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## From the President's Desk



**Fall 2022**  
**Cate Carlyle**



Since the last edition of the APLA Bulletin many of our members have been deeply affected by Hurricane Fiona. The storm damaged properties and businesses, displaced families, took lives and left many without power, internet, and food for extended periods of time. All four of our provinces were subjected to Fiona. Our thoughts remain with all those impacted, and we hope you are soon back on your feet. In the calm after the storm, the leaves have changed colour and fallen from the trees and I hope you have had a chance to take in the beauty of Fall in the Atlantic provinces. We are truly blessed to live and work and study in such a stunning area of the country. While the warm months are ending and the hours of sunlight are decreasing, your APLA Executive are not slowing down.

I am excited to announce that planning has begun for the **APLA 2023 Conference** happening June 6-9, 2023. The digital APLA membership conference survey indicated that another virtual conference is preferred by the majority and that cost, accessibility and dwindling travel budgets continue to make virtual learning a priority, if not a necessity, for many members. Stay tuned for more to come from the planning committee on the conference theme, keynotes and call for presenters. Please mark your calendars to attend the conference or present a session!

In the meantime, the **OLA Super Conference** will be happening in Toronto February 1-4, and I urge you to partake in person if that works for you, or take advantage of some of the digital offerings that will also be available. I recently had the privilege of attending the two-part virtual **Summer Retreat** from The Partnership bringing together library association executives from across Canada. During Part I we heard from James Turk about the Library Challenges Database at the Toronto Metropolitan University as well as the need for a new Editor for The Partnership Journal and the need for a new Secretary and Chair for The Partnership in the new year. Many thanks to our own Suzanne van den Hoogen and Su Cleyle for fulfilling the Secretary and Chair duties for many years, and leaving huge shoes to fill! During Part II of the retreat, we heard from Michelle Arbuckle at the Education Institute about some upcoming rebranding as well as exciting news about three virtual single day conferences the EI will be starting in the new year. Topics will focus on PD for new managers and HR, new researchers, and front-line staff. A

reminder that APLA receives revenue from any APLA member attendance or presentation of EI offerings. I look forward to attending the **Partnership's Winter Retreat** in January 2023 and meeting with our other Canadian library association presidents.

On October 7<sup>th</sup> the APLA executive met virtually for our 2022 Fall Executive meeting. It was a very productive meeting that allowed us to put names to new faces and to celebrate the important work being done by all. **Nathalie Richard, Agnieszka Hayes, Jason Lee**, and I talked about the membership drive we have been working on (**prizes to be won** if you renew or become a member between June 2022-2023!), **Krystal Dionne** discussed the very successful 2022 APLA Conference, and **Margaret Vail** presented the budget and an update on APLA's G Suite account. Many thanks to Margaret and **Vincent Grovestine** for their tireless efforts and the many hours of work they have put into working with Tech Soup and Google! The robust reports submitted by the various APLA Interest Groups and Committees are a testament to our members' commitment and hard work on behalf of APLA and advocacy for our profession. While the Games @ the Library program could not run without a convener this Fall, we are hopeful that someone will soon fill this role and we can resume the program in our libraries in 2023 (reach out if this role speaks to you!).

Finally, many thanks to all of our members who have contributed to this issue of the Bulletin and to our association in some way. I hope you can take a few moments to sit and relax with a favourite beverage and read all about your colleagues' endeavours!

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

## the PARTNERSHIP

The Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada

### 6 WAYS THE PARTNERSHIP ENRICHES MEMBER LEARNING AND BENEFITS

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

The associations that make up the Partnership include: 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)

### 02 CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE (CEC)

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

As a CEC program participant you will:

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

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

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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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## 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.

Visit us at [www.partnershipjournal.ca](http://www.partnershipjournal.ca) 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.

## Feature Articles – Truth and Reconciliation

### Truth and Reconciliation Day – Acadia University

Deborah Hemming, Academic Librarian, Vaughan Memorial Library

For Truth and Reconciliation Day, librarian **Nicole Marcoux** launched a Truth and Reconciliation LibGuide. Nicole created this guide to support learning and action around Truth and Reconciliation Day and the materials featured highlight resilience and resistance, and Indigenous histories and futures. The guide can be accessed [here](#).

In addition, staff member **Carol Hadjisterkoti** created a Truth and Reconciliation Day book display in the lobby of the library.





## Truth and Reconciliation – Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Hilary Briar, Annapolis Valley Regional Library

### AVRL Hosts Gathering in Celebration of Mi'kmaq Culture

In mid-September 2022, the Annapolis Valley Regional Library hosted our second annual harvest-time Gathering in celebration of Mi'kmaq culture. Artists and performers from the three Mi'kmaq First Nations communities in AVRL's service area were invited to share their art, knowledge, and stories. These invitations were facilitated by AVRL Indigenous Outreach Liaison **Marlene Joudry**.

Marlene taught guests how to make medicine bags. **Jenna Melanson** of Bear River First Nation danced in jingle skirt regalia. Everyone in attendance joined in the Circle Dance and Snake Dance as Jenna led the way. **Cathy Martin** of Millbrook First Nation sang a welcome song, led the drumming, and told stories of what it means to be Mi'kmaq today. **Della Maguire** of Glooscap First Nation taught a weaving workshop. **Skylar Maguire** of Glooscap First Nation taught Mi'kmaq words. Library staff handed out pins with these words to guests, who greeted each other with *k'we* [hello] and *kelu'sin* [you are beautiful].

The library's Indigenous-voice Moving Through book collection was on display for browsing and borrowing. At lunchtime guests were served soup freshly made using squash, corn, and beans from the library's Three Sisters garden. Old friends greeted each other during the shared meal, and new friendships were forged.

We are already looking forward to our next Gathering!



*Jenna Melanson leading the Circle Dance*



*Cathy Martin leading the drumming*



## Truth and Reconciliation Day – Memorial University of Newfoundland

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries

### Truth and Reconciliation

Reconciliation activities happened on all our campuses. On Thursday, Sept. 29, smudging ceremonies took place on campus, including in the QEII Library.

September 30<sup>th</sup> is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day. Read more about the lasting impacts [here](#).

The full schedule of events is [here](#).

Here is a selection of photos:



## Feature Articles

### Congrès des professionnel.le.s de l'information, November 2-4, 2022, Centre Mont-Royal, Montréal

**Marc Harper, APLA Past-President**

APLA was represented at *Le Congrès des professionnel.le.s de l'information* organized by *La Fédération des milieux documentaires*. **Marc Harper** (APLA Past-President) participated in a round table with various representatives of French speaking library associations in Canada, and abroad.

The panel explored the possibility of streamlining access to French professional development opportunities across associations. Challenges such as membership engagement, conferences in a post-Covid world, and filling volunteer positions were also discussed.

Anyone with questions regarding French professional development conferences, webinars, or resources, can contact [Past-President@apla.ca](mailto:Past-President@apla.ca).

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L'APLA était représentée au *Congrès des professionnel.le.s de l'information* organisé par *La Fédération des milieux documentaires*. **Marc Harper** (Ancien président de l'APLA) a participé à une table ronde avec divers représentant.es d'associations de bibliothèques francophones au Canada et à l'étranger.

La table ronde a exploré la possibilité de rendre plus accessible l'accès aux opportunités de développement professionnel en français parmi les associations. Les défis tels que l'engagement des membres, les conférences dans le monde post-Covid, et le recrutement de bénévoles ont également été discutés.

Toutes personnes ayant des questions concernant les conférences, webinaires ou ressources de développement professionnel en français peuvent contacter [Past-President@apla.ca](mailto:Past-President@apla.ca).



Left to right/gauche à droite:

**Micheline Brûlé** (Fédération des milieux documentaires), **Sophie Fillion** (Association des étudiantes et des étudiants de l'École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information de l'université de Montréal), **Danielle Dufour-Coppolani** (Association des professionnels de l'information et de la documentation), **Marc Harper** (Atlantic Provinces Library Association), **Anne-Frédérique Champoux** (Corporation des bibliothécaires professionnels du Québec), **Nadège Arsa** (Association des bibliothèques de droit de Montréal), **Iris Tam Tsi** (Association des bibliothécaires du Québec Library Association), **Réjean Savard** (Association internationale francophone des bibliothécaires et documentalistes).

## Library Staff and Technicians Interest Group Updates

Alexandra Tome, Convenor

I have a couple of updates from the Library Staff and Technicians Interest Group. The first one being **Alexandra Tome** is now the Convenor for the group. The second update is that the group is still meeting monthly, but we are now adding monthly themes to our meetings. The theme for November is Professional Development: what is it and where can we find it?

All clerks, assistants and technicians are welcome to join us. Our November meeting is November 30, 2022 from 11:30am to 12:30pm. For anyone interested in joining, please email [libtech@apla.ca](mailto:libtech@apla.ca)

If you are not in the listserv for the interest group, please email [libtech@apla.ca](mailto:libtech@apla.ca) and I will try to get that sorted.

**Library Staff and Technicians Interest Group: APLA**

### Professional Development

*What is it and where can we find it?*

**Nov 30, 2022 | MS Teams 11:30am to 12:30pm**

Our November meeting will be an opportunity for library staff and technicians to share where they find professional development opportunities.

We will also define PD and explore who PD is for.

**Email [libtech@apla.ca](mailto:libtech@apla.ca) for more information**

**Monthly Meeting**

The graphic includes a window titled "Monthly Meeting" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It displays four stylized avatars in a 2x2 grid. The top-left avatar has a blue speech bubble with "...?". The bottom-right avatar has a blue speech bubble with "...". The window has a dark blue border and a light blue background.

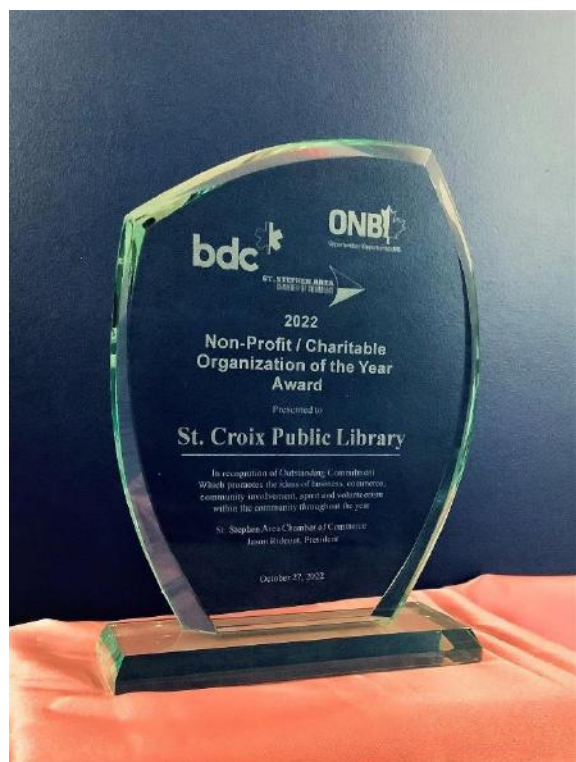


## News from New Brunswick

### News from New Brunswick Public Library Service

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

All New Brunswick public libraries participated in a *Read Local* campaign during the month of October to coincide with Canadian Library Month. The annual campaign encourages patrons to borrow books, CDs and DVDs by New Brunswick authors and creators. This year, the circulation of the New Brunswick collection in October was up 33% over the monthly average for 2022.



The St. Croix Public Library in St. Stephen was awarded the *Chamber of Commerce Business Gala Award for Non-Profit/Charitable Organization of the Year!* The award recognizes, “Outstanding commitment which promotes the ideas of business, commerce, community involvement, spirit and volunteerism within the community throughout the year.” It was presented at the St. Stephen Area Chamber of Commerce’s 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala held on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## APLA VP New Brunswick Report – November 2022

**Chantale Saulnier, VP New Brunswick**

Over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to delve into research on Intellectual Freedom for the Intellectual Freedom Working Group. This has allowed me to see how APLA can be an important messenger of issues in librarianship for its members. I look forward to reaching out to our members to share our research in the coming months.

Libraries in New Brunswick have continued to increase their in-library programming and promote their pass lending campaigns.

### **Membership**

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

### **Intellectual Freedom Working Group**

I have been continuing my work with the Intellectual Freedom Working Group. The Intellectual Freedom Working Group has met and been in contact to discuss the future of the group and potential initiatives. In the near future, we will be focusing on having a pretense on the APLA website and communicating important issues to the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Chantale Saulnier

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## News from Newfoundland and Labrador

### News from Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries

#### University News:

Five Memorial University professors were accorded the designation professor *emeritus/emerita*, an honour reserved for highly distinguished faculty members. Read more [here](#).

Message from the president: [The impact of the fall economic statement on universities](#).

Mi'kmaq History Month: [Reflection, learning and celebration at Grenfell Campus](#)

Memorial University installed [Earl Ludlow as chancellor](#) during fall convocation ceremonies on Oct. 20.

Memorial University is [seeking feedback from the university community](#) on the revised draft Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities (formerly Student Code of Conduct) and the revised draft Respectful Learning Environment Policy (formerly Non-Academic Appeals).

#### Research

This fall, the Libraries joined [HathiTrust](#) Digital Library, a partnership of academic and research institutions, offering access to a collection of 4.4 million digitized titles from libraries around the world.

The Archives and Special Collections Division recently received a rare donation from France. The Carter Diaries are 60 volumes of bound journals (1830s-1909) created by **Charles Carroll Carpenter** (one journal by his wife), as well as a photograph album and scrapbook. These are, reportedly, the longest running consecutive diaries in North America. Carpenter and his wife moved to Labrador as missionaries and inspired Sir Wilfred Grenfell's mission in Labrador.

**Dr. Patrick Gamsby**, Scholarly Communications Librarian, published *Henri Lefebvre, Boredom, and Everyday Life*. Dr. Gamsby is on research leave until mid-2023.

“Reimagining the Research Repository” Strategic Plan Project team had a project kick-off on October 20th, 2022. The project aims to create a more accessible and inclusive repository for Memorial University’s research.

Centre for Newfoundland Studies purchased a NL music collection from a local collector. There are some real gems in there never owned before by CNS: NL’s first rock and roll LP released by **The Keatniks**; NL’s first children’s LP called Professor Fuddle performed by **Paul Bradbury**; and the LP *In Pursuit of the Wild Bologna* by Red Island which includes our very own **Don Walsh**!

## Employee News

QEII Library LITS employee **Gord Little** has been moonlighting as a game designer for a while now. You can see his latest creation at the Johnson Geo Centre in St. John's as part of a new oil and gas exhibit. He was recently profiled in [the Gazette](#).

Special Collections Librarian **Patrick Warner** has created a new exhibit of miniature books in the QEII Library. The exhibit is based on a catalogue he developed during the early days of the Pandemic: [Veritable Bijoux: a tale of scale](#). The exhibit was also recently profiled in [the Gazette](#).

Five cataloguers and two librarians in the QEII Library's Cataloguing & Metadata division have completed 6 weeks of Program for Cooperative Cataloging training to be qualified to create and update name authority records within OCLC. This facilitates Memorial Libraries promotion of Newfoundland and Labrador authors, musicians, and other creators within OCLC, the Library of Congress, and the Virtual International Authority File.

**Stacey Penney** from the QEII Library's Cataloguing & Metadata Division has been appointed as the new CFLA-FCAB Cataloguing and Metadata Standards Committee (CMSC) representative to the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC). Stacey's term is three years: September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2025. She was also selected as a tester for the PCC test of the Official RDA Toolkit, October 2022.

**Courtney Pearce** was a recipient of the 2022 Margaret Williams Trust Fund award.

## Cool Stuff

QEII Library Public Services Head **Dan Duda** knows his pierogies so well he is the go-to subject-matter expert for media outlets. He is quoted in this [news story](#) about the Ukrainian dish. In case you didn't know, October 8th is National Pierogi Day!

Grenfell librarians **Crystal** and **Chelsea** were featured guest hosts on the Hulk Caesar Show on BOIR Radio 100.1 FM on Wed. Oct. 5, discussing all things library. The recorded episode is available on [SoundCloud](#).

Grenfell Library participated in the Grenfell Campus's "No-Stress Fest" on Oct. 26 in partnership with Counselling & Psychological Services and the Corner Brook Mental Health Initiative.

The first Library Yoga class of the year was run in the Grenfell Library by librarian and yoga instructor **Chelsea Humphries** on Sunday, November 6. It was a great opportunity to connect with students and unwind, relieving a little bit of the physical and mental tension that comes with academic work. It was also a great opportunity to share some of our new yoga resources, including loanable yoga mats.



## News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Emily Gushue, Newfoundland & Labrador Collections Librarian and Natasha Wells, Western Division Manager

### NL Reads 2023: Shortlist Announcement

*Submitted by Emily Gushue, Newfoundland & Labrador Collections Librarian, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries*

On November 1st, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) revealed its four nominees for NL Reads 2023.

NL Reads is a provincial celebration of Newfoundland and Labrador books, authors and readers. Each year between November and February, library patrons from across the province read the selected materials and hear from the book's advocates about why their book should be considered Newfoundland and Labrador's must-read book of the year. The author of the winning book, which is revealed at the end of February, wins a cash-prize.

The nominees for NL Reads 2023 include:

*Urchin* by Kate Story (Running the Goat Books and BroadSides)

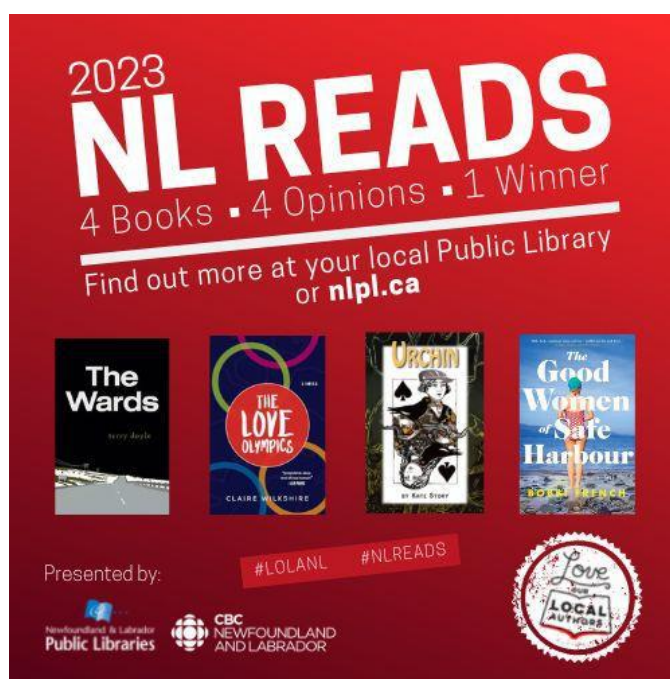
*The Wards* by Terry Doyle (Breakwater Books)

*The Good Women of Safe Harbour* by Bobbi French (Harper Collins Avenue)

*The Love Olympics* by Claire Wilkshire (Breakwater Books)

Patrons can find copies of each of the nominated books in their libraries. The NLPL's Digital Library will also have no-waitlist copies of each book for their featured month. Voting will take place online and in libraries March 1-14, 2023 with the winner announced at an event March 15, 2023.

NLPL's Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube pages will be sharing author interviews and advocate videos during the next four months. You can learn more about each book by visiting the [NL Reads LibGuide](#).



## **NLPL newly appointed regional librarian for Western Division: Sandra Harnum**

*Submitted by Natasha Wells, Western Division Manager, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries*

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries is happy to announce the appointment of their newest Regional Librarian for the Western Division, **Sandra Harnum**. Sandra joins the team of our three other permanent Regional Librarians across the province. Sandra completed her MLIS degree from University of Western Ontario in 2015 and also holds Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees.

Sandra started her career with NLPL in 2021 working as a Casual Call-in before taking a position as a Library Technician I and most recently as a Library Technician III. Prior to NLPL she worked with the NL English School District as a Teacher and Teacher Librarian, in which she also fulfilled the role as the STEAM Club and Maker Lab Facilitator. Sandra also brings expertise from working in an academic library as a Librarian II for the College of the North Atlantic. Her service and commitment to libraries also includes volunteer work as a member of her local public library board. Her experience gained in these previous positions and roles will bring new perspectives and skills to share with the Library Assistants and Technicians of the Western NL Division.



Her role as Regional Librarian will consist primarily of promoting and coordinating library services and programs for public libraries. We look forward to working with Sandra for many years to come!

## News from Nova Scotia

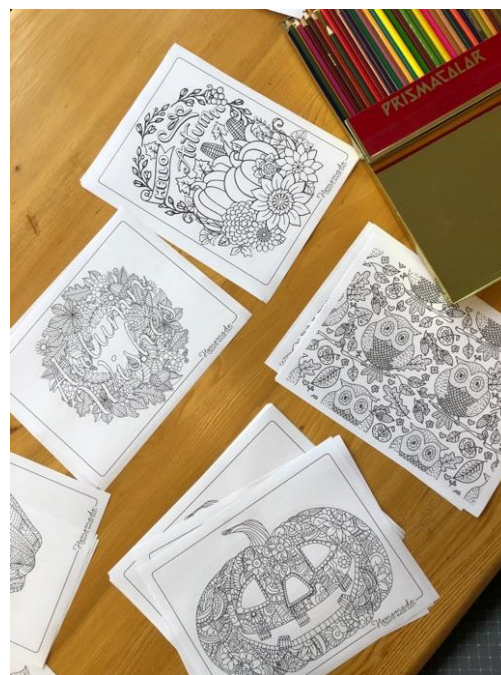
### News from Acadia University's Vaughan Memorial Library

Deborah Hemming, Academic Librarian, Acadia University

#### Orientation events (In-person and Online)

For Welcome Week 2022, the Vaughan Memorial Library hosted a “Cookies & Colouring” in-person event. We welcomed new students into the library for an afternoon of colouring (colouring sheets and coloured pencils provided) and cookies to snack on. The event was very popular, with 40+ students in attendance, and offered a low-key, relaxing alternative to standard university orientation events.

In late-September, we also hosted three offerings of an online webinar titled “Welcome to the library! Making the most of library services, spaces and materials.” Designed with new students in mind (though open to everyone), this webinar covered the basics of using the library and accessing library resources.



#### Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

New to the Vaughan Memorial Library is the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee, with members of the Research Services and Access Services teams. This committee is part of our Research Services department and is working to address EDI issues and topics at the Library. Keep an eye on the VML website for highlights of our EDI initiatives and projects.

#### Lecture on Censorship in Copyright

Librarian **Erin Patterson** gave the inaugural lecture in the new “BAC Talks” lecture series hosted by Acadia’s Faculty of Arts. Titled “The Big Chill: Censorship by Copyright in Libraries and Literary Studies,” the lecture brought to light how copyright overreach can have a chilling effect on literary studies, a field in which frequent and extensive quotation is an integral part of the discourse.

## Fall Study Break Research Refresh

Librarian **Deborah Hemming** created a “Research Refresh” social media campaign for the library’s social media channels for Fall Study Break 2022. This campaign aimed to refresh our followers’ understanding of research resources in anticipation of final exams and assignments. Posts covered the following topics:

- Subject guides
- Citation management (Zotero)
- Peer-reviewed sources
- Top research tips from Acadia librarians

We had positive engagement with this campaign and Deborah plans to host another “Research Refresh” on social media during Winter Reading Week 2023.





## News from Cumberland Public Libraries

Charlotte Gallivan, Community Engagement Librarian

### Meet the New Elephant in Town!



Author **Sheree Fitch**, along with the students at Cyrus Eaton Elementary School, recently opened our new story walk in Pugwash. The images depicted throughout the walk, based on Fitch's poem the *Eloquent Elephant*, were designed by grade two students at Cyrus Eaton. Kickoff celebrations highlighted the newly installed story walk, the children's art, and the powerful message of poetry.

This story walk was a collaborative effort between the library, the Village of Pugwash, and the Wallace, Wentworth, Pugwash and Area Community Health Board.

*Author Sheree Fitch reading her poem the Eloquent Elephant to students of Cyrus Eaton Elementary School.*

### Pugwash Library Update

Our new Pugwash library is taking shape! The necessary groundwork for the project is now complete. Drywall, mechanical, and electrical work is now taking place as focus has shifted to the library's interior. The building's exterior also continues to take shape, with siding being installed on the building while curbing is being put in place. Construction is expected to wrap up in mid-December, with the library scheduled to open in the New Year.



*A digital rendering of the completed Pugwash library*

## TJ Klune Visits Amherst

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, our Amherst branch welcomed **TJ Klune** for an author reading and signing. Klune is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling, Lambda Literary Award-winning author. His books include *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, *Under the Whispering Door*, *The Extraordinaries*, and more.

Klune was a fantastic speaker, touching on the importance of libraries, his experience as a queer man, and how his writing has provided representation for the LGBTQIA2S+ community.



*Author TJ Klune and Chief Librarian Denise Corey  
after Klune's reading*

## News from Prince Edward Island

### News from Holland College & Charlottetown Library Learning Centre

Emily MacIsaac, Student Engagement & Instructional Librarian, Holland College

#### At the Library

We are now more than halfway through the term, students have started studying for exams, and library instruction has slowed. However! September and October sent **Emily MacIsaac**, **Leslie Holt**, and **Patricia Doucette** into many classrooms to deliver library instruction to Holland College students. Emily was welcomed back for the third Research Day with the first-year Wildlife Conservation Technology group!

The Student Success Series went off without a hitch and only missed one session due to Hurricane Fiona. Leslie and Emily decided to table this Series and are ready to begin another project in winter 2023! The Library team was very happy with our instructional statistics from this two-month period as well as meeting so many new students.



Not only did instruction help us meet new students - but the library staff also got to help with first-year student orientation by handing out pizza at lunchtime.

#### Halloween Events on the Campus

Emily and Leslie took on Halloween in full force! They both dressed up for the day, handed out treats, and Leslie offered free ten-minute oracle readings to the students on the Prince of Wales Campus. The readings were a hit! Leslie had about 30 students take part, either alone or in groups.

Holland College Libraries also hosted a Halloween Contest, encouraging students from every campus to send a picture of spooky decorations, costumes, or pumpkin



creations and we received excellent entries! The winner was a culinary student who received a \$25 gift card to the bookstore.

This fall, Holland College campuses have been livelier than in previous years and it was SO NICE to see students, faculty, and staff dressed up for the occasion. The Sport and Leisure department hosted events that began on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, including a Halloween costume contest that Emily helped judge.



## **Staff Appreciation Award**

The last PEI APLA bulletin missed an important detail: **Leslie Holt** received a Staff Appreciation Award! All of us at the Holland College Library are so proud of her and know she is so deserving of this recognition.





## Updates from the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre

The Charlottetown Library Learning Centre has been hosting excellent programs for patrons of all ages, such as fun events for kids during their PD days, and so many more exciting events throughout the fall. Another exciting piece of news for the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre is now offering ice skates for patrons to borrow! There are so many community rinks in Charlottetown that folks will be able to take full advantage of during the winter months.

Of course, the staff at the Learning Centre dressed up for Halloween, and their costumes look excellent!

