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## From the President's Desk



### Summer 2023 Krystal Dionne

Transitioning into the role of President after the Conference has been interesting... and exciting! I have been involved with APLA for 3 years now and have been amazed by the leadership, the comradery, and the commitment of members past and present. It can feel a bit intimidating to step into this role, but it also feels like an incredible privilege, and I can feel the support from every member of the current Executive and beyond and for that I am so grateful. This association benefits us all and it would not be possible without the dedicated volunteers who continue to organize events, share learning resources, discuss current affairs, and support each other. These individuals and all of our members guarantee the continued success and impact of APLA. Thank you!!

I'd like to extend a special shout-out to our fearless Conference Chair, **Colin Mackay**, and the amazing team who put so much effort into organizing our most well attended conference yet, bravo! The conference theme "**Community, Connecting, Caring**" was fully realized with a wide array of pertinent and interesting presentations. **Julie Wright**, host of CBC Morning in Saint John, NB started us off with her touching memories of the impact libraries have had on her throughout her life and **Thandiwe McCarthy**, Co-founder of the New Brunswick Black Artists Alliance, organizer for the NB Emancipation celebration Event, Advocate, and writer wowed me with his passion for social justice. It was an incredible and seamless virtual event, and I know that myself and many others went away with valuable information and inspiration to carry into our work and lives.

We are still looking for a team to begin the process of planning our next Conference, slated to happen in NFLD in June of 2024. If you have any interest in being a part of or leading this team, please reach out.

Our current Executive and Committee team is pretty special and I'm really looking forward to working and continuing to work with you all. Thank you for your time and energy in keeping this long running association in tip top shape! Please reach out to any of them with questions or if you would like to be involved in a committee:

- **Cate Carlyle**, Past President
- **Margaret Vail**, Treasurer
- **Colin Mackay**, Treasurer-Elect
- **Evelyn Trainer**, Secretary
- **Jason Lee**, VP Membership
- **Vincent Grovestine**, Technology Coordinator
- **Agnieszka Hayes**, VP Nova Scotia
- **Marc Harper**, VP New Brunswick
- **Susan Prior**, VP Newfoundland and Labrador
- **Emily MacIsaac**, VP Prince Edward Island
- **Nathalie Richard**, Communications Coordinator
- **Kathryn Rose**, APLA Bulletin Co-Editor
- **Kate McClintock**, APLA Bulletin Co-Editor
- **Nicole Marcoux**, Advocacy Chair
- **Evelyn Trainer**, Memorial Award Chair
- **Martin Chandler**, Continuing Education Interest Group Convener
- **Agnieszka Hayes**, Information Literacy Interest Group Convener
- **Alexandra Tome**, Library Staff and Technicians Interest Group Convener
- **Katelyn Brown**, APLA Intellectual Freedom Interest Group
- **Catherine Gracey**, Games @ the Library Committee Convener

Currently the VP President-Elect position is vacant. We would love to hear from you if you have any interest in being a part of this wonderful association and will happily share details about what the position entails.

Stay tuned to hear about Games @ the Library, coming up in October. The Convener position has been unfilled for the past 2 years so we are thrilled to have **Catherine Gracey** on deck to bring it back for 2023, thank you!

I hope you are all having an excellent summer so far. I know that I've been enjoying some beautiful weather while exploring Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island with hopes of a trip over to New Brunswick to see family in the near future. Enjoy the rest of the Bulletin, a lot of folks contribute to its continued success, and it couldn't be pulled together without the skilled hands of our co-editors **Kathryn Rose & Kate McClintock**, so thank you all.

Warm Regards,

**Krystal Dionne**

APLA President 2023-2024

## Membership has its rewards!

### the PARTNERSHIP

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#### 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)



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.

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

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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.

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

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## Announcements

### Call for Merit Award Applications

Cate Carlyle, APLA Past-President

#### About

Presented at the Banquet during the Annual Conference, the **APLA Merit Award** honours an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library services in the Atlantic Provinces.

Some of the contributions that might be considered in selecting a person for this award are: leadership in library associations at the local, regional and provincial levels; contributions to the development, application and utilization of library services and library systems; significant contribution to library literature.

#### Deadline

**March 31st** of each year. Applications are now open.

#### Submission Process

Nominations, including documentation of the nominee's achievements and letters of support, should be submitted by March 31 of each year to APLA's Past President, [past-president@apla.ca](mailto:past-president@apla.ca).



### Library Staff and Technicians Interest Group: Upcoming Events

Alexandra Tome, Convenor

The Library Staff and Technicians Interest Group is going to be doing some exciting things this fall! We will be discussing a new book called *Libraries as Dysfunctional Organizations and Workplaces* in late September. At our October social we will be discussing the updates to the standards of library technician education from the Canadian Federation of Library Associations.

Dates and times are yet to be determined so if either of these sound interesting to you, make sure to join our interest group and help us decide a time that works for you. You can email us at [libtech@apla.ca](mailto:libtech@apla.ca) and I will add you to the listserv.

The Library Staff and Technician Interest Group is a great way to meet colleagues across the province. Not only do we discuss trends in the library world, we share stories and have fun. If you have any questions or feedback, please do reach out!

Your Convenor,  
**Alexandra Tome**

## News from New Brunswick

### News from Mount Allison Libraries & Archives

Laura Landon, Teaching & Research Librarian, Mount Allison Libraries

#### Staffing



**Fiacre Ó Duinn** joined the library in July as a half-time Technical Services Librarian, filling in for librarian **Anne LePage**, who is on sabbatical. Fiacre has worked as a librarian since 2006 in a variety of roles, including as Metadata Librarian at Hamilton Public Library for nearly eight years, and Metadata & Systems Librarian at Capilano University for four years. In addition to his MLIS from Western, Fiacre holds an MA in Religion & Culture from Wilfrid Laurier University.

**Kevin Burke** joined the Libraries in August 2023 as a Creative Arts Librarian. Kevin is a recent graduate of the University of British Columbia's iSchool. He has a background in music with a BMus and MMus from the University of Ottawa, where he studied French horn and voice. Having worked for The Leading Note, an independent print music retail store in Ottawa, for several years, Kevin is excited to be starting his career at Mount Allison, where he will serve as the subject librarian for Music, Fine Arts, Drama & Screen Studies, Classics, Visual & Material Culture, and Museum & Curatorial Studies.

**Dr. Stephen Geier** began a new position in August 2023 as a half-time STEM librarian for the 2023-24 term. Steve 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 and Public Services Librarian.

Creative Arts Librarian **Gavin Goodwin** left Mount Allison in July to accept a position at Global Affairs Canada as Portfolio Librarian. In his role at Mount Allison for two years, Gavin made many contributions to the Libraries & Archives and the broader university, leading many classes, workshops, and orientation events. He quickly made himself an invaluable colleague, and his can-do attitude and Excel superpowers will be missed.

**Christine LeBlanc's** term as a Public Services Librarian ended in June 2023. During her contract as a sabbatical replacement for **Elizabeth Millar** as History, Rare Books & Special Collections Librarian, Christine immediately became an indispensable member of the library team. Her experience as a Mount Allison alumna shone when colleagues unexpectedly asked her to lead library orientation tours during her first days of work—a task she performed with skill and enthusiasm. We are grateful for Christine's knowledge of library and archival resources, her deft hand with difficult reference questions, and her remarkable abilities to pinch-hit in an emergency. We wish her best of luck in her new position at the Atlantic School of Theology.

The R.P. Bell Library's longtime Assistant Head of Access Services, **June Hicks**, retired in August after more than two decades in the Library. June joined Mount Allison in 2000, and became the kind, ever-present face of Access Services on the evening shift, which she worked for most of her 23-year career.



June’s unflappable, calm nature and genuine care for students made her an invaluable part of the Access Services team, and a rock for generations of patrons and student employees. June’s contributions to the library include training countless student employees on the mysteries of the ancient switch panel that powers all lights in the building, and teaching new employees how to use the Integrated Library System. A steadfast bluegrass music fan, June received a bluegrass festival travel kit at her retirement party, including deluxe folding chair, sling bag, portable phone charger, and hat.



*June Hicks switches the library lights off during her last shift, and poses with her retirement tiara.*

## News & Events

Mount Allison launched its [Digital Skills Institute](#) this summer, with online and in-person sessions including a Digital Humanities Day, a day-long Exploring Excel session, a two-day Data Carpentry for Sciences workshop, and a workshop on Data Visualization and Infographics. Data & Digital Services Librarian Elizabeth Stregger led and participated in sessions at the Digital Skills Institute, teaching digital competencies such as data organization, analysis, and visualization, and how to make a stellar infographic.

Sleeper summer hit: Plant Camp! The Libraries & Archives launched its Summer Plant Camp as students departed for home in the spring. The idea: look after students’ plants in the library for the summer so they can pick them up when they return to campus in September. Library staff Alexandra Tome, Janice Stockall and Caroline Kaszar took Plant Camp to the next level, however, organizing “events” to keep the plant campers (and their humans) entertained. The plants had a fiddle concert from Mount A honorary degree recipient and ECMA winner Ray Legere; story time with authors Jennifer Harris and Renée Belliveau; and they engaged in a cloak-and-dagger game of Clue. One lucky plant even went up in an airplane with Aviation students. Follow [#plantsummercamp](#) on [Instagram](#).



*Dean of Libraries & Archives Rachel Rubin engages in a game of Clue with the summer Plant Campers.*

## News from Newfoundland and Labrador

### News from Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

**Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries**

#### University News:

The Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University has named Marine Institute alumnus and Master Mariner, **Captain Kristopher Drodge** as its new head of the School of Maritime Studies. He will assume his new role July 24, 2023.

After a few months of flood remediation, the Health Sciences Library resumed normal operations on Monday, August 14. The flood provided an opportunity to reorganize the space a little.

#### Research:

Congrats to Archives and Special Collections Librarian **Patrick Warner** and to the Digital Archives Initiative team (**Don Walsh, Heather Kinsella**, and all the DAI students over the last decade (too many to name individually)). They have successfully digitized [the International Labour and Radical History Pamphlet Collection](#) - 2, 176 pamphlets or 110,400 pages. The project was started in 2011. The Collection is an invaluable resource for anyone studying the international history of socialism.

Grenfell Library's **Chelsea Humphries** participated in the APLA Conference, June 6-9, presenting on her use of TikTok for the Grenfell Library and on the library's in-person engagement initiatives this past-year.

**Dr. Patrick Gamsby** was a Peer Mentor at the CARL Librarian's [Research Institute in Ottawa](#) this year from June 12-15.

Health Sciences Librarian **Michelle Swab** presented a poster at CHLA/ABSC in Halifax at the beginning of June entitled "COVID-19 journal articles indexing in web-scale discovery services: An event history analysis.

**Colleen Field**, head of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, had the opportunity to tour the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at the invitation of the [Uncommon Bonds Committee](#). For years, researchers have come to CNS to view the microfilm collections of records relating to the Moravian Church presence in Labrador. It was truly a full circle moment to see the original records at the Moravian Archives, in particular the "[Records of the Labrador Mission Stations](#)" which thanks to a grant obtained by the Uncommon Bonds Committee have now been digitized. There was also the chance to peruse their library collection and note titles not owned by CNS. Where duplicates were available, they kindly donated them to the CNS collection.

Archives and Special Collections Indigenous Archivist **Michaela Doucette** recently went to Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Nain, and Hopedale with the Uncommon Bonds Project. The project is a partnership between the Nunatsiavut Government, Moravian Archives (Bethlehem, Pennsylvania), the Moravian Church in Newfoundland and Labrador, Memorial University Libraries and the National Heritage Digitization Strategy. It focuses on the digitization and digital return of nearly 60,000 pages of archival resources concerning Labrador Inuit.

## **Employee News:**

The QEII's **Wendy Rodgers** was part of a team recently awarded the Collaborative Partnership Award from the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services (CACUSS) for their role in MUN 101. This award recognizes the exemplary, campus-wide partnership that was achieved in supporting the student experience and learning environment to help first-year undergraduate students prepare for university life, become involved in the community and get set for success. Wendy was recognized for her contributions regarding academic integrity and library-specific content.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies' **Glenda Dawe's** last day of working in CNS is June 30th. She has worked more than 38 years in the library and has made countless contributions, especially in the area of public service. We wish her many happy years of retirement!

The QEII's **Nicole Cahill** was the successful candidate for the staff supervisor position in the QEII Library's Public Services Division. She is replacing Donna Norman who retired on June 9th after a 30-year career with Memorial. Congrats to them both as they start new chapters.

**Lindsay Alcock** is the new Interim Associate Dean of Libraries starting August 1st, 2023. Congrats to Lindsay.

**Louise White** is serving in the position of Interim Associate Dean of Libraries starting August 14, 2023. Congrats to Louise.

**Kate McClintock** was the successful candidate for the Library Assistant VI position in the Cataloguing and Metadata division, and started her new role on August 14, 2023. Congrats to Kate.

**Janet Bangma** has begun her administrative leave.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies is fortunate to have **Laura Baggs** here for the summer. She is enrolled in the Library and Information Technician program hosted by Mohawk College in Ontario and has chosen to do a field placement with CNS.

Former Cataloguing and Metadata Division Head and Interim Associate Dean of Libraries, **Darren Furey**, has accepted a new position at the University of California, Riverside, as Head of Metadata. Darren worked at Memorial since 2012 and will be missed, but we wish him well in this new chapter!



There was a celebration of life ceremony at the Centre for Newfoundland Studies for **Dr. Anne Hart** on August 4th. She was the division head of the CNS for many years and made a lasting impact on our libraries, the university, and the province. You can read about her life and legacy [here](#).

### **Cool Stuff:**

A big congrats to the Archives and Special Collections (ASC) and the Centre for Newfoundland Studies for a recent event in partnership with Memorial's Development Office. This event was to recognize and thank donors who have established a planned gift to Memorial University. The donors were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour with our experts from both of these units. It was a huge success and a provided us with an opportunity to showcase the important work done by these units, and the libraries as a whole.

Library ITS staff member **Dennis Flynn** received the Dr. John P. Williams Award. The award is presented to a Tely 10 participant who has inspired others through enthusiastic and spirited participation in the annual Telegram 10 Mile Road Race.

Read about an interesting sabbatical project by librarian and artist **Lindsay Alcock** [here](#).

Read about a recent QEII Library display that featured First World War artifacts to mark Memorial Day in Newfoundland and Labrador [here](#).

Read about Memorial University Libraries' archivist **Linda White's** side project involving her home community of Greenspond, Newfoundland [here](#).

## News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Rachel Head, Literacy Services Librarian, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

### LinkedIn Learning Meets Community Enrichment: Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries Lead the Way

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) is proud to announce the launch of LinkedIn Learning! This online education tool brings a wealth of professional and personal development courses to people with library cards.

NLPL's partnership with LinkedIn Learning marks a significant step forward in providing free, accessible and high-quality educational resources to library patrons across the province. This integration offers patrons the opportunity to cultivate valuable skills, enhance career prospects, and embark on personal development journeys, all from the convenience of their fingertips.

LinkedIn Learning's vast and diverse collection of expert-led courses includes topics on business, technology, creative tools, leadership, and much more. NLPL ensures that library patrons across the province have access to dynamic and up-to-date content, enabling them to stay relevant in today's fast-paced world.

To access LinkedIn Learning and take advantage of the wealth of educational opportunities it offers, people can visit the LinkedIn Learning website, or Download the LinkedIn Learning app on their Android or Apple iOS device. To sign in with a library card, users should enter the Library ID "NLPL", and then use their library card barcode number and four-digit library PIN. All residents of Newfoundland and Labrador can register for a free library card online, or in person at their local library.

Stay tuned about NLPL's online services like LinkedIn Learning by following Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries on social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



## News from Nova Scotia

### News from Cumberland Public Libraries

Charlotte Gallivan, Community Engagement Librarian, Cumberland Public Libraries

#### Reading with Royalty

To coincide with June's Pride Week celebrations, we held our first Reading with Royalty program featuring Pugwash-based **Drag Queen Mya**. The event was a phenomenal success, with 67 people in attendance at the Pugwash Library.

We had received some backlash on social media about the program. However, those who had threatened to protest the event were nowhere to be found. Overall, the program was a positive and joyful experience for all who attended.

#### Summer Reading Club

Our Summer Reading Clubs officially kicked off on June 12th. Youth Services Library Assistant **Julie**, and Summer Reading Club Coordinator **Drew**, have been busy organizing programs throughout the County. Programs will include a tech tour, puppet shows, LEGO days, scavenger hunts, and much more!

#### Honouring a Lifelong Library Supporter



*Russel Fisher (pictured above sitting) and members of the community pose for a picture at the Springhill Miners Memorial Library.*



*A photo of Mya chatting with some attendants of our Reading with Royalty program.*

During the month of July, a special presentation took place at the Springhill Miners Memorial Library. The dedication of a plaque to honour long time library supporter, **Russell Fisher**, is both a recognition of one individual's role in the establishment and continuation of the library, and a tangible symbol of the kind of commitment Springhillers continue to make to the well-being of the former mining town.

Mr. Fisher served on the Cumberland Regional Library Board for 31 years and was chairperson for 24. Family and friends, the mayor and two local councillors, as well as several members of

the Isabel Simpson Heritage Group, were present to applaud Russell for his tremendous contributions.

## Pugwash Grand Opening

The community of Pugwash has dreamed of having a new library and community space for over 20 years. In 2023 that dream became a reality. We are extremely thankful to the countless volunteer fundraisers, contractors, and passionate community advocates who have made this new community space possible.

Our Pugwash Grand Opening Celebrations happened on Saturday, July 29th to coincide with the Village's Harbourfest celebrations. Throughout the day, community members joined us for the official ribbon cutting ceremony, tours of our new facility, activities for the kids, and more.



*The new purpose-built Pugwash Library.*



*CPL Library Director Denise Corey speaking to attendees at the Pugwash Library Grand Opening ceremony.*



## News from Prince Edward Island

### News from Holland College and PEI Public Library Service

Emily MacIsaac, VP PEI, Student Engagement & Instructional Librarian, Holland College

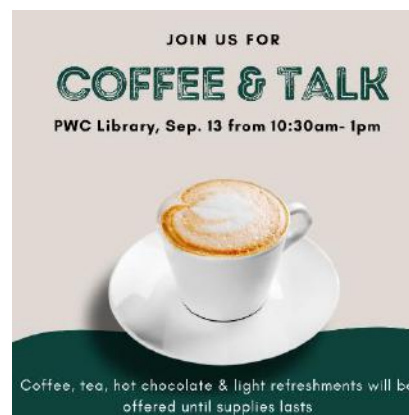
#### At the Library

At the Holland College Library, we are preparing for the upcoming school year! This means we are refining our instructional materials and active learning strategies. **Emily MacIsaac** has been diligently working on the Holland College website to create a 'New Staff Orientation' guide with the goal of assisting new staff in finding useful resources from the Holland College Library Department.

The PWC Library staff was thrilled to witness three of our regulars graduate in June and take the official LPN (Licensed Practical Nursing) exam in July! While some of our regulars have already graduated, we are always eager to welcome new students joining Holland College in September.

#### September Programming

This year the PWC library team wants to meet students where they are by offering programs where they can meet other students and receive helpful advice! The first event, Coffee & Talk, allows students to meet their peers and staff members, fostering connections and a sense of belonging at Holland College. Campus Crash Course is an informative event where **Emily MacIsaac** and **Leslie Holt** provide tips about different departments at the College and navigating through Charlottetown. The final event, the Student Advice Panel, encourages incoming students to seek guidance from second-year students about their college experiences and what they have learned along the way.



#### Got Questions about HC Student Life?

Attend the Student Advice Panel on Sep.20th, 12:10 - 12:50 at the PWC Library to get them answered!

## **Updates from the PEI Public Library**

The Library of Things is growing again - Islanders are now able to borrow Kobo Libra2, an easy-to-use e-reader! This is an excellent way for patrons to use Overdrive to borrow books as well as test out an e-reader for free.