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From the President's Desk



Summer 2022
Cate Carlyle



As I write my first President's note for the APLA Bulletin, the privilege is not lost on me. It is an honour to serve the membership in this position and to contribute in some small way to this long-standing association which encompasses all of the Atlantic provinces and counts so many wonderful professionals in its membership! Quite a few years ago, when our beloved colleague **Lou Duggan** asked if I would be interested in contributing a piece to the APLA Bulletin, I had no idea how APLA would enrich my professional life and that my involvement would continue long term. It is our members—from students to new grads to professionals in all types of information centers, from retirees to lifelong members—who make this association great, who volunteer again and again to fill roles, to organize conferences, meetings, and professional development sessions, and who ensure that APLA continues to benefit us all. For that I thank each and every one of you.

To understate the obvious, these past few years have been difficult for everyone. But APLA members have continued to step up for our collective benefit. A shining example of this was our conference in June organized by APLA President-Elect **Krystal Dionne**. Many thanks to Krystal and her team of organizers, to the presenters, attendees, sponsors and vendors. While "**Bridging the Gap: Inclusion & Diversity in Libraries**" was a virtual conference once again, those in attendance were engaged and involved. **Joann Hamilton-Barry** received the APLA Merit Award, and **Ryan Dowd**, keynote speaker and author of "The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness", wowed us with his immersive virtual talk on understanding and serving clients with various challenges. Closing keynote speaker **Julie Pellissier-Lush**, an actress and PEI poet laureate, did not disappoint as she poignantly shared her knowledge of the seven sacred teachings as they were passed down to her. It is my hope that the **2023 APLA Conference**, hosted in New Brunswick, will be a reunion of sorts and that we are able to gather in person once again after so long apart. Fingers crossed!

Finally, my goals during my term as President are to increase membership and membership engagement, to advocate for our profession, our association, and the greater Partnership, and to continue to focus on diversity and inclusion. We will be initiating a membership drive soon, so stay

tuned for exciting details to come for both new and current members! In the meantime, please join me in welcoming (and thanking) the following new and returning members who have taken on executive and committee positions and who will be serving you for the next two years. Please reach out to them with any questions, concerns and suggestions, or if you would like to join any of the committees or interest groups and contribute your expertise:

- **Krystal Dionne**, VP President-Elect
- **Marc Harper**, Past President
- **Margaret Vail**, Treasurer
- **Evelyn Trainer**, Secretary
- **Jason Lee**, VP Membership
- **Vincent Grovestine**, Technology Coordinator
- **Agnieszka Hayes**, VP Nova Scotia
- **Chantale Saulnier**, VP New Brunswick
- **Susan Cleyle**, VP Newfoundland and Labrador
- **Emily MacIsaac**, VP Prince Edward Island
- **Nathalie Richard**, Communications Coordinator
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- **Kate McClintock**, APLA Bulletin Co-Editor
- **Nicole Rosenow-Redhead**, Advocacy Chair
- **Evelyn Trainer**, Memorial Award Chair
- **Martin Chandler**, Continuing Education Interest Group Convener
- **Agnieszka Hayes**, Information Literacy Interest Group Convener
- **David McDonald**, Government Information Interest Group Convener
- **Alexandra Tome**, Library Staff and Technicians Interest Group Convener

The Games @ the Library Committee Convener position remains vacant. Please contact an Executive member if you would like to take on this role and ensure that the program can run this year

As you soak up the last few weeks of summer and prep for the back-to-school rush, please enjoy this latest Summer issue of the APLA Bulletin. Many thanks to the team who puts it together and to the APLA members who contribute pieces to the publication. We see you, and we appreciate you.

All my best,

Cate

Cate Carlyle

APLA President 2022-2023

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

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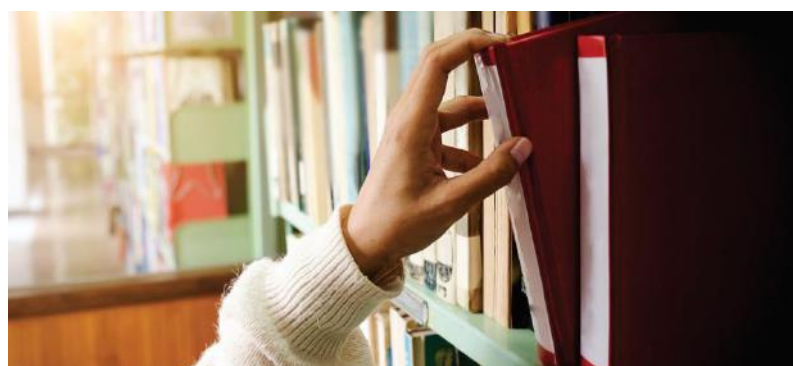
Library associations in the Partnership receive discounts from *The Library Marketplace*. Associations are also provided with a variety of product marketing tools like "the store in a box".

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



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06 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 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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Feature Articles

APLA 2022 Conference Experience Report

Colin MacKay, Recipient of APLA First Timer's Conference Grant

This year, I was one of the recipients of the APLA First Timer's Conference Grant for the APLA 2022 Conference *Bridging the Gap: Inclusion and Diversity in Libraries*. I was hesitant about how I would find the experience as this was my first virtual conference (ever!). Happily, I can report that it was a wonderful event! The organizers and presenters did a fantastic job, and I enjoyed all of the opportunities to listen and learn this year. I appreciated feeling that I was part of APLA through participating in this conference, and I look forward to being a part of future conferences.

As a new member (I only joined the APLA earlier this year) it was wonderful to see so many members attending this virtual event, and it was nice to put a face (or more often voice!) to the names of APLA members who I have been receiving emails from over the past year. I would like to thank the Keynote Speakers **Ryan Dowd** and **Julie Pellisier-Lush** for sharing with us this year and to all the speakers who gave presentations! As I was not able to attend some of the presentations live, I would also like to thank **Krystal Dionne**, our Conference Chair, who shared YouTube recordings of some of the presentations, which allowed me to enjoy many of the sessions after the conference.

Finally, I wanted to thank the APLA Executive for giving me the APLA First Timer's Conference Grant, which allowed me to participate in this year's conference. In particular, I wanted to thank **Cate Carlyle** and **Krystal Dionne** who worked with me to register and participate in this event, and the editors of the APLA Newsletter who helped share this report with you all.

New Cultural Hub to Include Brand-New Pictou Public Library

Submitted by Trecia Schell, Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library



Expanded deCoste Centre will offer Pictou County residents better access to cultural and community programming

Pictou, Nova Scotia, August 2, 2022—Today, the Honourable **Sean Fraser**, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and Member of Parliament for Central Nova, the Honourable **Tim Houston**, Premier of Nova Scotia, the Honourable **Karla MacFarlane**, Minister of Community Services, the Honourable **Pat Dunn**, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage, His Worship **Jim Ryan**, Mayor of the Town of Pictou, and **Robert Parker**, Warden of the Municipality of Pictou County, announced \$9 million in funding for the development of Cultural Hub in Pictou, Nova Scotia.

Minister Fraser made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable **Dominic LeBlanc**, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, and on behalf of the Honourable **Ginette Petitpas Taylor**, Minister of Official Languages and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA).

“The deCoste Centre has been a fixture on the Pictou waterfront for over 35 years. The investment we are making today will establish an expanded cultural hub with a performing arts centre and brand-new public library that will make our community a more vibrant and dynamic place to call home for a generation. I want to offer my thanks and congratulations to everyone at home who helped make this project happen,” said the Honourable **Sean Fraser**, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and Member of Parliament for Central Nova.

The Government of Canada is investing \$6 million for this project. The Government of Nova Scotia is contributing \$2 million. The Town of Pictou, the Municipality of the County of Pictou, and the community at large are providing over \$1 million.

“The new cultural hub will transform the downtown core of Pictou and the surrounding community. Both the deCoste Centre and Pictou Library are invaluable community spaces that provide important services to residents and visitors. And both venues are ready to grow. They’re ready to attract residents and visitors to enjoy high-quality social and cultural experiences,” said the Honourable **Tim Houston**, Premier of Nova Scotia.

“This year marks the deCoste’s 40th anniversary. This enhanced facility ensures an even more successful future. Pictou will have one of Nova Scotia’s most innovative cultural facilities. We are bringing two champions of community inclusion, engagement and programming together. Even before the building is under construction, we have found many new ways to partner with the library and the community is seeing the benefits. Together we will be a force for positive change. The sum will be much greater than the parts,” said **Troy Greencorn**, Executive Director of the deCoste Centre for Arts and Creativity.

“Public libraries are so much more today. Not only are they places of reading and learning, but active social spaces with meeting rooms, technology centres, and outdoor gathering areas. This funding turns a community vision into reality,” said **Dan Currie**, Chairperson of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

“This enhanced and upgraded facility for arts and creativity shows how organizations can work together for a common purpose impacting all our citizens, now and in the future. Thank you to all levels of government for supporting this project and moving the dream to reality,” said **Jim Ryan**, Mayor of the Town of Pictou and Co-Chair of the Project Working Committee.

"This combined facility will be a great benefit to our many rural communities. We know our county is a great place to live and raise a family, but this kind of project makes it even more attractive. A very worthwhile investment from all 3 levels of government," said **Robert Parker**, Warden for the Municipality of Pictou County and Co-Chair of the Project Working Committee.

Funding will support improved facilities that will serve the Pictou community—and those who visit—for years to come. The deCoste Centre will be expanded to 23,000 square feet to become a cultural hub, hosting a new modern public library, a fully renovated theatre, visual arts exhibition facilities, and meeting space for other cultural and community groups. The new cultural hub will also have accessibility features to make it more inclusive. Improvements will include the complete replacement of dated electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems, making it net zero ready.

Quick facts

- The Government of Canada is investing a total of \$6 million toward the project.
 - Infrastructure Canada is providing \$4 million through the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program.
 - The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) is providing \$2 million through the Canada Coal Transition Initiative (CCTI) Infrastructure Fund.
- The Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program is an integral part of Canada’s Strengthened Climate Plan, providing \$1.5 billion over five years towards green and accessible retrofits, repairs or upgrades of existing public community buildings and the construction of new

publicly-accessible community buildings that serve high-needs, underserved communities across Canada.

- At least 10 percent of funding is allocated to projects serving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, including Indigenous populations in urban centres.
- Provincial/territorial governments, municipal or regional governments, public sector bodies, not-for-profit, and Indigenous organizations interested in the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program are invited to apply on the [Infrastructure Canada website](#).
- Applicants with large retrofit projects to existing community buildings or new community building projects with total eligible costs ranging from \$3 million to \$25 million were accepted through a competitive intake process which closed on July 6, 2021. A second intake is anticipated later in 2022, however, the date has not yet been determined. Details about the second intake will be published to the Infrastructure Canada – Green and Inclusive Community Buildings’ website as soon as they become available.
- The Canada Coal Transition Initiative (CCTI) Infrastructure Fund is a \$150 million fund delivered by [Canada’s regional development agencies](#) (RDAs) to help communities move away from coal by investing in infrastructure.
- In Atlantic Canada, ACOA is delivering \$55 million under the CCTI.
- The CCTI was launched on August 20, 2020 and is set to end on March 31, 2025.
- Announced in December 2020, Canada’s Strengthened Climate Plan includes 64 new measures and \$15 billion in investments towards a healthy environment and economy.
- The funding announced today builds on the Government of Canada's work through the Atlantic Growth Strategy to create well-paying middle-class jobs, strengthen local economies, and build inclusive communities.

Associated links

[Green and Inclusive Community Buildings](#)

[Investing in Canada Plan Project Map](#)

[Canada Coal Transition Initiative](#)

[Strengthened Climate Plan](#)

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News from New Brunswick



News from Mount Allison

Laura Landon, Teaching & Research Librarian, Business, Social Sciences and Govt. Information

Library News:

Dr. Rachel Rubin began her term as Dean of Libraries & Archives on August 2. Rachel joins Mount Allison from the University of Pittsburgh, where she served as Associate University Librarian for Research and Learning. She has also held positions as Director of Library and Information Services at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and Library Director at Bexley Public Library in Ohio. Rachel holds an MLIS from Kent State University and a PhD in Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions from Simmons University. She has over 10 years of administrative experience in academic and public libraries.

While New Brunswick removed all COVID restrictions in March 2022, Mount Allison will maintain mandatory masking indoors during the 2022-23 academic year, with some exceptions, including when working alone or teaching. The University will not require vaccinations for the 2022-23 academic year, but will provide a secure mechanism for students, faculty, and staff to voluntarily identify their vaccination status.

Preparations for the upcoming renovation of the R.P. Bell Library continue and will escalate over the next year and a half. Staff and librarians are working on deselection and an inventory of all items in the building, with an expected move-out date of Spring 2024. The Libraries & Archives will move into temporary locations, still to be finalized, for the duration of the renovation. The Libraries & Archives renovation represents the largest capital project in Mount Allison's history.

Staff News:

Librarian **Anita Cannon** retired on May 30, 2022, after 26 years at Mount Allison. Anita was the long-time subject librarian for Commerce, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, Government Information, Languages & Linguistics, German Literature, and Law. A dedicated information activist with a wealth of knowledge about government information, Anita led a session at APLA in 2018 about filing freedom-of-information requests and recently wrote a [journal article about the academic community's use of government information](#) and freedom-of-information requests (2021).

The Libraries & Archives' long-time administrative assistant, **Carol Wilson**, retired on June 30 after 44 years at Mount Allison. Carol joined the Libraries & Archives in 1978 as a newly minted high-school graduate from the business stream. In the years that followed, she worked with nine different University

Librarians. She is Mount Allison's longest serving employee, with a remarkable depth and breadth of knowledge about the library's history.

Gavin Goodwin will continue to serve as a term Creative Arts Librarian in the 2022-23 academic year. Gavin joined the library in 2021 after working as a student Reference Librarian at Concordia University and interning at the Canadian Music Centre in Montreal. A graduate of McGill University's Master of Information Studies program, Gavin also holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music, with substantial experience both performing and teaching music.

Christine LeBlanc joined the Library in July 2022 as Public Services, Special Collections and Rare Books Librarian. Christine is filling in for **Elizabeth Millar**, who is on sabbatical until July 2023. Christine most recently served as Campus Librarian at NSCC Lunenburg. She worked at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto as a Reference Assistant and Rare Books Assistant while earning her Master of Information at U of T's iSchool. She has also worked for New Brunswick Public Library Services, the Ontario College of Teachers, and the Government of Nova Scotia.

Laura Landon began a two-year term as a Teaching & Research Librarian for Business, Social Sciences, and Government Information in August 2022. Laura has served in a variety of librarian and non-librarian roles since coming to Mount Allison in 2013, most recently as Interim University Librarian from January to August 2022. She worked as the subject librarian for Commerce, Government Information and some social sciences in two previous sabbatical replacement roles at Mount Allison.

Alexandra Tome, an Inventory and Withdrawal Clerk in the R.P. Bell Library, hosted a session at the June APLA 2022 conference to encourage library technicians and other library staff to share what they do to foster a diverse and inclusive environment for library patrons and staff. Alexandra joined Mount Allison in 2021 from Toronto, where she was the E-Learning Library Technician at Humber College. Alexandra graduated from the Library and Information Technician program at Seneca College in 2017.

News from New Brunswick Public Library Service

Kate Thompson, Head of Public Service Development, New Brunswick Public Library Service

The New Brunswick Public Library Service (NBPLS) has begun the process of **modernizing the subject headings** used in our catalogue that relate to Indigenous peoples in Canada. In the first phase of the project, outdated Library of Congress terms as well as obsolete English Canadian Subject Headings will be replaced with new authorized terms from Library and Archives Canada that are already available to Canadian libraries. The existing subject headings specifically related to New Brunswick First Nations will be updated at a later stage, as new terms are not yet available. A separate project to update French terms will be undertaken when appropriate terms are created.

The way that NBPLS staff handle **in-kind donations of library materials** made to the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation is changing to make the process more efficient and manageable for all. Staff members from libraries, regional offices and the provincial office helped develop these changes with the assistance of a Process Improvement Facilitator who used the Lean Six Sigma approach to recommend improvements.

The **Kennebecasis Public Library** has announced plans to reopen to the public on August 23rd. The library has been closed since late January due to a flood. The library has been serving patrons in the interim using curbside pickup, by creating Take & Make craft kits, and by offering programs outdoors on their patio or at a nearby Arts & Culture Park. The staff are looking forward to welcoming patrons back to the library soon!

Our public libraries have begun working with Public Health to act as **distribution centres** for COVID-19 point-of-care (POC) test kits (i.e., rapid tests). People with COVID-19 symptoms can register for an “appointment” to pick up their tests at the library using an online government form. The initiative is focused on libraries in rural communities where the distribution of rapid tests is more difficult. Six libraries in the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region (southeast NB) are currently enrolled in the program.



VP New Brunswick Report – August 2022

Chantale Saulnier, APLA VP New Brunswick

Over the past few months, I have continued to learn more about the various APLA initiatives. In particular, I have had the pleasure of working with the Intellectual Freedom Working Group.

Libraries in New Brunswick have been making the most of the summer weather by promoting their pass lending partnership to various tourist attractions across the province. The most recent partnerships being Kings Landing and the Pays de la Sagouine.

Membership

I continue to promote APLA to librarians in New Brunswick by word of mouth.

APLA Bulletin

I continue to search for a new contact from the University of New Brunswick.

Intellectual Freedom Working Group

I have been continuing my work with the Intellectual Freedom Working Group. I have been focusing on member recruitment and researching current librarianship issues related to Intellectual Freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

Chantale Saulnier

August 15th, 2022

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries

University News:

Dr. Neil Bose has been reappointed as [Memorial's vice-president \(research\)](#), effective Nov 01, 2022.

Dr. Natasha Hurley is the new dean of [Memorial's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences \(HSS\)](#).

Ed Martin (B.Eng.'06) is now the director of [Memorial's Centre for Entrepreneurship](#). Mr. Martin is an entrepreneurial leader with extensive experience in technological and creative industries.

Ms. Valerie Howe was named first woman head of [Memorial's Gardiner Centre](#). Ms. Howe joined Gardiner Centre in 2013 as a business consultant.

Memorial's Board of Regents approved the annual observance in perpetuity of [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation \(Sept. 30\)](#).

Memorial has appointed a [new university registrar](#) – **Dr. Lee Ann McKivor**. She previously served as associate registrar and director, and associate university secretary at Western University.

Memorial University released [remote work arrangement guidelines](#). The Guidelines are effective Aug. 29, 2022, for a one-year period.

Research

Rapido Document Delivery was officially launched at Memorial University Libraries in July! The Rapido community in Canada is starting small with Memorial University, Carleton University, and the University of Calgary. For more information, [contact Becky Smith](#).

Employee News

Chelsea Humphries has become Grenfell Libraries' new librarian. Before her role, Chelsea was a Liaison and Collections Librarian with Brock University's James A. Gibson Library. She received her MLIS from the University of Toronto (2020), holds a Post-graduate Certificate in Creative Book Publishing (2016), and an MA in English Literature (2015). At Brock, Chelsea was very active in developing student outreach and engagement initiatives, even leading in-person and virtual yoga classes as a certified yoga instructor, and in Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility + Decolonization initiatives.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies welcomed new staff member **Danielle Gillespie**.

Katie Kehoe and **Nicholas Diamond** joined the Health Science Library's Lending Services Department.

QEII Library's Serials & Acquisitions' **Gloria O'Leary** & **Colleen Woolgar** have been classified to LA 4s.

Health Sciences Librarian **Lindsay Alcock** will be on sabbatical leave starting September 1st.

Cool Stuff

The First Space Gallery in the QEII Library is hosting "[Unseen Labour](#)" this fall. The exhibit showcases needlework of cataloguing and metadata librarians from around the world and is making its way from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The Archives and Special Collections Division loaned 14 artist books by **Tara Bryan** from their Collection to the Rooms. The books are part of the "**Tara Bryan: Unfolding Horizon**" exhibit. It is on display until September.

The 40th Anniversary of the QEII Library was on May 28th, 2022. Here is the [link to an interactive story](#) we created to celebrate the QEII Library and Memorial University Libraries.

We are very proud of a new and improved [staff directory](#) on the library's website.

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

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

NLPL Launches Library on the Go in St John's

Sponsored by the St. John's Public Libraries Board and supported by the City of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries' new mobile outreach library van, **Library on the Go**, will begin delivering programs and outreach services to stops throughout St. John's.

Not your Nan's bookmobile, this outreach vehicle will carry library staff and a selection of library materials, as well as deliver free pop-up programs for all ages. Library on the Go will make stops at parks, community centres and a variety of other locations across the St. John's Metro region. Library on the Go aims to expand the reach of the library and meet city residents where they are in order to decrease barriers to accessing library services and to reach underserved areas of the city.



*Library on the Go 2 & 3: Regional Librarian **Emma Craig** and Deputy Mayor **Sheilagh O'Leary** cutting the ribbon at Library on the Go launch event.*

The Library on the Go project officially launched on July 26th, 2022, at a small event held at Bannerman Park in St. John's. The event was attended by St. John's Public Libraries Board members, City of St. John's councilors, and many other members of the community. Board Member **Monique Tobin**, Deputy Mayor of St. John's **Sheilagh O'Leary**, and St. John's Division Manager **Susan Prior** all spoke, speaking on

the importance of the van and public libraries, as well as extending their thanks to everyone who helped make the project possible.

Since the event, Library on the Go has visited day camps in St. John's and attended the Victoria Park Lantern Festival.



You can follow the hashtag **#LibraryOntheGoNL** for updates on where the van will be appearing in the future. For inquiries about the van, please contact prloutreach@nlpl.ca or call **Emma Craig**, Regional Librarian for St. John's Public Libraries, at 737-3432.

News from Nova Scotia

News from Cumberland Public Libraries

Charlotte Gallivan, Community Engagement Librarian, Cumberland Public Libraries

Summer Reading Club

Our Summer Reading Club officially kicked off on June 13th! Youth Services Library Assistant **Julie**, and Summer Reading Club Coordinator **Lauren**, have been busy organizing programs throughout the County. Programs have included a tech tour, puppet shows, LEGO days, and scavenger hunts.

River Hebert and Oxford Open Houses

Two open houses were held during the month of July to celebrate the opening of our new library locations in Oxford and River Hebert. Patrons were invited to explore the new spaces, enjoy some cookies, and watch official ribbon cutting ceremonies.

*Library Board Chair **Dale Fawthrop**, District 7 Councillor (and new Library Board member) **Dale Porter**, and Chief Librarian **Denise Corey** opening the new River Hebert branch.*



New Pugwash Library



Pugwash is getting a new library! The necessary groundwork for the project is now complete and the construction team has started to pour the slab. Once this is complete, the walls will begin going up along with a roof. Work will then move into the interior over the remainder of the summer and into early fall. The new library is scheduled to open in the New Year.

A digital rendering of the completed Pugwash library.

Staff Updates

CPL has recently hired a new Library Page/Shelver. **Rhi** joined our team in May as a part-time Library Clerk before taking on this additional role in July. She is responsible for shelving and processing library materials for distribution throughout Cumberland County.

News from Dalhousie Libraries

Marlo MacKay, Communications Coordinator, Dalhousie University Libraries

A Very Happy Retirement to Dean of Libraries Donna Bourne-Tyson!

After two terms as Dean of Libraries and 11 years of impressive leadership and service to Dalhousie and the community, **Donna Bourne-Tyson** is retiring on August 14.

Donna joined Dalhousie in 2011 as the University Librarian, making significant contributions to both physical and digital services, collections, and spaces at Dalhousie. Since Donna's arrival, the Dalhousie Libraries expanded with the addition of two new stand-alone spaces, the Kellogg Library Learning Commons in the Collaborative Health Education Building, and the Wallace McCain Learning Commons. Additionally, all five of the Dalhousie Libraries underwent renovations, increasing student study spaces wherever possible, including significant renovations to the MacRae and W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences libraries.



Donna was instrumental in establishing a hub of the National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation at the MacRae Library, a Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Legacy Space, and the soon-to-be launched Indigenous Community Room in the Killam Library, and the position of Indigenous Services Librarian. Other new roles created under her leadership include digital archives, scholarly communications, knowledge synthesis, and data services.

She played a leadership role in the creation of university policies and supporting services for copyright, records management, data access, and research data management. In 2013, the Dal Libraries took on the responsibility for instructional technology — Brightspace, Urkund, Panopto and other critical online teaching tools which have served Dal well throughout the last two years of the pandemic. The Libraries also took on the management of classroom technologies, continuing the Dal Libraries' model to provide excellent services and support in both virtual and physical learning environments.

Under Donna's leadership, Dalhousie has made significant gains in the digital world. The Dal Libraries' capacity to provide eResources, online instruction, and services has grown exponentially. Donna recently co-chaired the process to develop Dalhousie's Digital Strategy, a plan that will lead to a seamless digital student experience, increased digital literacy for all Dalhousieans, and equitable access to digital systems and training.

In 2019, Donna received the Ken Haycock Award for her remarkable range of board roles in regional, national, and international associations and consortia, for founding and shepherding multiple new organizations, and for her leadership and dedication as an ambassador and role model for librarianship.

This year, she was honoured with the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) Award for Distinguished Service to Research Librarianship.

While Dean of Libraries, Donna made significant contributions to research librarianship through her leadership and engagement in national and international organizations. Donna served as Chair (2017–2019), Vice-Chair/Chair elect (2015–2017), and Treasurer (2009–2011) of the Council of Atlantic University Libraries, in addition to leading a diversity of initiatives and committees. The same is true at a provincial level within the Novanet consortium, having served as Chair and Vice-Chair.

She was CARL President from 2017–2019, preceded by terms as Vice-President/President-Elect (2015–2017) and Treasurer (2012–2015), leading CARL through a period of dramatic evolution in the world of research libraries and preparing us well for the pandemic era.

Donna served as Vice-Chair of the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (2011–2014) and most recently as an elected member on the inaugural Board of Directors of the Digital Research Alliance of Canada (2020–2022). She has also continued to represent the Canadian library perspective and enhanced international alignment as a board member of the International Association of University Libraries (IATUL) serving as Treasurer (2019–2021) and Secretary (2022). She also brought the IATUL conference to Dalhousie in 2016, welcoming librarians from across the globe to our campus.

She was a founding member of the BlueSky Network, a partnership of public, academic, and First Nations libraries in Northern Ontario. Representing the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA), she was one of the original members of The Partnership, Canada's national network of provincial and territorial library associations. She also co-chaired the Interim Board during the founding days of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA).

Please join us in congratulating Donna on her outstanding career and accomplishments and thanking her for her time at Dalhousie, as we wish her the very fondest of farewells.

Happy Retirement, Joan Chiasson!

The Dalhousie Libraries is bidding farewell to one of its longest-serving employees, **Joan Chiasson**.

Joan's career with the Libraries began in 1981 as part of the Government Documents department. With the increase of electronic publication of government materials and further restructuring in the Libraries to meet changing needs, Joan moved to the Archives and Special Collections unit in 2012-2013. There she learned to provide reference assistance for another set of specialized



collections. She also learned new standards for cataloging materials, this time for processing archival collections and mediating thesis deposits for DalSpace, the university's institutional repository.

The primary highlight of her varied career has been the people she has worked with over the years, particularly **Shelagh Keene, June Tasker, Jane Archibald, Andrew Finch, Sharon Longard, Geoff Brown, Phyllis Ross, Donna Bourne-Tyson, Michael Moosberger, and Courtney Bayne.**

Outside of the Libraries, Joan is skilled at needlework and costume design. She has had a long association with a local medieval group and has created many beautiful medieval gowns and costumes for fellow society members.

Thank you, Joan, for over 40 years of dedicated service to the Dalhousie Libraries. We wish you all the very best for your next set of adventures in retirement!

Happy Retirement, Gail Fraser!

We extend our best wishes to **Gail Fraser**, the Dal Libraries' Manager of Acquisitions, Metadata and eResources, who will retire after a career of more than forty years on campus.

Gail started working at Dalhousie University as a Library Assistant in August 1980, doing serials check-in at the Kellogg Health Sciences Library. Over the next dozen or so years, she moved to the Cataloguing department and then to Acquisitions, advancing into new roles and responsibilities. In 2001, Gail was offered the opportunity to become Head of Serials & Acquisitions at the Kellogg Library.



Gail has shared her skills and knowledge with library colleagues at Dalhousie and across the region. From 2013–16, she served as Treasurer of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA). She was actively involved with the Novanet Acquisitions/Serials Service Group, serving as Co-Chair from 1996–97 and then as Chair from 2008–09.

We thank Gail for her dedication and contributions to the Dal Libraries and the university over an incredible 42 years! Her colleagues throughout the Libraries wish her health and happiness as she moves into this new phase in life.

Launch of the Ko'jua Okuom

Ko'jua Okuom: Dal's new Indigenous community room offers a space for reflection and celebration

(This story originally appeared in Dal News.)

Samantha Adema, Dal's Indigenous Services Librarian and master of ceremonies for last Tuesday's celebration, recalled how excited she felt when she first heard about the initiative to develop an Indigenous community room in 2020.

"I'm Mi'kmaw, I grew up here in the city, but I'm a member of Sipekne'katik, where my dad is from. I remember when I first came to university how out of place I felt," she said. "When I started here

as a librarian, I saw my own experiences reflected back in the feedback we received from Indigenous students. Students reported that they wanted to see more representation of their culture in the library, more visibility of Indigenous resources, and more culturally relevant programming. With that in mind, I think that this room is an excellent step in breaking down some of those barriers."

"I really want this to be a space for L'nu [Mi'kmaq] students, and the community, to feel represented and at home at Dalhousie," she added.

Dancing place

The room's name, **Ko'jua Okuom**, refers to an Indigenous dance of friendship.

"The Mohawk gave us that dance in friendship and peace, dancing together as partners," explained **Elder Thomas Christmas**, who performed a smudging ceremony and blessed the new name.

"Some people call the Ko'jua the two-step or the friendship dance. It's a dance of getting together and acknowledging somebody and it's an important aspect of our people when they celebrate. It's fun, it gets your heart pumping, it gets people talking, and it's beautiful," he added.



Samantha Adema & Catherine Martin



Elder Thomas Christmas

Catherine Martin, Dal's director of Indigenous community engagement, opened the event by singing a traditional Mi'kmaq welcome song while playing her drum. "The drumbeat represents the heartbeat of Mother Earth, or the heartbeat of our mother," Martin explained. "That's something we've all heard; we know that language very well because our mother taught us. We're always told in Mi'kma'ki to speak from the heart."



Catherine Martin leads Dal President Deep Saini & others into the event

Decolonizing spaces, rebuilding trust

While in the past libraries, museums, and other memory institutions have often exploited and profited from Indigenous culture and knowledge and denied Indigenous people access to their spaces, efforts are now underway to decolonize these spaces and repair broken trust in the name of reconciliation.

"We want the Ko'jua Okuom to be a place for advancing Indigenization, decolonization, and reconciliation at Dalhousie," says **Elaine MacInnis**, Associate Dean of Library Services and Head of the MacRae Library. "To that end, the Ko'jua Okuom has been designed with Indigenous colleagues to celebrate and honour Indigenous culture in an environment where all can learn more about Indigenous customs and traditions through events and collections of Indigenous books, art, and artefacts."

Dal President **Deep Saini** reflected in his remarks at the event on how the strength of relationships with Indigenous communities is fundamental to the university's success.

"Dalhousie has an obligation to redress historical and ongoing systemic inequalities, further reconciliation, and build integrity in all our relationships with Canada's First Nations," he said. "The opening of the Ko'jua Okuom is one way we are demonstrating this commitment."

A special collection

Another highlight of last week’s opening was the introduction of an extraordinary new collection of books and other materials received by Dal Libraries from the Prosper family of Ottawa.

Jim Prosper, a survivor of the Indian Residential School in Shubenacadie, became an ardent researcher of colonialism, aboriginal treaties, rights, and sovereignty in his retirement years, meticulously curating an impressive collection of materials over twenty years. Upon Jim’s move to a senior’s residence and the subsequent downsizing of the family homestead, Jim’s son, Ron, wanted to see his father’s treasured book collection go to a university near his father’s birthplace, choosing to donate the collection to Dalhousie.

Ron Prosper, who attended the event with his wife, Lorna, and his brother, Rob, spoke at the launch as well.

“My father very much wanted to be here today, but his health prevented him from coming. It has been a two-year project for us to get my father’s books to Dal — a monumental task with nearly three quarters of a ton of books making their way here from Ottawa,” explained Prosper. “My father is an extraordinarily generous man, and a kind, amazing father, which belies his early days. He is resilient and he chose education, and turned that into a productive, wonderful life. This book collection is very much a testament to who he is.”



Ron Prosper



Books from the Prosper collection, as well as other books relating to Indigenous culture and history, are available on the shelves in the Ko’jua Okuom. A few of the rare books in the Prosper collection are also featured in secure display cases donated by the Halifax Foundation that currently exhibit part of **Catherine Martin’s** basket collection (on loan). Framed lithographs of the Dummer and Mascarene treaties (also from the Prosper collection) are hung on the walls and plans for a large meeting table to be commissioned by an Indigenous artisan are in the works.

From gathering place to study space

The university is currently seeking a donor to fund an extensive HVAC renovation so that smudging can take place in the room, a key component of having a decolonized, welcoming space.

The Libraries' Indigenous Program Planning Team has beading and dance workshops, lectures, and film screenings planned for this coming academic year. Room booking information will be available soon, which will allow others at Dalhousie and community members to hold events with Indigenous themes in the room. When the room is not being used for events, it is a study space open to everyone.

"We hope that the Ko'jua Okuom introduces new opportunities for Indigenous communities in Mi'kma'ki to engage with Dalhousie in a space that supports and advances Indigenous ways of knowing," says **Donna Bourne-Tyson**, dean of Dalhousie Libraries. "We are grateful to **Elder Thomas Christmas** for naming the room, to **Catherine Martin** for her guidance every step of the way, and to the **Prosper family** for donating such a valuable collection that perfectly supports the aspirations for the space."

In Search of His Roots: Residential school survivor Jim Prosper's extraordinary book collection finds new home at Dal

[\(This story originally appeared in Dal News.\)](#)

When **Jim Prosper** was born in 1925, his mother was eighteen and not married. As was common for a young woman in that situation at the time, she gave up her son for adoption. Jim lived the first five years of his life in a Halifax orphanage, and in 1930 became a resident of the Indian Residential School in Shubenacadie, which was the same year it opened. He lived there until he was 18.

Upon leaving the residential school, Jim, a proud Mi'kmaq, served in the Second World War. When he returned to Mi'kma'ki, Jim attended St. Francis Xavier for two years to study engineering, followed by two more years at the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology (which later became the Technical University of Nova Scotia and then Dalhousie's Faculty of Engineering) to complete his engineering degree. Jim is believed to be the first Indigenous engineering graduate from both institutions.



After a distinguished career that included being a lead engineer on Cold War intelligence projects, Jim retired in 1984. It was during this period of retirement that Jim decided to spend his time researching his genealogy in the hope of learning more about his mother and finding anything he could about his father.

He made many visits back to the East Coast from his home in Ottawa, travelling to First Nations communities in the region and talking with the people who lived there.

Through his visits, Jim eventually learned who his mother's family was, meeting people who knew his mother and who could also tell him about his father — believed to be an American sailor. When he visited these communities and got to know the people, Jim kept hearing the same thing everywhere he went: "This reserve is shrinking, the land is being taken away."

This topic ignited a passion in Jim, and he soon became an ardent researcher of colonialism, aboriginal treaties, rights, and sovereignty. That's when he began curating an impressive book collection — one that has now found a new home at Dalhousie.

"My father was the hardcopy Google before Google," says **Ron Prosper**, one of Jim's three grown children. "For my dad, it was important to have hard copies of everything. He never got into digital, and he never wanted to leave information behind. He had to own the book; it wasn't enough that he could borrow it from a library."

Book dealers on 'speed dial'

Jim amassed his extraordinary book collection over twenty years, dealing with some of the most well-known antiquarian book sellers in Canada. "He had antiquarian book dealers on speed dial," says Ron. The most unique books in Jim's collection are bibles, hymnbooks, and catechisms in Mi'kmaq, some dating to the late 1800s.

Eventually, Jim's book collecting slowed down, and once he reached his nineties, it became challenging for him to continue living alone. His family helped him move to a senior's residence — where, at 97, he still lives — and then came the difficult job of packing up the homestead.

*From the library of
Earl James (Jim) Prosper*



A proud Mi'kmaq, Jim Prosper is a World War II veteran, the first Indigenous graduate of engineering from Saint Francis Xavier (1946–1949) and the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology (1949–1952). Placed into a children's orphanage at birth, Jim was subsequently raised at the Shubenacadie Residential School upon its opening in 1930. A professional engineer, Jim is also an ardent researcher and student of Aboriginal treaties, rights, and sovereignty. This donation is from his collection.

Artwork provided by Chelsea Brooks, Indian Brook Reserve.

Ron knew his father’s book collection was special, having seen how much love and effort he had put into curating it. “I knew that if the collection was ever going to

survive intact, there were very few institutions that would have the capacity to take it on. I felt that a university, being an institution devoted to learning, would be the best place for the collection. I also wanted to take it somewhere close to my father’s birthplace, and that was how I decided upon donating the collection to Dalhousie,” says Ron.



Exceedingly rare and old

Phil Laugher, a Digital Asset Technician in the Dalhousie Libraries with a twenty-two-year background in the antique book trade, assessed Jim’s collection and says it is one of the most thorough he’s ever encountered. “This collection was developed through a meticulous effort. It was a true labour of love in both the quality and quantity of the materials. There are 100-year-old items in pristine condition, and in some cases, only two other libraries in the world have some of these titles,” says Laugher.



The exceedingly rare and old books will be securely housed in Dalhousie Libraries Special Collections, while the more contemporary books will be found on the shelves in the newly launched **Indigenous Community Room**, found on the first floor of the Killam Memorial Library in the **Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Legacy Space**. The room, collaboratively designed with members of the Indigenous

community at Dalhousie, creates a welcoming gathering place for Indigenous students, staff, and faculty to host and attend Indigenous ceremonies and events.

“Things just could not have gone better,” Ron says, of the process of donating more than 700 books from his father’s collection to the Dalhousie Libraries. “There were so many people with the right expertise working on this donation at Dalhousie, and the timing of the donation coinciding with the opening of the Indigenous Community Room in the Killam Library, it’s all part of the wonderment of how this unfolded.”

Jim was not able to travel to the official opening Indigenous Community Room on Tuesday morning where his collection was being introduced to the Dalhousie community, but Ron and some members of his family were honoured guests at the event, with Ron giving remarks about his father.

“There is a unique story behind each of the collections that our donors give to the Dalhousie Libraries,” says **Donna Bourne-Tyson**, dean of Libraries. “The genesis of this particular collection and how it supported **Jim Prosper’s** understanding of his family and his Mi’kmaq heritage makes it a very special and moving story. We are honoured to be entrusted with the preservation and sharing of this collection.”

News from Prince Edward Island

News from Holland College & Charlottetown Library Learning Centre

Emily MacIsaac, Student Engagement and Instruction Librarian, Holland College

At the Library

At Holland College, we are gearing up for the new school year! This means we are double-checking our instructional material is fine-tuned with active learning strategies that were discussed at Library conferences and Professional Development Sessions.

Instruction is not the only thing that gets a facelift - The Travel and Culinary Campus library got repainted this summer! Over the past two weeks, we were tasked with putting the books back on the shelves and cleaning up any dust left behind.

September – October Programming

Emily and Leslie from HC Library have teamed up with the Office of Retention to host the *Student Success Series* for the third time! This series started in September 2021 for five weeks and then it was decided to do another five sessions in January 2022. The HC library staff collected attendance and feedback data from 2021/2022 to compile a list of the best sessions to present this September! Emily and Leslie are super excited to meet all the first-year students and give them helpful advice to successfully navigate their time at Holland College.

Presented by Holland College Libraries & Office of Retention

Student Success Series: Crush your First Semester

- NAVIGATING YOUR CAMPUS EXPERIENCE**
When: Wednesday, September 14th @ 12:10 - 12:50pm & 3:30 - 4:15pm
Where: Lunch session is in CC Library & Afternoon session is in the Virtual Classroom
Join Leslie in person and online to learn about free services, local hangouts, and all the necessities!
- STUDENT ADVICE PANEL**
When: Wednesday, September 21st @ 4:00 - 4:40pm
Where: In the Virtual Classroom, look out for the link
Join Emily, Leslie, and four second-year students to chat about the true HC experience: How to get through the term and have fun!
- ORGANIZATION & AGENDA WORKSHOP**
When: Wednesday, September 28 @ 3:30 - 4:15pm
Where: Library in the Charlottetown Centre
Bring your class syllabus, planner, or agenda app and Leslie will show you how to get and stay organized for the first term of 2022!
- CREATE GOALS & KEEP THEM WORKSHOP**
When: Wednesday, October 5th @ 12:10 - 12:50 pm
Where: Library in the Charlottetown Centre
Emily will provide a helpful approach to finding the right goals for you and create a plan to keep them for the remainder of 2022!
- CRUSH PRESENTATIONS & CREATE AMAZING SLIDES**
When: Wednesday, October 12th @ 12:10 - 12:50 pm
Where: Virtual Classroom, look out for the link
Emily is going to pass on her wisdom to help with presentation nerves and create beautiful slide decks for class!

HOLLAND COLLEGE



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Updates from the Charlottetown Library Learning Center

The Public Library made it to their new location, and it looks FANTASTIC! The space is modern, welcoming, and has delicious food to be enjoyed within the library.

Emily, Leslie, and Rose stopped in for lunch and were blown away by how bright the space is and how busy it was. There were many patrons enjoying every nook and cranny of the new library. The new space makes it apparent that the library is a community space and goes beyond the books on the shelf.



News from Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island

Donald Moses, University Librarian, University of Prince Edward Island

Staffing

Since our last report we learned that a number of former Robertson Library staff had passed away. We fondly remember [Ginny Kopachevsky](#), [Judy Callaghan](#), [Susanne Manovill](#), and [Ed Hanus](#).

We welcomed **MacKenzie Johnson** in December 2021 and he is filling a two-year Metadata Librarian term position.

In January we welcomed **Courtney Matthews** as our new Systems Librarian on a three-term position.

A newly created position, Access Services Coordinator, was filled by **Sarah Fisher** on March 21, 2022.

Andrea Caza was hired as part of the Circulation department on May 30, 2022.

Peter Lux, the Library's long serving Systems Administrator, retired in April and we welcomed **William Matheson**, as his replacement, on July 18, 2022

Merit Award

We congratulate UPEI Librarian **Kim Mears** for being nominated and receiving the UPEI Faculty Association's *Merit Award for Scholarly Achievement* this Spring.



Kim Mears receiving award

Histoire Source Story (YouTube)

The Robertson Library's *BookLives Project* was accepted to be part of the video series *Histoire Source Story*, which is funded by the Government of Canada. What is Histoire Source Story? Here's their definition:

Histoire Source | Source Story is a Canadian Heritage Fund funded video series for Canadian history teachers interested in bringing more diverse sources and stories into their classrooms.

[Our video](#) outlines how inscriptions and marginalia within old books are forgotten and neglected primary sources just waiting to be re-discovered and utilized by historians and genealogists.

OER Grants

The Library coordinates the [OER Development Program](#) and was pleased to be able to support instructional staff wanting to develop or adapt OERs for their courses. In the Spring we were able to support 7 OER proposals across a variety of departments. [Read more about the recipients.](#)

Serials Perpetual Access Tracking project

The *Canadian Research Knowledge Network* (CRKN) started a project in 2020 to track serials with perpetual access that were acquired through the CRKN licenses. In doing so, they created a living record of entitlements. Librarian **Melissa Belvadi** acted as a mentor to some of the students hired to work on this project. You can [read about](#) this valuable project or ask Melissa about her involvement!

LMMI Conference

UPEI hosted the bi-annual LMMI Conference from June 22-26, 2022. This year's theme was [L.M. Montgomery and Re-vision](#). On Thursday, June 23rd, the library launched an art exhibit with artists **Louise Mould**, **Douglas Sobey**, and **Anne Woster**.



Art by Louise Mould



UPEI Archivist Simon Lloyd recognizing donors and donations to the Library's L.M. Montgomery Collection

Islandoracon

UPEI hosted the 2022 [Islandoracon conference](#) on campus from August 2-5, 2022. Present slides are available in the conference's [public folder](#) and session recordings are available on the Islandora Foundation's [Youtube channel](#).

