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From the President's Desk



Winter 2022
Marc Harper



As weather patterns in the region continue to treat us to a significant amount of snowfall (even by Atlantic Canadian standards), Spring isn't far off, which means we are heading into APLA's prestigious **Awards Season**. Be on the lookout in this edition of the Bulletin and your inboxes for more information on these awards and how you can apply.

With the Spring, we also head into **Conference Season**, including APLA's virtual offering this year. Although an in-person event was discussed and there was some interest, the membership overwhelmingly signalled that a virtual event in 2022 was the most reasonable course of action. A survey was sent to the LISTSERV around the same time the Omicron Variant became known. During such uncertain times, including booking venues and committing to all else that comes with an in-person conference, it was crucial to hear back from as many of you as possible so we could make the decision that best reflects the stance of our membership. We thank all of you who answered in big numbers and provided us with the time sensitive information the Conference Committee in PEI needed to plan this event.

In the later part of 2021, APLA released its **anti-racism statement**, which can be found in this issue of the Bulletin. The statement was originally crafted by APLA's former Advocacy Committee Chair, **Louise White**. **Nicole Rosenow-Redhead** (Louise's successor as Advocacy Chair) expanded the statement and provided helpful referencing and various resources which are now at the disposal of those who wish to consult them. The statement was presented to the membership as a draft and helpful feedback was received. In particular, **Richard Ellis** (Librarian Emeritus, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University), provided helpful insight and met with myself and Nicole to fine tune the statement for maximum impact and clarity.

As of press time, this edition of the APLA Bulletin should be ready to join almost a century of **archived issues** [via Open Journal Systems](#) (OJS). Although this initiative began a few years ago, and was largely successful, there were some recent glitches which we believe have been

rectified. Thank you to **Kathryn Rose** (former APLA President) for her work on the OJS archives and to **Kate McClintock** who took over as lead editor of the Bulletin a little over a year ago.

And finally, myself and **Cate Carlyle** (APLA President-Elect) attended the [Partnership](#) meeting in February as well as the Canadian Federation of Library Association's AGM the very next day. Former APLA President **Ann Smith** was also in attendance for the AGM.

I hope this edition of the Bulletin finds you all in good health and in good spirits. APLA's in-person meetings have unfortunately been delayed once again, but hopefully we will have as normal of a Spring/Summer season as possible with the additional hope that in-person gatherings will occur in the latter part of 2022 and into 2023.

Marc Harper

APLA President 2021-2022

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Membership has its rewards! (CLICK on 01 to 06 for more details) and here for the calendar

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The Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada

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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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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.

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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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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".

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



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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 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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Announcements

APLA Advocacy Award

APLA Advocacy Committee

Presented during the Annual Conference, the **APLA Advocacy Award**, valued at \$500, recognizes exemplary library promotion, advocacy, and outreach. The Awards Committee, which will consist of the APLA Advocacy Interest Group and a member of the APLA Executive, will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

1. Creativity and innovation as demonstrated by the originality of the project
2. Potential for generating public visibility and support for libraries, irrespective of the kind or amount of resources employed
3. Relevance and effectiveness illustrated by measurable objectives and subsequent evaluation methods
4. Commitment to ongoing library promotion and advocacy

To be eligible, an applicant must be a personal member of APLA residing in Atlantic Canada.

Applications should be submitted by **March 31, 2022** to:

Nicole Rosenow-Redhead, Advocacy Chair

APLA Advocacy Committee

advocacy@apla.ca

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship

Cate Carlyle, VP, President Elect

APLA is now accepting applications for the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship. If you are a student who could use financial assistance, or if you know a deserving student, please take a look at the criteria below. The application link can be found on the APLA [website](#).

The Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association administers the Carin Somers Scholarship Trust. The 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. Selection of the recipient will be recommended by a committee of the four Provincial Vice Presidents and the President-Elect to the Executive Committee. The successful applicant will have been accepted in a School of Graduate Studies as a candidate for a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies accredited by the

American Library Association. The award will normally be announced at the Annual Atlantic Provinces Library Association Spring Conference.

Carin Alma E. Somers 1934-1990

Carin Alma E. Somers was the Provincial Librarian for Nova Scotia from 1974 to 1987. Her working career as a librarian started in 1958 when she went to work at what was then the Halifax Memorial Library. She worked there both before and after going to library school at the University of Toronto. Carin became Chief Librarian of the Halifax County Regional Library in 1967 and oversaw the rapid growth of that region. In 1973, she was appointed Supervisor of Public Libraries (NS Provincial Library) and in 1974, Provincial Librarian. Carin was always a tireless supporter of public service, libraries and both CLA and APLA. During her time as Provincial Librarian, 100% of the population of Nova Scotia became served by public libraries. She was president of APLA, a second vice president of CLA, a guest lecturer at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Services and a frequent speaker at trustees meetings. In 1988, APLA honoured Carin with its Merit Award. Carin died in 1990. The terms the trust established by her family, are a demonstration of her interest in people and in the profession which she chose. (from the APLA Bulletin, May/June, 1990 and Sept./Oct. 1996).

Nominations should be submitted by March 31 to:

VP, President Elect

Cate Carlyle (she/her)

Mount Saint Vincent University

President-elect@apla.ca

APLA Memorial Award

APLA Memorial Trust

Do you need financial assistance for study or research? The APLA Memorial Trust provides funding for projects that contribute to the development of your career, and are of benefit to the library profession through research, educational opportunity, or other appropriate endeavor.

Applicants must be members of APLA. Previous applicants and winners are eligible. To apply, send a letter outlining your proposed project and estimated costs, and a copy of your curriculum vitae to memorial-award@apla.ca. Applications must be submitted **by March 31, 2022**.

The award amount is determined annually by the interest from the Trust. Please consider making a donation to the Trust as a means of assisting the professional development of present and future members, and of honoring past members.

For more information about the award, to submit an application, or to make a donation, please contact: memorial-award@apla.ca

APLA Merit Award

APLA Executive Committee

APLA Merit Award Nominations for the 2022 APLA Merit Award are being accepted!

The APLA Merit Award honours an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library services in the Atlantic Provinces. Please consider nominating a deserving colleague who inspires you. Some of the contributions that might be considered in selecting a person for this award are:

- Leadership in library associations at the local, regional, and provincial levels
- Contributions to the development, application and utilization of library services and library systems
- Significant contribution to library literature

The APLA Merit Award is presented during the Annual Conference.

A list of the past recipients of the APLA Merit Award may be found on the APLA [website](#).

Nominations, including documentation of the nominee's achievements and letters of support, should be submitted by **March 31** to the APLA Past-President **Ann Smith** at past-president@apla.ca.

Feature Articles

APLA's Anti-Racism Statement

Nicole Rosenow-Redhead, Marc Harper, & Richard Ellis

Atlantic Provinces Library Association's Statement on Dismantling Racism in Libraries

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) acknowledges there is a long history of racism against people of colour, Black people, and, particularly, Indigenous people in Canada. This history is present in all public institutions, including libraries, across the country. The effects of colonialism, slavery, the building of the reserve system for Indigenous people, the residential schools project, the Sixties Scoop: these atrocities, and many other actions, have manifested in the significant socioeconomic disparities present today.

APLA recognizes that library services have not been made available equitably and collections have not been as inclusive of the voices of Black people, people of colour, and Indigenous people, as they should have been, both historically and presently. We believe that representation matters. We recognize that public institutions such as libraries were built within a colonial lens, with only one set of voices at the table, therefore, only represent a portion of the populations libraries are meant to serve. Libraries are meant to be wholly democratic institutions, but for many, they are not, and despite the growing number of progressive library initiatives, as well as community outreach programs which reach populations who are exposed to vulnerability and oppression, we need to continue transforming library services, collections & acquisitions, as well as the bureaucratic structure of libraries.

APLA commits to listening carefully and respectfully to all people who experience oppression, and to learning how libraries can be truly open, diverse, democratic, and safe from racist and discriminatory behavior.

APLA also commits to working to ensure that neither racism nor discrimination taint libraries today or in the future. To do this, we start by fully acknowledging the historical wrongs libraries have reflected and acquiesced to with their inaction.

APLA's mandate is to promote library and information service throughout New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador. In recognition of the historical inequity in serving people of colour, Black people, and Indigenous people, APLA is committing to change by:

1. Ensuring APLA adopts an intercultural lens when creating its board and programmes.
2. Adding a special focus on intercultural equity, diversity and inclusion, and properly compensating experts from whom APLA learns.

3. Promoting and encouraging the reconceptualizing of the terms on which libraries have historically been framed, by exploring how different worldviews celebrate reading, learning, storytelling, and community building

4. Creating a channel to hear from community members and libraries in the provinces we serve to hear how APLA can better support anti-racism efforts.

5. Supporting libraries as they carry out their missions and review their practices in a multicultural context.

APLA thanks you for joining us on this journey.

Games at the Library 2021 Report

Jennifer Devlin, Games at the Library Convenor

The 2021 Games at the Library week was held from Sunday, October 17 through to Saturday, October 23 inclusively. These dates were chosen so APLA's Games at the Library could align with celebrating Canadian Library Month. It was important this year, more than ever, to provide opportunities for community members to practice self-care through fun experiences and to connect with their communities in safe ways.

All participants during Games at the Library week were eligible to enter their names in the grand prize draw, which took place November 16, 2021. This year, there were 372 ballots submitted for the grand prize draw and 445 participants.

A total of 48 libraries sent in ballots and tally sheets in 2021. This rate of participation has increased from Games at the Library 2020, when only fifteen libraries submitted ballots and tally sheets. Rates of library participation were possibly improved due to the slight improvement in Covid-19 cases in the fall, in most places. Putting on a socially distanced, safe, game-themed event was a challenge, and many libraries may not have the resources to be able to put on an event while also following safety procedures. Even so, there may have been more participants willing and able to attend than last year and there were also more online offerings this year.

Library staff were very creative and put in extra time to organize, given the added challenge of making the event fun, safe, and socially distanced. Libraries offered many types of games including board, card, video, and building games (both socially distanced and lent for the week to family bubbles). Active and outdoor games were also offered. Virtual games included online trivia and an online escape room. Other games offered included: puzzles, trivia, Scrabble (patrons vs. librarians), Duplicate Scrabble, a pet photo contest, and guessing games.

Games included practicing literacy, creativity, memory, strategic thinking, problem solving, spatial analysis, nonverbal reasoning, and motor skills. Libraries held socially distanced games to encourage social connection while following state of emergency restrictions.

Zachery MacDonald participated in the 2021 Games at the Library week at Stone Park Intermediate School in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island and won the grand prize of an online gift card for EB Games (now Gamestop) of \$175!

Many thanks to **Keri McCaffrey** (APLA Technology Coordinator) for disseminating the information about Games at the Library online via the APLA Games at the Library Website and the APLA social media account. Thanks also to **Terri Winchcombe** (APLA Treasurer) for coordinating the prize, and APLA President **Marc Harper** for his guidance and support. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who held a Games at the Library event this year! The goal of Games at the Library is to show that libraries are places where people meet, learn, and have fun. That goal was met, and libraries were celebrated through the wide range of successful activities offered by Atlantic libraries during the Games at the Library 2021.

Op/Ed on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries Today

Richard Ellis, Librarian Emeritus, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Former APLA President; Member of CFLA-FCAB Intellectual Freedom Committee

In 2018, the newly created Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques created an Intellectual Freedom Committee, the successor to CLA's Intellectual Freedom Advisory Committee. This committee and its predecessor have conducted the annual Intellectual Freedom Challenges Survey since 2007 and continue to contribute annual reports on challenges to intellectual freedom in Canadian libraries to both the CFLA-FCAB website and to Freedom to Read Week. Importantly, both committees have played a key role in shaping the intellectual freedom policy environment for Canadian libraries.

Intellectual freedom, the ability of people to have access to the information they need to live, play, and understand the world around them, including current social and political issues, has long been at the core of the mission of librarians. The striving to create more perfect libraries that serve all segments of our society has revealed social and political lapses and, to some extent, has reflected them. But the project has never been abandoned.

Today we see the project under some stress, both from within and from without our profession. These are not easy times, the demands of social justice on the one hand and the resistance to the changes that social justice requires on the other, place libraries and librarians at the centre of the conflict—not a comfortable position. Much of the discourse seems less about engaging with varying views than with attempting to out-shout them, which makes intelligent consideration more difficult.

Libraries in the Atlantic Provinces have typically reported few incidents to the Challenges Survey; about one every two years, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador reporting none since 2006. Speculation on the cause of this lack is futile, but one can only hope that most incidents have been reported and that none have been held back. Some will hope that the most strident of the intellectual currents washing over Canada these days will bypass this region, but the Freedom Convoy has demonstrated that borders are quite porous in this respect.

It seems prudent, then, that APLA move to establish a committee or working group to act as a forum for the discussions that seem to be imminent and to advise the association on matters related to intellectual freedom. The BC Library Association has long had a similar committee and it is presently an active forum for discussion. In addition, as school libraries are becoming a focus, APLA should also renew its outreach to teacher-librarians whose clientele overlaps with that of the public libraries in their area. We are all in this together.

While CFLA-FCAB defers to provincial and regional associations when dealing with provincial and regional questions such as government funding, unless assistance is requested, its Intellectual Freedom

Committee stands ready to assist libraries as they deal with conflicts around collections and programming. With the revision to the CFLA-FCAB website now underway, the IFC will be providing reports, statements, and a toolkit that will assist libraries and their associations in this context.

Contact information

Richard Beaudry, IFC Chair, (librarianlai@icloud.com)

Reports on the **CFLA-FCAB** website (to be updated) are [here](#).

Contact the BCLA IFC co-chairs: **Wendy Wright** and **Deb Thomas** through the website [here](#).

Review the **Challenges Survey** (Version française disponible) [here](#).

Contribute to the **Challenges Survey** by reporting incidents (Version française disponible) [here](#).

News from Library Staff and Technicians Interest Group

Alexandra Tome, Library and Information Technician

The Library Staff and Technicians Interest Group is operating once again, and the co-convenors for the group are **André Vietinghoff** and **Alexandra Tome**. The group is meeting the third Thursday of every month for networking, professional development opportunities, and more.

We have created social media accounts on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) so that we can reach out to members more easily and to share resources, news, and the occasional meme.

If you have any feedback or would like to join, please email us at libtech@apla.ca and we can walk you through that process.

News from New Brunswick

News from Mount Allison

Laura Landon, Interim University Librarian, Mount Allison University

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Libraries & Archives

Staff News:

The Library welcomes **Stephen Geier** into a six-month sabbatical-replacement role as Data & Digital Services Librarian. Steve holds a PhD in Chemistry and has worked as a Research Associate at Mount Allison for several years. He recently graduated with an MLIS degree from the University of Alberta and completed his library practicum at Mount Allison Libraries in 2019.

Laura Landon is serving as Interim University Librarian until July 2022. Laura is the Library's Head of Access Services and has served in several public services librarian roles since she began working at Mount Allison in 2013. The search for a new University Librarian is underway, click [here](#) for more information.

Wendy Witzak and **June Hicks** are sharing responsibilities for the Head of Access Services role until July 2022. Wendy is Mount Allison's Interlibrary Loans & Copyright Coordinator. She is handling all policy and systems issues related to Access Services. June is the Library's long-time Assistant Head of Access Services, who is handling all personnel and facilities issues in her half-time Head of Access Services role.

The Library welcomes **Dawson Fraser** into a six-month term as Access Services and Interlibrary Loans Assistant. Dawson is a Mount Allison Classics graduate who has served as a research assistant for two Mount A faculty members. He is currently pursuing a master's degree through Dalhousie University.

Data & Digital Services Librarian **Elizabeth Stregger** has co-written an article with **Jaclyn McLean**, a librarian at the University of Saskatchewan. The [article](#), published in the latest issue of the journal *Weave*, discusses how visitors to academic libraries are excluded from access to some e-books and e-journals because of restrictive technology and licencing. See: Stregger, E. & McLean, J. (2021). Location-based trickery: Librarian efforts to provide access to unaffiliated users. *Weave: Journal of Library User Experience*, 4(2).

The latest issue of *Partnership: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research*, also features an article by **Elizabeth Stregger** (MTA) and **Jaclyn McLean** (U Sask). The [article](#) summarizes troubling trends among vendors of electronic information and discusses possible collective action. See: McLean, J., & Stregger, E. (2022). Sounding the alarm: Scholarly information and global information companies in 2021. *Partnership: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research*, 16(2), 1-7.

News from New Brunswick Public Library Services

Kate Thompson, Head of Public Services Development, NB Public Library Services

New Brunswick Public Libraries continued to navigate challenges posed by the pandemic over the winter. In January, New Brunswick went into Level 3 of the Winter Plan for COVID-19. Although the public could still access computers, all other public library services were suspended for two weeks. Staff shifted their focus to providing curbside pickup. Libraries have since reopened, with capacity limits, masking, and proof of vaccination requirements in place.

Staff have also been assisting in the COVID relief effort by accepting deployments to other government departments. Most recently, staff have been asked to help in supply chain management, to support vaccination clinics, and to assist the provincial critical staffing team. Library workers have been highly sought after throughout the pandemic for their customer service and organizational skills.

The Kennebecasis Public Library in Quispamsis was forced to close temporarily at the end of January due to flooding. A sprinkler system pipe ruptured and caused significant water damage to both floors of the building. The extent of the damages needs to be thoroughly assessed and a plan for repairs needs to be developed before the library can reopen to the public. While the Kennebecasis Public Library is closed, other public library branches in Greater Saint John are providing services to Kennebecasis patrons.

News from Newfoundland & Labrador

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Sarah Bartlett, Regional Librarian, Eastern Division, NLPL, Mount Pearl Public Library

New Initiatives at Mount Pearl Public Library

The Mount Pearl Public Library has been collaborating with Admiralty House Communications Museum for several months to support their upcoming local Punk Rock exhibit. As part of our partnership, staff member **Krista Hart** has assembled a variety of Take and Make kits for some at-home DIY fun. This is part of a scheduled suite of programs focusing on creative and artistic self-expression to bring 'punk' to a new generation – or back into the lives of those who loved it and never stopped! Kits include materials for a variety of at-home crafts including photo holders, friendship bracelets, washer necklaces, and even make your own lip balm.

With the decision to continue with online-only programs until this spring, Take and Make Kits are an excellent example of how we are pivoting to reflect the ongoing changing health restrictions here in Newfoundland and Labrador. Our staff are working hard to ensure we are still connecting with patrons and highlighting our existing community partnerships, which we hope will continue to promote the programs we have planned in support of this partnership in the coming months.

Also exciting is **Cindy Hall's** Community Care Kit initiative, which garnered lots of interest on social media in late January. Inspired by an initiative from Dartmouth, NS, Cindy put out a call for donated goods to be given to those in need. Individuals, community members, businesses, and even Mount Pearl city council were quick to get involved. What had started as a one-time call for donations became a community initiative with many partners. Cindy's initiative has been running out of the Mount Pearl branch as a separate community project and has received monetary and in-kind donations. To date she has given out over 40 kits for children and adults which include personal care items, hats, socks and gloves, snacks, and sanitizer. We're glad to see community coming together in these times to support one another!





Provincial News

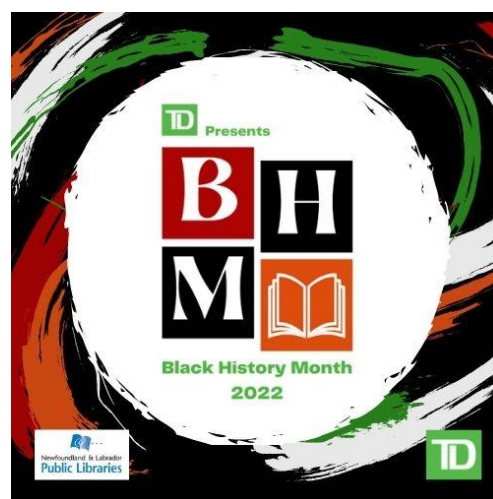
Emma Craig, Regional Librarian, St. John's Division, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries Launches 2022 Black History Month Programming

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) are happy to announce their Black History Month program for February 2022. In February 2021, the organization conducted its inaugural annual celebration of the diverse Black community living within Newfoundland & Labrador.

This year's program is once again supported through a TD Ready Commitment grant from TD Bank.

Black History Month 2022 programs will be held across the province, both online and in-person, during February. There will be video content on the NLPL's YouTube channel. On February 21st, there will be a movie screening of the 2016 film "Loving" at the Rotary Arts Centre in Corner Brook.



On February 22nd, NLPL partners with the Association for New Canadians (ANC) to present their Black in Newfoundland Panel, inviting members of the Black community to speak on their experiences.

TD Ready Commitment funds have been put towards acquiring new titles by Black authors, available for borrowing throughout the province. We are inviting patrons to participate in our BHM eBook Club, featuring Desmond Cole's "The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power." This eBook will be available with unlimited access for all of February. The Black History Month celebrations will end on February 28th with the BHM eBook Club Wrap-Up Event, when patrons are invited to join in the discussion of the book online.

For more information about Black History Month programs happening in February, click [here](#). Also, be sure to stay tuned to the NLPL Facebook, Twitter and YouTube accounts!

NLPL newly appointed regional librarian for Western Division: Alexander Taylor

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries is happy to announce the appointment of their newest regional librarian for our Western Division, **Alexander Taylor**. He joins the team of our three other permanent Regional Librarians across the province.

Alex completed his MLIS degree from Western University in 2017, and has a bachelor's degree in History and minor in Geography from Sir Wilfrid Laurier University. He has worked and volunteered in public libraries across the country and has focused on programing for all ages. In 2019 he was a participating lecturer at the first annual County of Simcoe Library Co-operative conference, discussing the need for libraries to improve their promotion of online services. Working out of Corner Brook Public Library, his position at NLPL will consist of promoting and coordinating library services for public libraries in the West NL Division.

Alex is a welcome addition to our organization, and we look forward to the new perspective he will bring to the position.

News from Nova Scotia

News from Cumberland Public Libraries

Charlotte Gallivan, Library Community Engagement Intern, Cumberland Public Libraries

News

River Hebert Branch Opening Soon

The River Hebert and Joggins Area Development Association has been working on opening the new Community Centre. This new space, formally the old curling club, will house Cumberland Public Libraries' (CPL) River Hebert branch. This new space is fully accessible, and will be opening February 16th!

Online Programming

Due to the influx of Covid-19 cases within Nova Scotia, we have been unable to offer in-person programming. We have modified our outreach approach and have been offering virtual programming. This includes our Children and Adults Reading Together (CART) program, weekly story times, and crafting videos. Prep work has started for our virtual March break celebrations which will consist of online tutorials and "Take and Make" kits.

Covid-19 Rapid Testing Kits

In partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia, CPL has been providing the residents of Cumberland County with rapid testing kits. All seven CPL branches have rapid testing kits available to patrons. This initiative started in December 2021 and has provided the public with the opportunity to access rapid testing kits during the current Omicron wave.

Photos

A photo of our new River Hebert location!





Our CART Coordinator Sammy conducting her virtual session.

News from Dalhousie Libraries

Marlo MacKay, Communications Coordinator, Dalhousie Libraries

Congratulations and Goodbye to Michael Moosberger

Please join us in wishing our Associate Dean Archives, Records Management and Special Collections and University Archivist, **Michael Moosberger** all the best on his retirement. During his 21 years with the Dalhousie Libraries, the Archives has had tremendous success on many fronts.

Here are some highlights:

- **Number of new accessions:** University Archives – 490 accessions, Private Manuscripts – 579 accessions.
- **Total Increase in holdings:** Approx. 1,900 metres of material.
- **Number of collections appraised for monetary value and appraised value:** 179 appraisals valued at \$2,178,447.
- **Number of grants and bequests received by the Archives:** 64 grants/donations – just over \$710,000.
- **Transitioning the Archives** from paper-based finding aids and lists to a stand-alone database, to web-based finding aids, and finally to the development of our online holdings system AtoM – currently over 274,000 unique descriptive records documenting 887 fonds/collections with over 22,000 digital objects available online.
- **Building the Archives staff** complement from 2.5 staff in 2000 to 9.5 staff in 2020 including the appointment of the Digital Archivist, the University Records Manager, and the Digitization Coordinator.
- **Creation** of the University Records Management Policy, the University Records Committee, and the ongoing development of the records management program including the creation of DalCLASS, university-wide records management training, and the development of a transfer tool application that will allow for the transfer of digital university records to the Archives.

Additionally, under Michaels' leadership, the Archives was a key participant in many of the University's 200th anniversary activities including the [Dal Originals](#), the [production of the 200th anniversary publication](#); the digitization of a number of historical university publications; and the creation of the [University time capsule](#). He also provided professional work experiences to over 50 graduates from the Dalhousie School of Information and other programs through internships and contractual work; many of whom have gone on to gain professional success in various archival, library, and information management positions. In his time with the Dalhousie Libraries, Michael has had five title changes and has overseen five moves of the collection, but his dedication to the Archives has remained a constant.

Thank you, Michael!

Deaccession news from the Dalhousie Archives

NAME: Michael Moosberger
CREATOR: Mr. and Mrs. Moosberger
INCLUSIVE DATES: [ca.1957 -]
DATE AND SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: 2000 ; U of Manitoba Archives
EXTENT: don't ask
CONDITION: excellent
RESTRICTIONS: of course
FINANCIAL APPRAISAL: priceless
DISPOSITION: retirement



Sarah Stevenson: New Associate Dean Archives, Records Management, and Special Collections

Please join us in welcoming **Sarah Stevenson** to the role of Associate Dean Archives, Records Management, and Special Collections. In addition to this new Associate Dean portfolio, Sarah will also remain as the Head of the Killam Memorial Library, a role she has been serving in since 2016.



Although this is a new title for Sarah, she is not an unfamiliar face in the Archives. In 2021, Sarah took on the duties of the Associate Dean Archives, Records Management, and Special Collections while **Michael Moosberger** was on leave. We are grateful to have an experienced leader transitioning into this role to work with the fabulous Archives, Records Management, and Special Collections team.

In this role, Sarah plans to build on the previous Associate Dean's accomplishments, with the ultimate goal of making it easier for researchers to discover what we have by increasing the visibility of our collections and services in the Archives and Special Collections. Sarah's aspirations include increasing the number of our holdings that are represented in the catalogue (AtoM), improving the promotion and discovery of our special collections, building on the success of our fledgling records management program, and providing support and a renewed vision for the digitization program.

As Head of the Killam Memorial Library, Sarah will continue to provide leadership in the development and provision of knowledgeable and flexible library services and sustainable collection development.

Welcome Louise Gillis, Research Data Management Librarian

We are pleased to announce that **Louise Gillis** is the new Research Data Management Librarian for the Dalhousie Libraries.

Louise is a familiar face to many of us at Dalhousie from her time in the Libraries as a limited term librarian, which wrapped up in December 2021. In that term position, Louise served in several librarian roles including Data, Psychology, Post-Graduate Medicine/Medicine, Pharmacy, and Research Data Management.



Before joining the Dal Libraries, Louise worked as a research librarian in Australia and as a bookmobile librarian in Nova Scotia. In addition to holding her Master of Library and Information Science, Louise holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

In this new role, Louise will be responsible for supporting research data management throughout the research life cycle. She will be available for individual consultations, workshops, and presentations while also serving as a resource on national policy and best practices to keep the Dal community informed and involved with the changing landscape for research data management planning, preservation, discovery, and reuse. Louise will be a key part of the Research and Scholarly Communications Team, led by the Associate Dean Research & Scholarly Communications & Head of the Kellogg Library. The Research Data Management Librarian is also responsible for delivering liaison librarian services to the College of Pharmacy including instruction, reference and research support, and collections development.

Thanks very much to the selection committee chaired by **Robin Parker** and including **Jackie Phinney**, **Shelley McKibbon**, **Erin MacPherson**, **Julie Marcoux**, and **Dr. Jennifer Isenor**.

Please join us in welcoming Louise back to the Dalhousie Libraries!

Phil Laughler: New Digital Asset Technician

Please join us in welcoming **Phil Laughler** to the role of Digital Asset Technician.

Previously, Phil worked as a Library Services Assistant in the Killam performing front-line Access Services duties at the KLSP and performing Resources work, which included organizing, searching, and appraising gifts and donations and training colleagues in how to do so. Phil was also responsible for retrieving and sending MARC records for Federal and Provincial OA government documents to the Novanet Office for loading into the catalogue for the benefit of all Novanet libraries as well as for doing EBSCO serials renewals for the Killam and Sexton libraries. He also did a lot of cataloguing, including fixing or verifying name and subject authorities and upgrading subpar MARC records. We know Phil will be sorely missed by the Access Services and Resources Teams. Thanks to Gail Fraser for supplying many of these details!



In this new role, Phil will coordinate the digital collection activities across the Dal Libraries and the daily operations of the digitization facilities. He will also be digitizing and disseminating library and archival materials, training project team members, and contributing to the development of policies and technical documentation for digitization and digital collections development.

Welcome to the Archives, Phil!

In Memory of Phil O'Hara



We are saddened to share the news of the passing of **Phil O'Hara**. Phil joined the Dal Libraries' team in 2013 when management of Dalhousie's Learning Management System came to the Dalhousie Libraries from Dalhousie's Integrated Learning Office (ILO). Phil brought with him tremendous experience and a passion for providing the best service possible. Under Phil's visionary leadership, Dalhousie implemented our first learning management system, Blackboard, and a team of instructional technologists was developed to support online learning. A natural mentor, Phil's influence can still be felt by those he worked with. He retired from Dalhousie in 2014.

Honouring a Special Donation

On December 7, the Dalhousie Libraries held an event to thank **Dr. Jock and Mrs. Janet Murray** for their very special gift to the Dalhousie Libraries.

To help us celebrate, we were joined by speakers **Dr. David Anderson**, Dalhousie's Dean of Medicine; **Michael Moosberger**, Associate Dean Archives, Special Collections & Records Management and University Archivist; **Sarah Stevenson**, Associate Dean Planning and Head of the Killam Library; and **Melissa Helwig**, Associate Dean Research & Scholarly



Janet and Dr. Jock Murray

Communications and Head of the Kellogg Library. Dean of Libraries **Donna Bourne-Tyson** was the MC, and Jock and Janet closed the event with their remarks. In the virtual audience were many friends, family members, and colleagues of the Murrays.

To say that Jock and Janet love books and libraries would be an understatement. The importance they place on both is obvious when they speak about their life together, whether it's talking about their beloved book club or their twice-a-year research trips to a special library in London. As a result of their passion for books, it comes as no surprise that the Murrays have spent their lives building an extraordinary book collection.

The breadth of subject matter covered in the books donated to the Dalhousie Libraries by the Murrays is emblematic of the extraordinary donors themselves. From the esoteric to the general, there is something for everyone in this collection. In addition to the many wonderful books we received from the Murrays, their donation also includes archival materials.

These materials will continue to give in the years to come, benefitting generations of students and researchers.

Two Dalhousie Libraries Interns —Vinson Li & McKenzie Young —chosen as 2021 recipients of the Dalhousie-Horrocks National Leadership Fund*

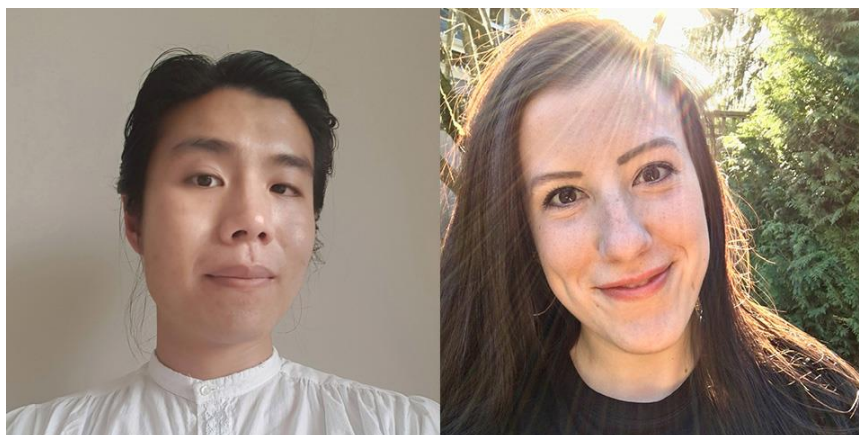
The School of Information Management is pleased to announce that Master of Information (MI) students **Vinson Li** and **McKenzie Young** have been selected as the ninth and tenth recipients (respectively) of the [Dalhousie-Horrocks National Leadership Fund](#).

This Fund was established in 2007 to honour Dr. Norman Horrocks, OC, PhD, FCLIP (1927-2010) for his outstanding leadership in the field of librarianship in North America, Australia, and Europe.

Over several decades Dr. Horrocks, former Director of the School of Information Management and Dean of the Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University, pursued a distinguished career of very active involvement in professional associations in the United Kingdom, Cyprus, Australia, the United States, and Canada. His many contributions, for which he received local, national and international recognition, have advanced the field and the careers of countless individuals. The fund supports a scholarship and an associated lecture series through an endowment donated by the many former students, colleagues, friends and admirers of Norman Horrocks.

This award was presented at the Dalhousie-Horrocks National Leadership Lecture in January 2022.

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Vinson Li & McKenzie Young

Books & Bees: Dal Reads presents a conversation with Francesca Ekwuyasi and Cooper Lee Bombardier



On February 10, we hosted a conversation between **Francesca Ekwuyasi**, author of this year's Dal Reads book *Butter Honey Pig Bread* and author and amateur beekeeper **Cooper Lee Bombardier**. The two discussed books, writing, bees, and beekeeping. Francesca read passages from her novel on the topic of beekeeping.

Francesca Ekwuyasi is a writer and multidisciplinary artist from Lagos, Nigeria. Her work explores themes of faith, family, queerness, consumption, loneliness, and belonging. Her debut novel, *Butter Honey Pig Bread* was

longlisted for the 2020 Giller Prize, was a finalist for CBC's 2021 Canada Reads competition, the 2021 Lambda Literary Award, the 2021 Governor General's Award, the 2021 Amazon Canada First Novel Award, and the 2021 ReLit Award.

Cooper Lee Bombardier is a queer, trans American writer and visual artist living in Canada. He is the author of the memoir-in-essays *Pass With Care*, a finalist for the 2021 Firecracker Award in Nonfiction. His writing appears in *The Kenyon Review*, *The Malahat Review*, *Ninth Letter*, *CutBank*, *Nailed Magazine*, *Longreads*, *Narratively*, *BOMB*, and *The Rumpus*; and in 19 anthologies, including the Lambda Literary Award-winning anthology, *The Remedy—Essays on Queer Health Issues*, and the Lambda-nominated anthology, *Meanwhile, Elsewhere: Speculative Fiction From Transgender Writers*, which won a 2018 American Library Association Stonewall Book Award. He teaches in the MFA in Creative Nonfiction program at University of King's College and in women and gender studies at Saint Mary's University.

The Secret Admirers' Society

On February 15, we partnered with the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia to present **The Secret Admirers' Society** with six local authors. We started with an author reading a passage from a work by a writer they admire, and then that author would read a passage from an author they admire, and so on.

We were joined by **Donna Morrissey**, **Nicola Davison**, **Stephens Gerard Malone**, **Sherri Fitch**, **Andre Fenton**, and **Abela Beloved Green**. Each participant was very moved by hearing their words being read by the author who had selected their work.

News from Prince Edward Island

News from the Prince Edward Island Public Library Service

Krystal Dionne: Library Assistant, Montague Rotary Library; PEI Public Library Service

APLA Conference

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association's 2022 Conference will be held virtually from **Tuesday, June 7th – Friday June 10th**. The theme of this year's conference is: **Bridging the Gap: Inclusion and Diversity in Libraries/Réduire les barrières : l'inclusion et la diversité dans les bibliothèques!**



Do you have a great idea that you would like to present? Our Call for Proposals has been extended until **March 4th** and we would love to hear from you!

We would also like to announce that our opening Keynote Speaker is **Ryan Dowd!** Author of *The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness*.

Questions: conference@apla.ca [Website](#)

Programming

We had a brief foray into in-person programming in December and saw some great events happening for folks of all ages, including painted terra-cotta pots with Teens at the Bibliothèque publique Dr.-J.-Edmond-Arsenault. We have also been carrying on with some wonderful virtual events, a D&D Club, Hackmatack, celebrating Black History Month, Psychology Month, and more. More craft kits have been making their way to branches as well!



Celebrate Black History Month 2022
Virtual events are being offered by sending prince@peilibrary.ca or Registration Cases at 4:00 p.m. on the day before the event.

Be A Voyage Into Immigrant Life with Elizabeth Iwunwa
Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m.
Learn about the realities of being an immigrant. Find out about the growing mythology of Black immigrant stories, legends, & more.

Storytelling and Dance with Maritime Centre For African Dance
Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m.
Join us for a storytelling and dance workshop with celebrated choreographer Rejean Smith.

Creative Songwriting Workshop with Joce Reymoe & Vince The Messenger for Teens
Thursday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. - Ages 13-17
An intro to creative songwriting where groups will learn processes of songwriting, finding their voice, and honing creativity into song. Space is limited.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Adults
Monday 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday 7:00 a.m. - Ages 18+
Join us for a virtual program where you will learn processes of songwriting, finding your voice, and honing creativity into song. Space is limited.

Teens
Creative Songwriting Workshop with Joce Reymoe & Vince The Messenger
Thursday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. - Ages 13-17
An intro to creative songwriting where groups will learn processes of songwriting, finding their voice, and honing creativity into song. Space is limited.

Children
Dungeons and Dragons
Friday at 5:30 p.m. - Ages 8-12
Create, play, and participate in a simple D&D game. No dice required. Please register because space is limited.

Madonnas Virtual Book Club
Thursday, February 24th at 4:00 p.m. - Ages 8-12
A reading group for a book owned where KIDS choose the event.

Family Storyline
Thursday at 10:30 a.m. - Ages 3-5
Bring stories, songs and figures. For kids and their grown-ups! Only learning items welcome.

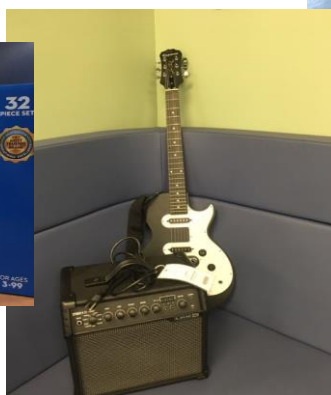
Register by emailing prince@peilibrary.ca
Registration closes at 4:00 p.m. on the day before the event.
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Initiatives

Our popular snowshoe loan program is back and made the [news when a local nurse used her borrowed pair to get to work during a storm!](#)

We have added more instruments to our [Sun Life Musical Instrument Lending Library](#) including electric guitars and amps. We have also added new STEM Kits to our Library of Things collection.



Other News

There has been more progress at the new Charlottetown Library Learning Centre and we are hoping to host a virtual tour at the upcoming Conference in June!

Staffing News

Grace Dawson has shifted roles within the PEI Public Library Service and is now the Library Technology Services Manager for the PEI Public Library Service. Congratulations!

Just for fun

We had some social media fun with the current [Wordle](#) obsession and created a few of our own which were well received!

