igaluit 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.

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

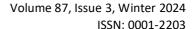
Cool Stuff

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 <u>Downhome</u> 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 <u>contribution to his community</u> in Newfoundland and Labrador's House of Assembly. Dennis is an author and photographer.

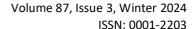
What do you do when you have material for the **Digital Archive Initiative** but it's trapped in old technology? You hunt down and buy a 1968 Sony-Matic Solid State AV-3600 Video Tape Player/Recorder on Ebay (in its original and unopened packaging from 50 years ago). That's what the DAI's very own **Don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





News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Emma Craig, Regional Librarian, St. John's Division & Rachel Head, Literacy Services Librarian

Love Our Local Authors Month at Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Submitted by Emma Craig, Regional Librarian, St. John's Division Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries

This February, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries is celebrating local books, writers, and readers with Love Our Local Authors (LOLA) month! This celebration supported by CBC Newfoundland and Labrador and WritersNL.

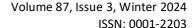
Throughout the month, libraries across the province are hosting LOLA events and programs to celebrate the province's literary scene. Daily Author Spotlights are being shared on NLPL's social media to highlight local authors.

The LOLA celebrations will culminate with the selection of NL's "must-read" book at the end of the month. The ten books in the running for this title are the top circulating NL books from 2023. The winner will be selected based on patron demand, as well as library staff feedback from around the province. The ten books being considered are:



- The Adversary by Michael Crummey
- All That Glitters: A Sgt. Windflower Mystery by Mike Martin
- Closer by Sea by Perry Chafe
- Five for Forteau by Kevin Majori
- Hollow Bamboo by William Ping
- Hunting Helena by Natalie Carter-Giles
- Rage the Night by Donna Morriseey
- Revenge Finds a Home by Bill Coultas
- This is How We Love by Lisa Moore

Look out for the announcement of NL's "must-read" book on Friday, March 1st.





Embrace the New Year with Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries' Online Learning Resources

Submitted by Rachel Head, Literacy Services Librarian, Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) is excited to showcase the continued success of its online learning resources. Rocket Languages, LinkedIn Learning, and Brainfuse's HelpNow and JobNow have seamlessly become integral parts of NLPL's digital offerings for both children and adults, marking a significant milestone in the library's dedication to continuous education and professional development.











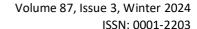
This initiative, made possible through an investment by the Provincial Government's Adult Literacy Action Plan, reaffirms NLPL's commitment to providing diverse tools for continuous learning. The collaboration with Rocket Languages, LinkedIn Learning, and Brainfuse's HelpNow and JobNow aims to offer free, accessible, and high-quality educational and professional assistance to patrons across the province.

Patrons can take advantage of the latest in language learning, career advancement, and educational support from the comfort of their homes. Rocket Languages opens the door to 14 language courses, including French, English, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Sign Language (ASL), and much more!

LinkedIn Learning has a vast collection of expert-led courses covering business, technology, creative tools, leadership, and more. Meanwhile, Brainfuse's HelpNow provides live tutoring, expert writing assistance, and study resources, and Brainfuse's JobNow guides patrons through every step of their career journey.

To explore NLPL's online learning resources and unlock a world of possibilities, visit the NLPL's Digital Library or download the LinkedIn Learning, Rocket Languages, and Brainfuse's HelpNow and JobNow apps on Android or Apple iOS devices. For first-time patrons, access requires signing in through the Digital Library using their library card barcode number and four-digit library PIN. Following this, patrons must register their account with their library card information.

To access LinkedIn Learning, users should enter the Library ID "NLPL" and then use their library card barcode number and four-digit library PIN. Residents of Newfoundland and Labrador can easily obtain a free library card online or in person at their local library.





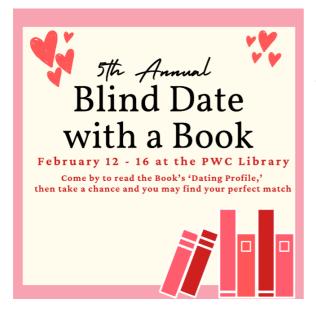
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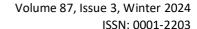
By Emily MacIsaac, Student Engagement & Instruction Librarian, Holland College

The winter break is quickly approaching for all Holland College students! Before the break, there are a couple of events happening at the Prince of Wales Campus (PWC). The Student Union has teamed up with the Library department to organize 'Cards Night' with free popcorn! This event will encourage students to visit the PWC library with a friend, enjoy snacks, play card games, and even learn new ones. The idea for this event stemmed from observing groups of students playing cards during their lunch breaks, and we're hoping for a great turnout.





Additionally, in February, the PWC library will host the fifth annual Blind Date with a Book Event. Emily MacIsaac wrapped leisure reading books and created 'dating profiles' for the front of each book. Students can read these profiles to find their perfect 'match.' This event is part of Love Week, taking place from February 12 – 16th at Holland College. There are plenty of exciting events coming up, and we are thrilled to help combat the winter blues!





Updates from the PEI Public Libraries & Charlottetown Library Learning Centre

PEI Public Libraries consistently organize creative events for their patrons! For instance, the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre is collaborating with the Women's Institute for a Biscuit Making demonstration in February. The art of creating delicious biscuits is a great skill, and this event offers an opportunity for patrons to learn it.

Biscuit Making Demonstration

Join Sheila from the Women's institute to learn some tips & tricks on how to make the perfect biscuits. Please register in advance as spots are limited.

Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m.









In addition to the exciting events at PEI Public Libraries, they are expanding their Spanish Collection, accessible to all Islanders through the Online catalogue.

