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From the President's Desk



Winter 2023
Cate Carlyle



As I am writing this Bulletin entry it has been two days since we had an all-time record breaking cold in the Atlantic provinces with many homes and institutions suffering from power loss, fire, and water damage due to the sudden deep freeze. Our region continues to be hit with extreme weather events, but we continue to show up to help our friends, neighbours and colleagues. My thoughts are with those working to assess and fix the damage to their homes and workplaces. In addition, a number of our members are currently out in the cold on picket lines, and we wish them a swift and fair resolution.

This past week I was very fortunate to be able to attend the first in-person Partnership Retreat since 2020 at the OLA Super Conference in Toronto. I was very grateful for the opportunity to connect with my fellow association Presidents, Directors, and Board members from across Canada. We discussed membership challenges, Board restructures, EDIA initiatives, and conference planning in this unique COVID landscape. Meeting in-person as a group proved to be inspiring and reenergizing as we continue to manage the fallout from the last few years on our associations and institutions.



2023 APLA Virtual Conference



Community, Connecting, Caring/Communauté, Connectivité, Compassion

The conference committee, under the direction of our fabulous Chair, **Colin MacKay**, is hard at work planning our virtual conference for **June 6-9, 2023**. Our opening and closing keynotes are excited to “meet” you all, and the call for session proposals is currently open! Please submit your proposal via the conference [website](#); there are opportunities for full, mini and panel sessions. We hope you will join us in June for the conference and the annual OGM.

I am proud to be a member of our 2023 Conference Planning Team and offer many thanks to our volunteers: **Colin MacKay, Margaret Vail, Emily MacIsaac, Grace Bourret, Evelyn Trainer, Krystal Dionne, David Ross, Chantale Saulnier, and Phil Taber**.

APLA Awards 2023

The APLA Merit Award, APLA Memorial Award, and the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship are open for applications. Please consider applying and share these opportunities with your colleagues and students. The deadline for the awards is **March 31, 2023** and details are available on the APLA website.

APLA Membership

Our APLA Membership drive continues until the 2023 Conference with prizes for those who sign up or renew their membership by June 2023. An APLA membership is not only a resume builder, it also provides discounts on merchandise at the Library Marketplace, discounted registration at the APLA Conference and conferences across Canada and internationally, regular PD materials and opportunities, and a chance to advocate for the profession and make your voice heard on matters that are important to you!

Committees and Interest Groups

Our Information Literacy and Continuing Education interest groups have been hard at work providing informative emails with information and links to materials on topics of interest including ChatGPT, libraries and social media, information literacy skills, and digital citizenship. Many thanks to the Information Literacy interest group for their virtual drop-in learning space sessions! We have a few vacancies to fill from members moving out of the region or changing careers, so please contact the Executive if you would like to be involved in the **Advocacy Committee** (Chair and members needed) or the **Games @ the Library Committee** (Program Coordinator). We would love to hear from you!

Thank you for your membership and continuing support of our association. I will “see” you at the conference!

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)

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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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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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Announcement

APLA Conference 2023 – Community, Connecting, Caring/ Communauté, Connectivité, Compassion

Colin MacKay, Chair of the APLA 2023 Conference Committee

Dear friends and colleagues,

The APLA 2023 Conference Committee would like to invite you to our 2023 APLA Annual Conference, held virtually this year on **June 6th to June 9th**.

We are excited to be hosting our conference virtually from New Brunswick this year, and our volunteer committee is eager to make this year's conference a wonderful moment to connect with friends, colleagues, and fellow library-lovers from across Atlantic Canada and beyond!

Call for Proposals and Registration:

Our call for proposals went out in January and committee members are hard at work reviewing all the submitted proposals. We have received a wonderful variety of proposals this year and are already excited to see how this year's conference will take shape! Our call for proposals has been extended, and so if you have an idea for a presentation, please let us know by **February 24, 2023**. You can check our website for more information and email us at conference@apla.ca with any submissions.

We will also be opening registration soon, and we are planning to have some early bird prizes this year so be sure to keep an eye on the APLA socials and register early in order to be eligible!

Conference "swag":

Conference swag is such an important part of the conference experience, and so our committee has been working on some free and paid options for all our attendees. We have some fun free swag options in the works, such as printable doorhangers, which you can use to let your fellows know that "sssh, I'm conferencing!" Any free swag will be available on our website to download and print from any home printer.

For paid options, we are excited to be working with OLA's [The Library Marketplace](#) to offer some virtual swag experience this year. Every registrant will receive a discount code for The Library Marketplace that can be used to take 15% off their purchase of any library-related swag and goodies. If shipping is a concern, see if anyone else in your area is attending and see if they are interested in combining orders!

Updates:

For the latest updates, please check out our website and follow us on our various social medias:

- Facebook: [APLAContact](#)
- Instagram: [@aplagram](#)
- Twitter: [@APLAcontact](#)
- Website: conference.apla.ca

We look forward to connecting with you all in June!

Best wishes,

Colin MacKay

Chair of the APLA 2023 Conference Committee

News from New Brunswick

News from Mount Allison University

Laura Landon, Teaching & Research Librarian



Staffing:

Mount Allison welcomed **Janice Stockall** into a two-year term as Head of Access Services in September 2022. Janice joined us in late September after working for eight years in the Access Services department at University of New Brunswick's Law Library. This is a homecoming of sorts for Janice, who worked as an Access Services Assistant in Mount Allison's R.P. Bell Library for 10 years before moving to Fredericton.

The Mount Allison University Archives has been fortunate to receive funding that currently supports three archival internships. **Susanna Cupido** is the Bell intern, **Zoe Hunter** the Crake ArtsWork intern, and **Bryenton Innes** the Young Canada Work Early Professional intern. These internships have focused on records processing, digitization, and conservation work. We have also been conducting background research into some of our Indigenous holdings in support of the Calls to Action set forth by the TRC.

Caroline Kaszar joined the Library in November 2022 as Administrative Assistant. Caroline graduated with a BA in Archaeology and Heritage Studies from Wilfrid Laurier University and has a Master of Museum Studies from the University of Toronto. She spent two years working with museums across Canada in public-facing and behind-the-scenes roles. Since 2020, she worked in the administration department at an accounting firm running daily office administration tasks as well as heading large-scale digitization and organization projects.

We welcomed librarian **Dr. Stephen Geier** back to the Libraries in January 2023 in a half-time position as a Public Services Librarian. Steve is the liaison librarian for Biology, Chem-Biochem, Health Studies and Psychology. He worked for nine years in Mount Allison's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry as a Research Associate before getting his MLIS from the University of Alberta in 2020. Steve has worked in the Mount Allison Library previously as a Data & Digital Services Librarian.

News & Events:

In January 2023, Mount Allison received \$36 million in federal and provincial funding to renovate the R.P. Bell Library. The renovated space will house the Library and its collections along with community spaces, an Indigenous knowledge space, audio-visual labs, and digital teaching and learning resources. Estimated costs for the total project are \$65 million. Read more on [Mount Allison's news pages](#).

Refuge Canada Exhibit: Mount Allison is hosting a large, interactive exhibit in January & February from the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. Refuge Canada is an immersive exhibition that

provides the context for Canada's place in the global refugee crisis and shares stories of success and contributions made by people who came to Canada as refugees. It is set up on the main floor of the R.P. Bell Library.

Writers' Series: On Dec. 7, 2022, the Library hosted *Disharmonies: An Evening of Poetry and Discussion*, featuring Sackville poets **Marilyn Lerch** and **Dr. Geordie Miller** reading from their collaborative poem, *Disharmonies*. The event, part of the Faculty of Arts Speakers Series, was followed by a discussion with **Keagan Hawthorne** of the Hardscrabble Press, which printed the book. Keagan, a poet and printer who works in the library, set up a small letterpress on the main floor to show people how to print their own holiday cards.

Author Reading: On March 2, the Library will host a reading and discussion with **Uchechukwu Peter Umezurike**, author of *Double Wahala, Double Trouble* as part of the Faculty of Arts Speakers Series. Umezurike is a Canadian-Nigerian writer of fiction, poetry, essays, and literary journalism. He lives in Calgary.

Elizabeth Stregger, Data and Digital Services Librarian, worked with Mount Allison's Research Data Management Steering Group to plan a series of research data management sessions for faculty, staff, and students in Winter 2023. The four sessions included introductions to research data management concepts, data management plans, data deposit, and LimeSurvey for researchers creating surveys. These sessions are a key component in our preparation for the launch of an institutional strategy for Research Data Management.

The Libraries & Archives embraced **Love Data Week** February 13 – 17 with displays and a webinar led by Data & Digital Services Librarian **Elizabeth Stregger**. The webinar, *Telling Data Stories: Infographics and Data Visualization*, was open internationally through the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research's International Love Data Week website.

APLA VP New Brunswick Report - February 2023

Chantale Saulnier, VP New Brunswick

Membership

I continue to promote APLA to librarians in New Brunswick by word of mouth and through our all-staff notices.



2023 Virtual Conference

I continue to aid the planning committee with preparing for the 2023 APLA Virtual Conference.

Intellectual Freedom Interest Group

The Intellectual Freedom Interest Group has been working on increasing its visibility on the APLA website. Information about the group is now available on the APLA website under “Interest Groups”.

Additionally, we have begun preparing a list of educational resources and drafted a schedule for bi-monthly emails aimed at keeping members aware of current issues related to Intellectual Freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

Chantale Saulnier

February 10th, 2023

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries

University News:

The negotiating teams for Memorial University and the Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association (MUNFA) [reached a tentative agreement](#) on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, after a two-week long strike.

A number of members of the Memorial University community were appointed to the [Order of Canada](#) in 2022.

Memorial continues to be a [national research leader](#), according to new numbers released Jan. 18.

Memorial University's [report to the community](#).

Memorial University [President's awards](#) were presented on Nov. 30, 2022.

Research:

The Memorial University Libraries Research Fair was held on Dec. 9th. From **Michaela Doucette's** presentation that examined reconciliation and decolonization through archival processes to **Alison Ambi's** futuristic look at AI and the Academy, the agenda displayed librarian and archivist research and expertise in both existing and emerging areas of importance.

Congratulations to **Courtney Pearce** who is the recipient of the 2022 Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award. Ms. Pearce is currently completing her Master of Information (MI) at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. *"While I am interested in many areas of librarianship, I plan to explore academic librarianship. My interest in academic libraries stemmed from my experience working in the Queen Elizabeth II library at Memorial University during my 4th year of my undergraduate studies. During this time, I saw how important the library was to students and to members of the public who would visit. My experience working at the QEII library showed me that not only is there a need for libraries but also a need for knowledgeable librarians who can assist the information seekers who frequent them. I want to be the person who can navigate their way through the library's information resources not only for myself but also for people who need help with doing so."* – Courtney Pearce

Map Librarian **Dan Duda** was recently featured on CBC Radio's the Broadcast talking about some of the unique maps in our collections. You can listen to the interview [here](#). On another somewhat related note, **Dan Duda** and library assistant **David Mercer** were also featured on the CBC Television show Here and Now as part of the "MUN Geographers are all over the map for MUN Research Week 2022" event

that took place on Nov. 21st. The event involved placing a giant floor map on the 3rd floor of the QEII Library to highlight Memorial University geography research.

Employee News:

Graduate Studies Librarian **Natalia Barykina** left Memorial University Libraries to take a new permanent position as the Reference Specialist at the Petro Jacyk Central and East European Resource Centre, User Services Department, at the University of Toronto Libraries. She is providing reference and research services to University of Toronto faculty, staff, and students, as well as members of the external communities, who engage in the study of East-Central European and Slavic Studies.

The QEII Library welcomed back Collections Librarian **Amanda Tiller- Hackett** who returned from maternity leave in early January.

Public Services Librarian **Erin Alcock** began her sabbatical in January.

Christa Newhook has moved from the MRC to CNS on a contract until September 2, 2023.

Health Sciences Library staff member **Amy Clark** started a new position as an Academic Program Assistant with the Registrar's office at Memorial in January.

Congratulations go out to the following Memorial University Libraries' service award recipients:

- 10 Years – **Krista Howell**
- 20 Years – **Alice Canning, Karen Darby, Dion Fowlow**
- 25 years – **Martin Nolan**
- 30 Years – **Christine Doody, Sonia Power, Linda White, Louise McGillis**
- 35 Years – **Louise White, Aspi Balsara, Victor Hancock**

Mike Fitzpatrick with the Serials and Acquisitions Division, QEII Library, retired from Memorial University on Feb. 10, 2023. Mike joined the QEII Library in 2016.

Eden Kinzel has taken a new position at the Gerstein Science Information Centre at the University of Toronto. She joined Memorial University Libraries during the pandemic and finishes up at the end of February.

The QEII Library's Cataloguing and Metadata Division welcomes new staff members **Kate McClintock** and **Emma Luke**. Kate is happy to be joining the Memorial Libraries after previously working at the UPEI Robertson Library and completing her MLIS at Dalhousie University.

Cool Stuff:

QEII Library's **David Mercer** was part a CLB presentation with Premier **Andrew Fury**. On Nov. 17, at a dinner commemorating 130 years of the CLB, David presented special guest Premier Fury with a set of commemorative badges.

Currently on display at the First Space Gallery, QEII Library – “Woman, Life, Freedom.” The exhibit showcases artwork related to Iran Revolution Movement from Iranian artists based in Newfoundland and Labrador. This exhibit is from January 18-April 2023.

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Cindy Hall & Sandra Harnum

Little Free Pantries Partnership in Mount Pearl

Submitted by Cindy Hall, Library Assistant, Mount Pearl Public Library, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

A wonderful partnership began this year between me, the City of Mount Pearl, and NL Public Libraries. For the last twelve months, we have worked together to provide non-perishable food and hygiene items to those in need via little free pantries.

In early January, I saw a local Twitter post of a freezer bag that had been left on a park bench for someone to find, filled with various food and person hygiene items.

Instead of clicking a button and just sharing the post I decided to take it a step further and make my own bag of supplies to leave for someone. I had collected enough items to make four bags. In each one was a set of hat and mitts, ready-to-eat food items like granola bars, and a toothbrush and toothpaste. When I shared a photo online of my own kit, many people came forward wanting to donate items and money for me to make more. The four 'care kits,' as I called them, turned into hundreds. Storage and distribution scaled up tenfold almost overnight. Thus began

the partnership with the City and NL Public Libraries. The city approached me with the idea to build and place seven permanent pantries to hold the kits. The Mount Pearl Public Library also offered space to house the incoming food and other donations.



Since the pantries have been built, I've formed a committee of volunteers who help shop, promote, and fill the pantries with me. During special times of the year we will hold fundraisers to make appropriate seasonal kits. This September we raised funds to make Back to School kits that had everything a child would need to start the school year. Once word got out about the school kits, a local business, Dick's Office Supplies, sent enough items to fill several kits. In October we made Thanksgiving meal kits. Fresh vegetables, ham, tins of gravy, boxes of stuffing and after dinner treats were packaged and left in the pantries. A similar fundraiser is happening now for our complete Christmas dinner meal kits. The NL Public Libraries once again provided space for our First Annual Santa Storytime. Non-perishables were the price of admittance and the response was excellent. As a result, we raised enough money and food to see us into the next year!

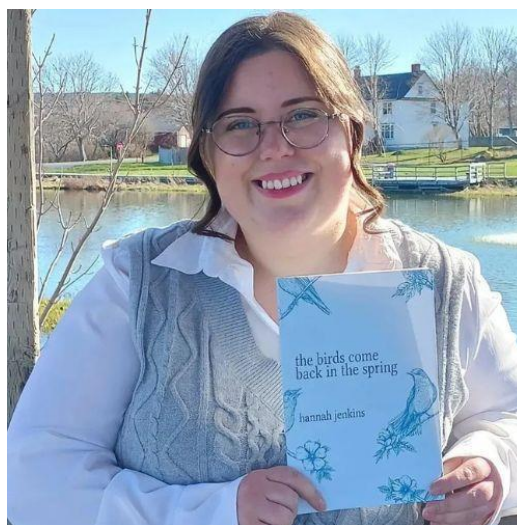


Corner Brook Public Library's Writer-in-Residence: Hannah Jenkins

Submitted by Sandra Harnum, Regional Librarian, Western Division, Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries

This past Fall/Winter, the Corner Brook Public Library proudly introduced **Hannah Jenkins** as their Writer-in-Residence Intern. Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) offers Writer in Residence Internship opportunities to qualified students enrolled in Memorial University Grenfell's Master of Applied Literary Arts program. Hannah is a graduate student at Grenfell Campus working towards her Masters in Applied Literary Arts.

Hannah did poetry readings for numerous Newfoundland and Labrador Public Library branches throughout the province, including Carbonear Public Library and Gander Public Library, while she completed a cross-province book



signing tour. Hannah published her first book of poetry, *The Birds Come Back in the Spring*, in April 2022, with Engen Books.

Hannah's first book of poetry offers the best kind of storytelling: direct, playful, deft and wise. Hannah writes poetry that you'll want to quote and read aloud to the people you love. Her voice is fresh and the stories she tells will resonate across the generations. In many ways this collection is about the growing up we've all had to do and are still doing, and will be doing for the rest of our lives. You'll read this collection again and again. I already can't wait for her next book. -- Michelle Porter, Approaching Fire.

NLPL's Writer-in-Residence Interns balance the creation and delivery of writing programs (in partnership with the library) with work on their own writing project(s). Some of the things Hannah is working on include (but are not limited to): developing and delivering writing programs and/or workshops for the public, collaborating with library staff to plan public readings and/or other engaging events showcasing her work and/or the work of other local writers, connecting with emerging local writers to provide feedback and support through peer-learning activities, as well as completing work on her own writing project(s).

At the Corner Brook Public Library, Hannah is stationed at the Writer-in-Residence desk, near the first-floor circulation desk, during set hours throughout the week so that patrons are aware of what she is working on and able to ask her any questions about her current and/or future work. The Corner Brook Public Library staff are delighted to be working with Hannah during her residency with the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries.

Brittany Noseworthy, Corner Brook Public Library's Branch Supervisor, speaks of the experience working with Hannah:

Hannah has been a joy to have here at the Corner Brook Public Library. She brings with her a passion for her craft and an enthusiasm to work with us. Aside from her regularly scheduled 'Drop-In Hours', Hannah has also helped to organize multiple events with the library, with even more on the horizon. During her first semester with us, she put together a small Literary Festival centered around the works of Margaret Atwood and has given talks to our own Creative Writing Group. We are so happy and fortunate to be able to work alongside Hannah.

This is the first time that a Writer-in-Residence has been in a Newfoundland and Labrador Public Library branch, and we certainly hope that it is not the last. Hannah has been doing a tremendous job sharing her expertise with our library staff and patrons. Thank you, Hannah, for your dedication to your craft and for sharing your talent with our patrons in Newfoundland & Labrador! You can read more about Hannah and follow her writing journey on [Facebook](#) or Instagram @creativelyhannahjenkins.

News from Nova Scotia

News from Acadia University - Vaughan Memorial Library

Britanie Wentzell, Academic Librarian, Outreach and Promotions Coordinator

University News

Dr. Claudine Bonner was hired as Acadia University's first Vice-Provost of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI). Additionally, Acadia University has also created an Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism (EDIAR) Council. The Council is Chaired by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Vice-Provost EDI serves as Vice-Chair.

Sabbaticals

Starting July 1st, 2023, **Erin Patterson** (Head of Research Services) will be investigating the copyright permission-seeking experiences of Canadian literary scholars and the copyright clearance policies and practices of Canadian publishers. Beginning January 1, 2024, **Wendy Robicheau** (Archivist) will be analyzing and producing a more accurate image of the campus, the student body, and Acadia's war effort in the 1910s, after many years of data collection and having accumulated a large and stable data sample to analyze.

Equity

The Library's equity themed libguides were added to the Acadia University Faculty Union's Equity Training page. The libguides include:

- [Black History Month](#): Created by **Nicole Marcoux**
- [Indigenous Resources](#): Created by **Maggie Neilson**
- [International Day for Violence against Women](#): Created by **Nicole Marcoux**
- [Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#): Created by **Nicole Marcoux**
- [Trans Day of Remembrance](#): Created by **Nicole Marcoux**
- [Truth and Reconciliation Day](#): Created by **Nicole Marcoux**

Staff

Pat Townsend (Archivist) was nominated for the distinction of Archivist Emerita.

Ann Smith (Academic Librarian) and **Mike Beazley** (Academic Librarian) have submitted the survey "Scholarly Communications View and Practices at Acadia University" to the Acadia Research Ethics Board to survey the Campus on Open Access.

In support of the recent implementation of Alma, **Jennifer Richard** (Academic Librarian) is chairing a resource sharing subgroup and working on a licensing group, both through Novanet.

The CAAL copyright committee has invited **Erin Patterson** (Head of Research Services) to present “The Big Chill: Censorship by Copyright in Libraries and Literary Studies” during fair dealing week.

Josh d’Entremont (Library Technology Specialist) is teaching How Websites Work (COMP2863).

Colin MacKay (Access Services Assistant) is chair of the 2023 virtual Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) conference.

Britanie Wentzell (Academic Librarian) is the newest member of Acadia’s Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism (EDIAR) Council.

The video, “Founders Day at Acadia University, a Short History,” drawing on Acadia’s archives and special collections and produced by **Wendy Robicheau** (Archivist) with volunteers including alumni and members of the Baptist Historical Society, can be accessed [here](#).

December Exam De-stress Events

Therapy Dogs, Bunnies and Guinea Pigs from the Dragonfly Haven Therapeutic Farm

Mario Kart on the Wii (borrowed from the AVRL)

Yoga, Giant Jenga, and a Colouring Table



News from Cumberland Public Libraries

Charlotte Gallivan, Community Engagement Librarian

Pugwash Is Now Open

Years of planning have finally come to fruition... our new Pugwash Library is officially open! The purpose-built library opened on February 6th and patrons are loving the new space.

Work on the 3,900-square foot building began in 2022, when the Municipality of Cumberland announced plans to build the library that will replace the existing facility located in the former Pugwash train station.



A photo of the new purpose-built Pugwash Library.

With the new space, massive improvements have been made to accessibility and a beautiful programming room has been added to the Village - ensuring the library will be a community hub for Pugwash residents.

A grand opening celebration of this space will occur in this summer to coincide with the Village's Harbourfest.

Free Internet Access on the Go!

We have recently partnered with @NS Community Technology to offer four-week loans of five mobile hotspots with unlimited data. This is a one-year pilot project, with hotspots being available in all Same Page library regions.

Internet hotspots are available to patrons 18+, and require cellular coverage within your area to operate. Reliable internet can be difficult to acquire in our region's more rural areas, and we hope that patrons can take advantage of these hotspots to improve their access.

THERE'S SOMETHING NEW TO BORROW FROM YOUR LIBRARY...



FREE INTERNET ACCESS ON THE GO!

Borrow a mobile hotspot and get connected.
All you need is a library card.

@NS@NÉ Same Page Cumberland Public Libraries

Poster Promoting Mobile Hotspots to Patrons

Staff Updates

CPL has hired a new Library Clerk. **Marsha** joined our team in February, and will work at our new Pugwash Library part-time. Her responsibilities will include working the circulation desk, checking out materials, shelving, and helping patrons gather information.

News from Prince Edward Island

News from Holland College & Charlottetown Library Learning Centre

Emily MacIsaac, VP Prince Edward Island, Student Engagement & Instructional Librarian, Holland College

At the Library

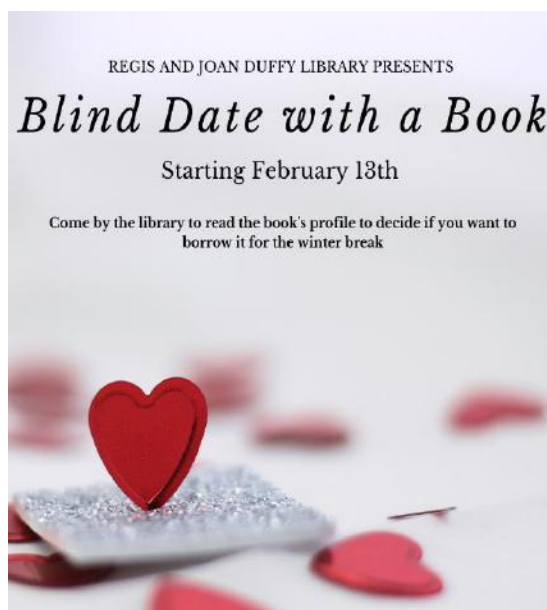
Holland College Students are finishing up their assignments and writing exams before the Winter Break and Canada Games. **Emily MacIsaac** has been heading to classrooms to discuss Resumes and Cover Letters for the second-year students slated to graduate, as well as APA refresher sessions to help with those final assignments! In February, The Regis and Joan Duffy Library is hosting a Resume Q& A with our in-house expert **Haley Doherty**, Chat with a Dietitian, and Blind Date with a Book! On campus, the Student Union is hosting Sex and Love week from February 13 – 17th with events such as Drag Queen Bingo, Sex Trivia, and Information Sessions! The PWC Library team is excited to host events for students before they are gone for two weeks.



Resume Writing with Haley Doherty Career & Employment Advisor!

Come ask questions about job hunting, creating an awesome resume, writing cover letters, and get helpful advice!

**February 8th: 12:10 - 12:50pm in the large room
inside the PWC Library**



APLA Conference News

Emily is the VP of PEI and is taking an active role in the 2023 APLA Conference as the Chair of Presentations. The committee is on the ball! We are excited to announce that the theme is: Community, Connecting, Caring as well as our two Keynote Speakers **Julia Wright** and **Thandiwe McCarthy**. The Call

for Proposals went out on January 24th with the deadline of February 10th – Emily will soon be up to her eyeballs in proposals!



Updates from the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre

The Charlottetown Library Learning Centre has been making the most of its Makers Space! In January, folks from the Amateur Radio Club hosted a Soldering Workshop. The Learning Centre also celebrated Family Literacy Day with lots of fun activities plus a free book giveaway.

With the fresh snow coming down and the new permanent rink at Founders Hall in Charlottetown, it's a great reminder to all Islanders that they can borrow skates from their local libraries and head to a community rink!



News from Robertson Library, UPEI

Donald Moses, University Librarian, University of Prince Edward Island

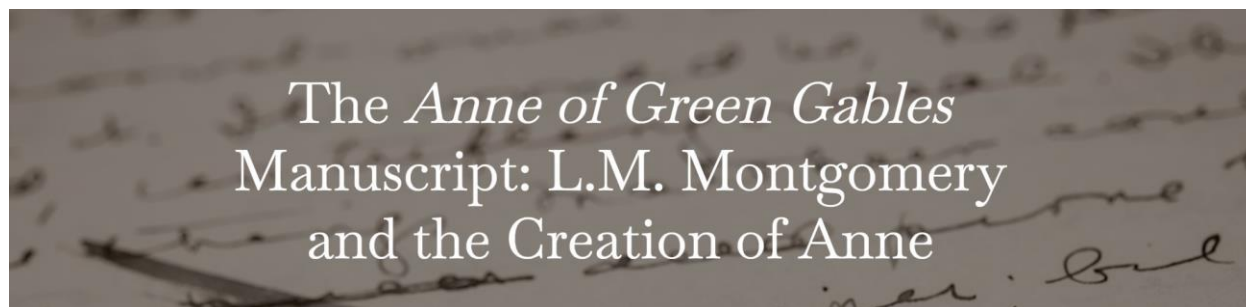
The UPEI campus is preparing to welcome the 2023 Canada Winter Games February 17 - March 6, 2023. Athletes will be staying on campus and many buildings on campus will be used in support of the Canada Games.



On the staffing front, **Katelyn Browne** began her new role as Instructional Services Librarian in December; **Jaime Monsalve** began his role as our new Systems Administrator in November; and **Megan Sentner** is our new part-time Service Desk staff member.

We've been working on drafting a new strategic plan for the Library and hope to have that published soon.

In partnership with the Confederation Centre Art Gallery and Museum and the L.M. Montgomery Institute, we launched a new [digital exhibition](#) that explores L.M. Montgomery's original manuscript for *Anne of Green Gables*.



The Robertson Library also partnered with the L.M. Montgomery Institute to launch [a new initiative](#), "*The L.M. Montgomery Bookshelf: Highlighting a Favourite Writer's Favourite Reading*," on November 30, the birthday of Prince Edward Island's most famous author, L.M. Montgomery.

During the fall semester we co-hosted (with the UPEI International Students Office) a “Postcards Home” event. We provided postcards for students to send messages home and covered the mailing costs. It was meant to help students who may have been feeling homesick, and to provide them with a connection to the library and its services and resources



In January we restarted our leisure reading partnership - Pop-Up Pub - with the PEI Public Library Service. The PEIPLS ships Robertson Library a selection of books from their collection (75 items) and we make them accessible to UPEI users. The items are rotated on a regular basis.