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From the President's Desk



Terri Winchcombe
Summer 2025

Dear APLA Members,

I officially began my term as President in June 2025 during our OGM at the APLA Conference, and I want to thank you all for the warm welcome — it really means a great deal. A huge thank you to the 2025 Conference Planning Committee for organizing such a well-run and inspiring event centered on the theme Breaking Barriers. Special appreciation goes to **Evelyn Trainer, Katie McCaskill, Lisa Marshall, Jason Lee, and Hailey Wills** — your dedication and teamwork were outstanding!

Looking ahead, planning for the 2026 APLA Virtual Conference will begin shortly. If you're interested in joining the planning committee, please don't hesitate to reach out — many hands make light work, and your involvement would be most welcome.

I'd also like to extend sincere thanks to **Emily Blackmore**, our outgoing President, who now moves into the role of Past President. I'm delighted to welcome **Lisa Marshall** as our new Vice President/President-Elect. Lisa brings a wealth of experience from her role as User Services Librarian at the College of the North Atlantic in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Our executive team is almost complete, we are currently seeking a Communications Coordinator and VP NB. If you're interested in getting involved, I'd love to hear from you.

Over the coming months, the Executive will focus on three key areas: Reinvigorating our membership, celebrating excellence: awards and recognition, and strengthening our voice and vision. If you have ideas, feedback, or an interest in supporting these initiatives, please reach out.

Warm regards,

Terri Winchcombe

APLA President, 2025-2026

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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: l'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 Library Association (SLA); Yukon Library Association (YLA)

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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.

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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.

****Please note that CEC is no longer an active program****

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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.



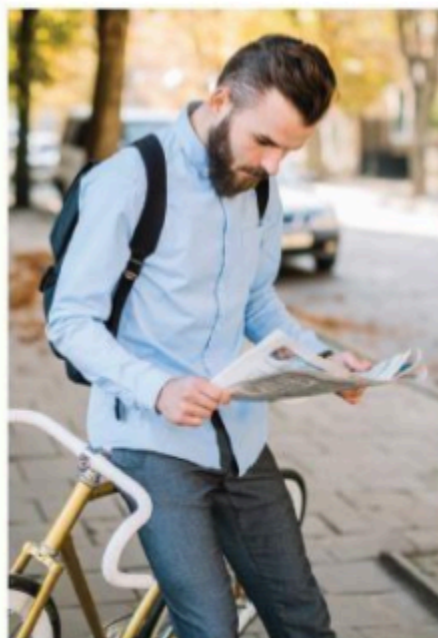
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THE LIBRARY MARKETPLACE

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

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THE PARTNERSHIP JOURNAL

PARTNERSHIP: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research 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.

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News from New Brunswick

News from Mount Allison Libraries & Archives

Laura Landon, Teaching and Research Librarian

MountAllison Libraries & Archives

News and Events

Renovation update: Spring 2025 brought the Libraries & Archives' 2027 renovation move-out date ever closer, and we began shifting some collections into off-site storage. The bulk of the Archives collection moved to the United Church of Canada's climate-controlled, purpose-built archives in Sackville. Some special collections and rare books also made the move, with more to come. The library's print serials, government documents, student theses, DVDs, and Bell Collection of Acadiana, along with some microfilm, moved into off-site storage in Convocation Hall, a short walk from the R.P. Bell Library. Patrons can make requests to have materials brought to the main library for check-out. This storage solution will be permanent except for the Bell Collection of Acadiana and some other special collections, which will return to the new library when it is renovated in 2030. Timeline:

- Spring 2025: Construction began on the Scott McCain & Leslie McLean Centre for Health and Wellness, a multi-sport complex that will serve as the Interim Library while the existing R.P. Bell Library is renovated
- Spring 2027: R.P. Bell Library moves into Interim Library
- Spring / Summer 2027: Construction begins on R.P. Bell Library
- Summer 2030: Newly renovated R.P. Bell Library: Centre for Innovation & Learning opens

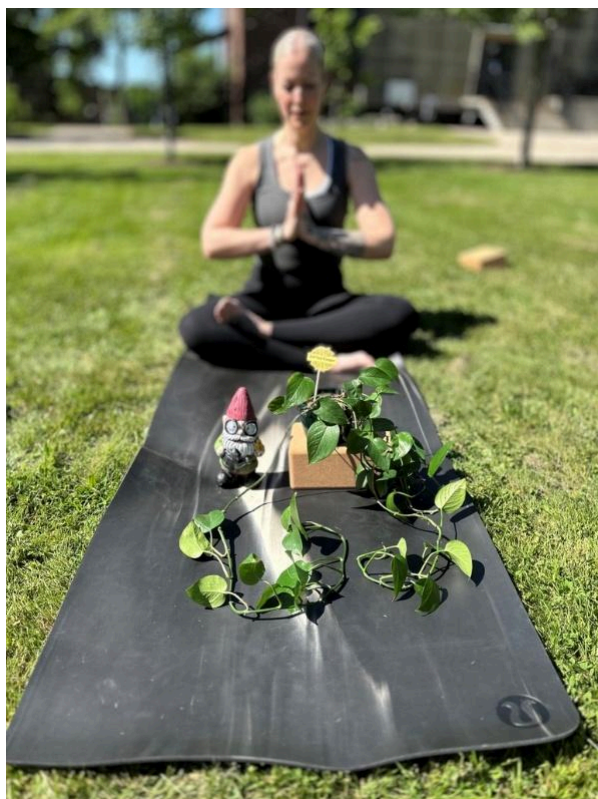
For more information on the Mount Allison library renovation, click [here](#).

On June 14, the Libraries & Archives hosted a **symposium on local news**, in partnership with the Canadian Association of Journalists. About 80 people attended Local News Matters: A Symposium on Local News in the Maritimes. Panellists and keynote speaker **April Lindgren** of the Local News Research Project discussed the what, why, and how of local journalism. Panellists included University of King's College professor **Terra Tailleux**; **Tim Bousquet** of the *Halifax Examiner*; **Paul MacNeill**, publisher of PEI's *Eastern Graphic*; and **Vicki Hogarth**, news director of CHCO-TV in Saint Andrews, NB. More info [here](#).

The Library hosted another successful season of **Plant Summer Camp**, an initiative established in 2023 to both care for returning students' plants over the summer, and promote library services and resources with innovative Plant-Camp-related social media posts. This year, 34 plant parents dropped off their campers, with 111 plants registered, from finicky ferns to self-sufficient succulents. Highlights for the plants included a visit to Governor General's Award Winning photographer **Thaddeus Holownia's** studio

in Jolicure and a trek to the Atlantic Cold Storage “cube” located in Sackville – a mysterious landmark on the Tantramar Marsh. The plants were also key participants in a library-renovation-inspired dance party on a floor of the library that was emptied when the library’s print serials collection moved into off-site storage.

Other Plant Camp highlights:



Yoga in the quad with Access Services Assistant Manager **Robin Lightfoot**

A visit to off-site serials storage in the basement of Convocation Hall





A field trip to Fort Beausejour

Follow Plant Camp on Instagram [@mta_libraries](https://www.instagram.com/mta_libraries)

Staffing News

Caroline Kaszar, who served as the Library's administrative assistant from 2022 - 2025, accepted a position as Museum Manager with the Westmorland Historical Society in April. Caroline holds a Master of Museum Studies from the University of Toronto as well as a Master of Education. We wish her all the best in her career and extend thanks for her contributions to the Library, where her background in museums and galleries was much appreciated.

The Library welcomed **Hannah Ferdinand** as an Access Services Assistant in March 2025. A recent graduate of Crandall University with a Bachelor of Arts in History, Hannah previously worked in a student position at Crandall University's George A. Rawlyk Library. She is excited to work with the students and local community in a location so close to home. Her background in history and interest in all things "old" makes a career in libraries fun and fulfilling.

Anne Price Lautenschlager, who worked in a term position as Access Services Assistant in 2024, was hired into a permanent role in February 2025. Anne is a Class of 2024 Mount Allison Alumna with an Honours BA in English and Classics. She is currently studying for her Master of Creative Writing degree through University of Cambridge. In addition to her work with the Library, Anne is a writer, poet, costumer, origamist, professional wrestler, mermaid, sheep farmer, and general life enthusiast. She says

she looks forward to extending the warm welcome and generous assistance that Access Services gave her to the next generation of students.

Librarian **Christine LeBlanc** has returned to Mount Allison as Collections Project Librarian, a term position designed to help prepare the collection for the upcoming library renovation.

Christine first joined the Library in July 2022 in a sabbatical replacement role as Public Services, Special Collections and Rare Books Librarian. A Mount Allison graduate, Christine has worked as a librarian at Acadia, Atlantic School of Theology, and as Campus Librarian at NSCC Lunenburg. She has also worked for New Brunswick Public Library Services, the Ontario College of Teachers, and the Government of Nova Scotia.

The Library welcomed **Jennifer LeDrew** as Administrative Assistant in June. Jennifer brings to the R.P. Bell a love of libraries as welcoming learning spaces along with several years' administrative experience running a small business. As a Newfoundlander now living in New Brunswick, her reading recommendations include historical books on the culture of Newfoundland and folktales from small communities. She recommends *Don't Tell the Newfoundlanders: The True Story of Newfoundland's Confederation with Canada* (Knopf Canada, 2012) by Greg Malone.

Every year Mount Allison honours staff, faculty and librarians who reach milestone employment anniversaries. In 2025, Access Services Assistant **Kathy Amos**—the library's most senior employee—was recognized for 45 years of service at Mount Allison, all of it spent in the Library. Her many years at Mount A and in the Tantramar area make her one of the first people staff, librarians and archivists talk to when seeking information about R.P. Bell library lore or local community history.

Two members of the Library were awarded a University-wide award of staff excellence in April 2025. **Janice Stockall**, Access Services Manager, and **Caroline Kaszar**, our then-Administrative Assistant, won the Purdy Crawford Staff Award of Excellence for enhancing the reputation of the university, providing exemplary service, and demonstrating innovation in the provision of services. Their winning work was Plant Summer Camp, a library service that takes in students' plants over the summer and returns them in the fall. This initiative builds community spirit and goodwill, fosters collaboration across departments, and – through humour and creativity – highlights the library's services, while providing a unique and practical service for returning students.

News from New Brunswick Public Library Service

Kate Thompson, Head of Public Services Development

In response to requests from library staff and other stakeholders, NBPLS has made changes to the online catalogue to enable library patrons to see the objects that they can borrow. The Objects “room” is now part of the “Easy Searches” section of the online catalogue. Since the size and shape of some objects makes them difficult to ship between libraries, the patrons must pick the items up at the owning library and return them to the same location. The Objects room allows patrons to filter the results by library so that they can see which objects are available at their local branch.

NBPLS is increasing its investment in multilingual collections. In the spring, the provincial library service purchased 2,500 eBooks and digital audiobooks in languages other than English and French. Most of these titles were in Spanish, with another large portion in Ukrainian. A smaller collection of books in Portuguese and Italian were also purchased, along with a few titles in Arabic. In July, the Collections Management Unit purchased a collection of physical books in Spanish, German, and Korean. This investment is part of an ongoing commitment to acquire and catalogue books in multiple languages to respond to the needs of our diversifying population.

NB Public Libraries’ pass lending program continues to grow. This year, the library service collaborated with the Albert County Historical Society to lend passes to the Albert County Museum. Nearly 850 passes were borrowed for the small, community-run museum during a 10-day campaign. With the addition of the Albert County Museum, New Brunswickers can now obtain passes to 10 different tourist attractions through this initiative.

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador Libraries

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial Libraries

University News:

Memorial's Human Rights Policy has been updated by the Human Rights Policy working group after a consultation process held across Memorial University in 2024. [Read more.](#)

Memorial University's new president **Dr. Janet Morrison** began her tenure on August 11, 2025. [Read her welcome message.](#)

In July, Memorial University's Board of Regents approved a \$468.6 million operating budget for 2025-2026 that includes \$13.68 million in investments and a base expenditure reduction of \$20.85 million. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Stuart Carney was appointed Dean of Medicine. Dr. Carney will begin a five-year term effective Jan. 1, 2026. [Read more.](#)

Research:

The Libraries migrated its Research Repository to [Scholaris—a national shared repository](#). This will increase the accessibility and discoverability of Memorial research. Scholaris is hosted by Scholars Portal and was developed by the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL), the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL), University of Toronto Libraries (UTL), regional consortia, expert working groups, and members of the Canadian institutional repository community.

In early July, music librarian **Becky Smith** attended the International Association of Music Libraries (IAML) Congress, which took place in Salzburg, Austria, the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Canada was well represented with at least 20 Canadians in attendance, many of whom also presented. In the attached picture, you can see Music Librarians from Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. For Becky, this was the first-time meeting some of these colleagues in person! Also pictured is the mascot of the Canadian Association of Music Libraries (CAML), Helmutt the camel. Such an enjoyable and informative conference!



Health sciences library staff member **Katie Kehoe** gave a presentation to the Faculty of Medicine about the use of AI in everyday life on July 23. It was well attended and garnered a great discussion.

The Education Library received a donation from the estate of **Dr. Elizabeth Strong**, a beloved professor of children's literature in the Faculty of Education. Dr. Strong was deeply passionate about her collection, which features original editions, beautifully inscribed hardcovers, and signed copies by celebrated authors. The donation totals just over \$30,000.

Chelsea Humphries published [“Reeling them in: using TikTok and video content to leverage engagement between academic librarians, libraries and students”](#) in *UKSG Insights*.

Employee News:

In July, Memorial University Libraries welcomed **Kelly Hatch**, Associate Dean of Libraries for the QEII, Music, and Labrador Campus.

Louise White recently completed her role as interim ADL, QEII Library, MRC and Labrador Campus Library. Louise's continued contributions are steeped in wisdom and seasoned experience and we will miss her. You can now find her in the Collections Division in the QEII.

This spring we had a number of milestone service awards in the QEII Library. Congratulations to the QEII Library's **Donna Doucette** and **Chrissy Glavine** for their 20-year service award. **David Mercer** received his 25-year service award. **Colleen Field** received her 35-year service award and **Bryan Russell** received his 30-year service award.

Grenfell Library's **Kit Stone** graduated and crossed the stage at Convocation, receiving her Bachelor of Arts. And QEII Library's **Cindy Cranford** received a Bachelor of Business Administration.

Congratulations to the QEII Library's **Nicole Cahill** and HSL's **Dion Fowlow** who recently completed the Gardiner Centre's Supervisory Management Skills Program.



Other Cool Stuff:

Team members of both the Centre for Newfoundland Studies (CNS) and Archives and Special Collections (**Colleen Quigley**, **Linda White**, **Donna Doucette** and **Karen Darby**) were recently given special credit in the recent production of [“Don't tell the Newfoundlanders”](#) - a film created by CODCO alumnus and author **Greg Malone** and directed by **Brad Gover**. The series is available on Bell Vibe TV.

The CNS displayed materials on the 1977 Canada Summer Games in the lobby of the QEII Library during the period of the Games.

QEII Library Cataloguing & Metadata's **Heather Pretty** attended the Royal Newfoundland Regiment June 30th dinner as a board member of the Trail of the Caribou Research Group. The annual Beaumont-Hamel dinner is a time to commemorate those who fought on July 1, 1916, and to offer toasts to the military units and other organizations who have supported the Regiment or are otherwise part of the Regimental family.

A huge shout-out to the Memorial Library Launchers Dragon Boat team, who recently took part in the Paddle in Paradise Dragon Boat Festival—a fantastic fundraiser event. Team members include: **Donna Doucette (ring leader)**, **Kate McClintock**, **Stacey Penney**, **Monika Stephenson**, **Jae Jin**, **Heather Pretty**, **SK Maston**, **Colleen Quigley**, **Patsy Campbell**, **Elliot Mason**, **Katie Skanes**, **Joanne Cole**, **Rob Ball**, **Kristine Power**, **Martin Nolan**, and—unable to participate due to injury—**Lindsay Alcock**. The Paddle in Paradise Festival proudly supports the Avalon Dragons, a Breast Cancer Survivors Dragon Boat Team, which includes our very own **Colleen Field**. Her team brought home a silver medal, finishing just one second shy of gold.



When the QEII Library's **Dr. Kathryn Rose** is not strategizing about library collections, she is in the pool winning medals with her master's swim team. They recently competed at the 2026 Masters Swimming Championships in Ontario and Kate won silver for the 200 free, bronze for the 800 free and 2 gold and a silver for team relays.

The CNS, in partnership with WritersNL, hosted another successful writer's workshop event "Where Winds Blow on Shore: Historical Texture, Historical Fiction, and the Centre for Newfoundland Studies" on June 19.

Library IT employee **Dennis Flynn** dropped off his 5000th pair of donated glasses to the St. John's Lions Club on May 14, 2025. All the glasses he has collected have been from MUN over the last 25 years. The St. John's Lions club sorts, processes, and ships the donated glasses to the Bishop's Falls Correctional Centre where staff and inmates have been trained to do repairs, cleaning and further sorting and batching donated glass by lens strength. These glasses are then sent free of charge on various humanitarian missions with trained medical personnel to places around the world where the donations can be put to good use.

The Libraries' fundraising committee hand-delivered a cheque for \$5,200, bags of donated goods and \$70 dollars in Dollar Store gift cards for the guests of the Gathering Place. The fundraising committee is: **Donna Doucette, Nicole Cahill, Katie Skanes, Krista Delaney, Terri Lynn Condon, Heather Kinsella, Lesley Squires, and Laura Baggs**. They deserve a special shout out for the work they do! And thanks to everyone who supports and contributes all year. Memorial University Libraries has donated over \$32,000 dollars to the Gathering Place since 2015.

Local author (and Memorial employee) **Heidi Wicks** [was interviewed about her new collection of short stories](#) and credited Memorial University Libraries' Digital Archives Initiative as a research source for her book.

The Archives and Special Collections took part in an event on May 17, 2025, for a live, continuous reading of **Cassie Brown's** 1972 book "On The Ice" hosted by Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The archives showcased the Cassie Brown fonds (Coll-115). St. John's Mayor **Danny Breen, Petrina Bromley, Joel Thomas Hynes, MHA Jim Dinn, Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary, Bob Hallett, MHA Helen Conway Ottenheimer, Ted Blades, Sheilagh Guy Murphy, Perry Chafe, Ryan Cleary** and many more were on hand to read. The CBC's Fisheries Broadcast did a recap of the event and our very own **Colleen Quigley** was interviewed. [Have a listen here](#).

A couple of auctions will be hosted online by Bartlett Auctions for NL books donated to the Centre for Newfoundland Studies by the late **Hon. Dr. Edward Roberts**. His directive was to sell the books not needed with proceeds going back to CNS for future purchases. In total they raised over \$22,000.

Head of the CNS **Colleen Field** and public services librarian **Bonnie Morgan** were on the nominating committee for the Dublin Literary Award that successfully nominated prize winner Michael Crummey for his novel *The Adversary*. The Award celebrates outstanding achievements in global literature and was worth 154,000 Canadian dollars.

On May 6, the CNS hosted **Ida Linehan Young** for Roots Side Up, the first in our creative writing workshop series delivered in partnership with WritersNL. This series is made possible with support from the Office of Public Engagement. The next workshop, led by **Michelle Butler Hallett**, is scheduled for June 12.

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Emma Craig, Regional Librarian, St. John's Division

NL Public Libraries Nominee, Michael Crummey's *The Adversary*, wins 2025 Dublin Literary Award

Since 1994, the Dublin Literary Award has accepted nominations of books from public libraries around the world to compete for their award. In May, NL Public Libraries' nominee, *The Adversary* by **Michael Crummey**, was chosen as the recipient of the 2025 Award.



Set in the Newfoundland outport of Mockbeggar, the novel follows the sibling rivalry between Abe Strapp and Widow Caines as they fight for the scant resources available in this isolated northern community, affecting the lives of everyone around them. A dark and beautifully written historical novel, *The Adversary* was chosen as the 2024 Must-Read Book of the Year by NL Public Library patrons and staff.

In March, the shortlist for the 2025 Dublin Literary Award was released, which included the titles nominated by libraries from around the world: *Not a River* by **Sleva Almada** (translated by **Annie McDermott**), *We Are Light* by **Gerda Blees** (translated by **Michele Hutchinson**), *James* by **Percival Everett**, *Prophet Song* by **Paul Lynch**, and *North Woods* by **Daniel Mason**.

In May, *The Adversary* was announced as the 2025 winner and Crummey accepted his award in Dublin. In his acceptance speech, Crummey made sure to shout-out public libraries: "I would not be here today without the Buchans Public Library, the library in my hometown... the library was the place where I found the world outside my town, and it just gave me such a sense of possibility. So, the fact that the Newfoundland Public Libraries... are still opening me up to the world and sending me out into the world, that just makes me so thrilled."

Immediately, plans got underway in St. John's to give Crummey a hero's welcome! Friends and family of Crummey, as well as the public, were invited to a celebration event at the A.C. Hunter Public Library on June 12th. St John's Library Board Member **Joanne Earle**, former NL Collections Librarian **Bonnie Morgan**, and author **Lisa Moore** all spoke about Crummey and his



work, as well as the significance of his win, before the man of the hour was welcomed to the podium.

We here at NL Public Libraries are very proud of Crummey's win and how he represented the importance of NL literature on the international stage. Learn more about 2025 shortlist and longlist at their [website](#).

