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From the President's Desk



Fall 2023
Krystal Dionne



I love the Fall and hope that you have all been enjoying it so far!

I am excited to let you all know that planning is now underway for our **2024 APLA Conference**, organized by an experienced committee hailing mostly from Newfoundland with a sprinkling of APLA Executive members in the mix. Stay tuned for an announcement on the theme, format, and dates in the VERY near future. Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent survey, that information will directly impact our decision on which format we will use for the upcoming conference. A Call for Proposals will soon follow so put your thinking caps on as our theme will be broad enough to allow for a variety of offerings and we hope to hear from many of you!

Cate Carlyle and I will be heading to Toronto in January to attend a day-long retreat organized by The Partnership to meet with other Canadian library association Executive members. I'm very much looking forward to meeting everyone and learning from them all. While we are there, we also plan to partake in some sessions at the upcoming **OLA Super Conference** which will take place from January 24-27, 2024 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, in downtown Toronto. I encourage you to check out the offerings and the various hybrid options for attending their wide array of interesting and pertinent sessions!

Our next **APLA Executive meeting** will be on November 24th where we will have a lot to discuss as we head into Award Season and the conference planning gets fully underway. I have so much respect for our Executive team as they continue to share their energy through their ongoing commitment and passion to support the continued success of this important organization.

Speaking of **Awards Season**, please consider nominating a colleague or applying for a scholarship in the near future. There has already been a call out for the APLA Merit Award and calls for the APLA Memorial Award and the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship will soon follow. The deadlines for all these awards are not until **March 31st** but it's never too early to start thinking about them! Find all the details [here](#).

I'd like to give a heartfelt thank you to **Kathryn Rose**, who has been part of the Bulletin team for the past couple of years but is stepping down from that position and handing the torch over to her colleague, Nailisa. **Nailisa Tanner** is the Web Services Librarian for Memorial University Libraries and I'm thrilled to welcome her to the Bulletin team alongside **Kate McClintock**.

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 past and current co-editors so, thank you all!

Warm Regards,

Krystal Dionne

APLA President 2023-2024

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

The associations that make up the Partnership include: l'Association des bibliothécaires du Québec - Quebec Library Association (ABQLA); Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA); British Columbia Library Association (BCLA); Library Association of Alberta (LAA); Manitoba Libraries Association (MLA); Nunavut Library Association (NLA); Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA); Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA); Northwest Territories Library Association (NWTLA); Ontario Library Association (OLA); Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA); Yukon Library Association (YLA)

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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.

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Individual members of library associations in the Partnership are offered an opportunity to take advantage of some very good savings on many products and services in entertainment, hotels, shopping, and travel. This offer is available through The Partnership at **Perkopolis** and is accessible through a code which is available through your association's office.

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News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries

University News:

Changes were made to Memorial University's Board of Regents to improve governance at the university. [Read more.](#)

The Office of the Auditor General has delivered its audit report on Memorial University to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. [Read more.](#)

The Board of Regents has approved the appointment of **Dr. Ian Sutherland** as Memorial's next Vice-President (Grenfell Campus). [Read more.](#)

The search committee for the role of Dean of the Faculty of Education has completed its work and recommended **Dr. Pamela Osmond-Johnson** for the position. Dr. Osmond-Johnson will start her five-year term on December 1, 2023.

Dr. Dolores McKeen was appointed Interim Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, effective August 1, 2023 until July 31, 2023 or until the search for the permanent role is complete.

Research:

Scholarly communications Librarian **Dr. Patrick Gamsby** has published a new book [The Discourse of Scholarly Communication](#). The Book was also featured in the Gazette Column "[Books at Memorial](#)". He has also been granted a cross-appointment with the Department of Sociology for a three-year term, effective November 1, 2023.

"Bricolage: The Art of Natural Remedies in Newfoundland and Labrador" is **Lindsay Alcock's** sabbatical project. The art exhibit blends her librarian expertise and her vocation as an artist. It is on display at the First Space Gallery in the QEII Library until Jan. 2023. Read more about it on the [University's website](#).

The 2023 Memorial Libraries Research Fair will be held on Dec. 8th. The event will be fully virtual with an informal in-person social held after the fair on the St. John's campus.

On Nov. 9th, Grenfell librarian **Chelsea Humphries** discussed all things at the intersection of wellness and libraries on IG live with Brock University Teaching and Learning Librarian and author of <https://librarywellness.ca> - **Justine Cotton**.

The Grenfell Campus's first-ever **Academic Prep Week** ran from August 28-September 1. The library was a major partner, running 8 workshops and events throughout the week that introduced the library and essential library research skills to 60 incoming first year students.

Employee News:

Meghan McKibbon is the successful candidate in the Marine Institute Public Services Librarian search. She started her term on November 6.

Pam Morgan of the Health Sciences Library retired on October 13, 2023. She worked with the Libraries for over 33 years.

Digital Initiatives Librarian **Nailisa Tanner** will be leaving Memorial University on December 15, 2023.

Susan Cleyle and **Louise McGillis** both officially retired this summer from Memorial University Libraries and we would like to thank them for their years of service and leadership.

MI Library's **Brian Quinn** retired this summer after 30 plus years with Memorial University.

Karen Stapleton from QEII Library public services retired in September after 15 years with Memorial University.

Alice Canning started a new permanent position on October 23 as a Band 7 in QEII Public Services.

Nicholas Diamond recently started a permanent Band 4 position in QEII Public Services.

Health Sciences Library welcomed two new staff members this Fall, **Patsy Campbell** and **Laura Baggs**.

Archives and Special Collections' **Matthew Keels** attended a week-long training course in Ottawa for National Archival Appraisal Board (NAAB) Certification.

Donna Doucette was the successful candidate for the permanent LA8 position in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies and **Karen Darby** accepted a contractual position as an LA8.

Danielle Gillespie is now in a permanent LA3 position with the Centre for Newfoundland Studies.

Emily Gushue recently joined the Cataloguing & Metadata division as an LA3. Emily is thrilled to be joining the Memorial Libraries. She has previously worked with the College of the North Atlantic, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries and The Rooms Provincial Archives. She holds an MA from Memorial University and an MSc in Archives and Information Systems from the University of Dundee.

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:

To mark Remembrance Day, a Memorial University Gazette article features three archival collections of women who served in the First World War. [Read more](#).

A recent acquisition (**Cassie Brown's** typewriter) from the Archives and Special Collections Division garnered media attention. Find the CBC story [here](#) and the Saltwire story [here](#).

The Maps Department has merged with the Archives and Special Collections. The Map Room will serve as the unit's reading room.

Archives and Special Collections recently acquired the archives of a provincial and national icon a Codfather/Rowdyman.

Education Library's **Liza-Ann Tucker** was recently featured in Saltwire magazine in a feature about [east coast traditions](#).

On October 23, Library IT employee **Dennis Flynn** was acknowledged for his contribution to his community in Newfoundland and Labrador's House of Assembly. Dennis is an author and photographer.

Grenfell Library ran a "Welcome Back Open House" on September 13 and a Board Game Night on September 15 while also participating in many campus-wide orientation events. Board Game Night was an especially successful event, bringing over 100 students into the library!

Archives and Special Collections' **David Mercer** was recently featured on [CBC's St. John's Morning Show](#) speaking about his experiences with the C.L.B. Armoury.

QEII Library Commons student staff member is currently on a work term with Amazon Robotics. You can read about Ahmed's adventures [here](#).

Public Services Librarian **Chelsea Humphries** was interviewed for CBC Newfoundland Morning about her recent publication about ChatGPT. [Listen to the interview here](#) and [read her article here](#).

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies (CNS) has contributed a substantial amount of material to the Digital Archives Initiative over the years, but one collection in particular is noteworthy because it involved the cooperation of an external partner. [The NTA Journal](#) published by the Newfoundland Teachers' Association gives a comprehensive look at the field of education for most of the 20th century. CNS did not have a complete run of the journal so the NLTA was contacted and they agreed to loan issues that CNS was missing.

On Sept. 26th, the QEII Library was the setting for the Drag show extraordinaire "The Library is Open" that celebrated fun, diversity, identity, creativity and all things LGBTQIA2S+. Thanks to **Newfound Lad**, **Madame Daddy**, **Tara Nova**, and **Sasha Doll** for sharing their joie de vivre with us.

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Julia Mayo, Library Technician, A.C. Hunter Public Library, Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries

“Geeking Out” with the St. John’s Public Libraries

The St John’s Public Libraries have been “geeking out” every October since 2018. Initiated by librarian **Leigha Chaisson-Locke**, *Geek Out at the Library* has become a highly anticipated annual event. Despite taking a break for lockdown, the event has evolved and changed as our libraries have evolved and changed.



Originally more of a “mini-con” for all things geeky, this year we embraced our passions, with programs and events featuring music, magic, puzzles and more! All 3 branches in St. John’s (A.C. Hunter, Marjorie Mews, and Michael Donovan) joined in to encourage their patrons to embrace what they loved, as well as to celebrate libraries. A couple of the highlights were the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra’s Atlantic String Quartet with their mini geek concert and the all-day Retro Tech exhibit.

The NSO’s Atlantic String Quartet have been a part of the Geek Out at the Library since the beginning, and graciously makes a place in their busy schedule to participate. Their renditions of theme songs from popular geek culture movies always has the packed crowd swaying and singing along.

Our new partners, “Retro Tech Newfoundland,” is a pandemic-conceived group that collects and preserves retro technology as well as educates the public. They had everything from a rotary phone to a Commodore 64 for people to play with and explore. Their interactive exhibit welcomed over 80 people, some of whom had a hard time leaving.



New additions to the line-up this year were a scavenger hunt at all three branches, and a jigsaw contest. Each team could have up to four players and was provided with a 300-piece puzzle to complete. The winners completed theirs in a stunning thirty-four minutes, while the other teams were quite satisfied to stay and complete theirs at a more leisurely pace.



Bringing people together and creating a welcoming community experience is the core of my job as a program coordinator. I can't wait for next year's Geek Out at the Library!

News from Nova Scotia

News from Acadia University – Vaughan Memorial Library

Britanie Wentzell, Academic Librarian, Outreach and Promotions Coordinator

Staffing

A lot has been going on at the Vaughan Memorial Library with new positions, new hires and retirements!

New Positions

- **Jennifer Richard** stepped into the role once again of Acting Dean of Libraries and Archives, while **Heather Saunders** is on leave.
- **Agnieszka Hayes** was hired for another contract term (replacing Jennifer Richard while she is Acting Dean).
- A new Nursing program will be starting in January 2024 at Acadia University and **Maggie Neilson** will be taking on the new liaison role for the program.

New Hires

- We hired a new Digital Archivist in August, **Ciaran Purdome**.

Retirements

- **Patricia Townsend** has retired after 51 years at the Vaughan Memorial Library. She was also awarded the well-deserved distinction of Archivist Emerita. Pat has provided support and information on the history of the University and Baptist history to seven Presidents, along with numerous colleagues in the departments of Public Relations, Marketing, Alumni Services and Advancement. She has assisted and been recognized for her efforts in over forty theses from undergraduate work in various departments in the Faculty of Arts to Master's and doctoral theses from the Divinity School, along with at least eight books. Her presence around the Library and her plethora of knowledge will be sorely missed (however, as Archivist Emerita we do still get to see her often)!
- **Ann Myers** retired after 45 years of working at the Library in various roles, including: Reference, Interlibrary Loans, Cataloguing, and Special Collections. She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Art

#HOPEANDHEALINGCANADA



We have the honour of hosting the art installation #HOPEANDHEALINGCANADA by **Tracey-Mae Chambers**, a Métis Installation Artist, in the Library until December 13th, 2023. Tracey-Mae installed the art piece on Monday October 2nd, 2023 and gave a talk about her work.

Tracey-Mae Chambers is a Métis Installation Artist who, since July 2021, has created over 100 installations at residential school historical sites, museums, art galleries and other public spaces. Many of these spaces serve to present a colonial viewpoint and primarily speak about the settlers who arrived and lived here, but not the Indigenous people that were displaced along the way. The installations are constructed with red wool, silk, and cotton yarn.

To learn more about her work please visit her [website](#).

New Mural

The Library's entrance got a new vibrant look thanks to Lettering Artist, **Kristen De Palma**. Kristen created a beautiful mural that faces the entrance to the Library. The mural consists of the words, 'This must be the place' with an open book underneath and flowers all around. Find Kristen's work [here](#).



Events and Initiatives

- **Pigs in the Library:** We hosted a Pigs at the Library event for students thanks to Dragonfly Haven Therapeutic Farms. One miniature piglet, a bunny and a guinea pig were brought into the Library for students to hold and interact with.
- We began a bi-weekly **therapy dog visit** at the Library, in partnership with the student-led Acadia Mental Health Initiative. The Acadia Mental Health Initiative provides snacks and mental health information for students during the Therapy Dog visits.
- **The Garden of Reading**, a partnership between the Vaughan Memorial Library and the Annapolis Valley Regional Library, was continued for the current term. This initiative brings in books from the Annapolis Valley Library to our Library for students to borrow. The collection is available during the Fall and Winter terms and provides leisure reading materials for students. The book selections include BIPOC authors, 2SLGBTQI+ authors and subjects, Fantasy/sci fi books, children's books, content on mental and sexual health, and graphic novels.

News from Prince Edward Island

News from Holland College and PEI Public Library Service

Emily Maclsaac, Student Engagement & Instructional Librarian, Holland College

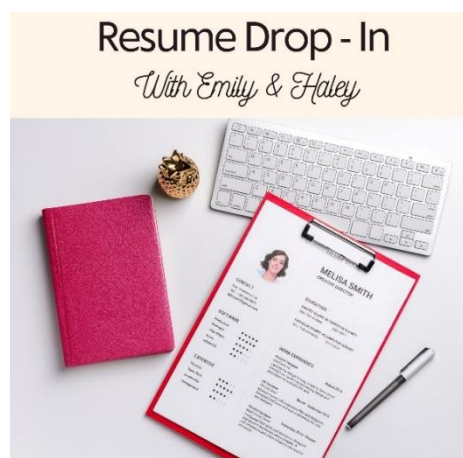
At the Prince of Wales Campus (PWC) Library

In September, the PWC library staff organized tours of our space and volunteered to distribute pizza and ice cream sandwiches to welcome incoming students during orientation. Throughout the semester, our library has remained vibrant with activity. Students frequently book our group study rooms and utilize the computers. At the reference desk, we are always ready to assist with inquiries, provide printing support, or help locate specific individuals on campus.

October Programming

After the Thanksgiving weekend, **Emily Maclsaac** and **Haley Doherty**, from Holland College's Office of Retention & Part-Time Studies, organized a Resume Drop-In event at the PWC Library. They positioned themselves at a central table in the library to conduct quick and targeted advice sessions for students who brought in their resumes. The event was so successful that Emily and Haley, with the support of the Atlantic Student Development Alliance (ASDA), are hosting it again in November.

Halloween is always a spectacle at Holland College! Student Union organized many events throughout the week, such as Halloween trivia and Door Decorating. The PWC Library always provides candy to students as well as fun free Orical Card readings.



Updates from the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre

Throughout October, the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre has organized various events, including child-friendly activities for PD days such as Monster Cookie decorating. In November, the centre is planning to host an Employment Expo, aimed at directly connecting our patrons with employment opportunities.

PD Day: Spooky Cookies

Ages 13-18

Join us for a tasty afternoon and decorate your very own monster cookies!

Friday October 27
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Blue Jay Meeting Room



Employment Expo

Drop-in to our Expo for job seekers, employment service agencies & industry as we celebrate 25 years of the Employment Journey! Exhibitors to be announced soon.

Saturday, November 18 from
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



News from UPEI Robertson Library

Donald Moses, University Librarian, University of Prince Edward Island

Staff News:

Retiring/Retired: **Cindy McKenna, Wendy Collett, Wendy Henderson, Pauline MacPherson, Larry Yeo**

New Staff: **Tarvinder Singh, Alysa Clayton, Shawne Holcomb**

New Student employees: **David Kaminski, Arthur Leung, Deko Odoom, Wura Oladipupo, Hemisha Saminathen, Shriram Saravanan**



Shawne Holcomb accepts permanent position

New Strategic Plan

Through consultation with Library Staff and the efforts of the Strategic Plan Working Group we created a new [strategic plan](#) for the library from 2023-2026.

Institutional Research Data Management Strategy

The Library was part of the development of the University's new [Institutional Research Data Management Strategy](#). It meets the goals of the Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy for institutions to provide a publicly accessible RDM strategy, describe the supports for the creation of data management plans, and options for data deposit for UPEI researchers. The document includes goals and objectives for the strategy.

Postcards Home

We held a very successful Postcard Home event in the fall semester. A collaboration between the Library and the International Student Office allowed for free postcards to be sent from UPEI to the students' friends and family across the globe. Two-hundred and thirty-six cards were posted in the mail to 26 different countries. The five countries to receive the most postcards are: Canada (35), India (24), China (21), Mauritius (16), and Nigeria (15).



Postcards home from UPEI to across the globe

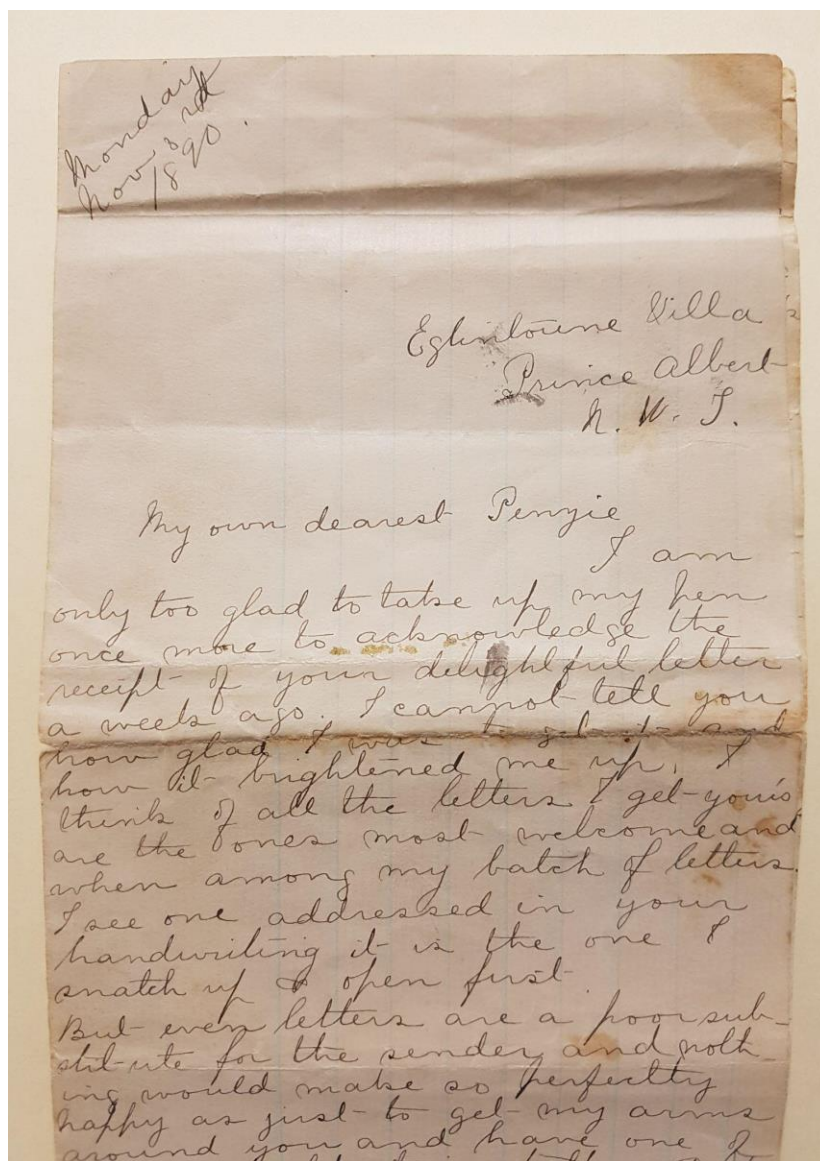
Archives and Special Collections

Juanita Rossiter is currently processing what has come to be known as “the Penzie letters.” Upon completion of processing, it will be the Penzie Macneill fonds, F 4.

This fonds consists of twenty-four letters written by Lucy Maud Montgomery to her cousin Penzie Macneill who lived in Cavendish. The majority of the letters were written by Montgomery in 1890 and 1891, when she lived with her father and step-mother in “Prince Albert, N.W.T.,” which she wrote on every letter. Although Saskatchewan didn’t become a province until 1905, you will notice the stamp on this envelope (below) that says “SASK.” Does anyone have any thoughts on this?



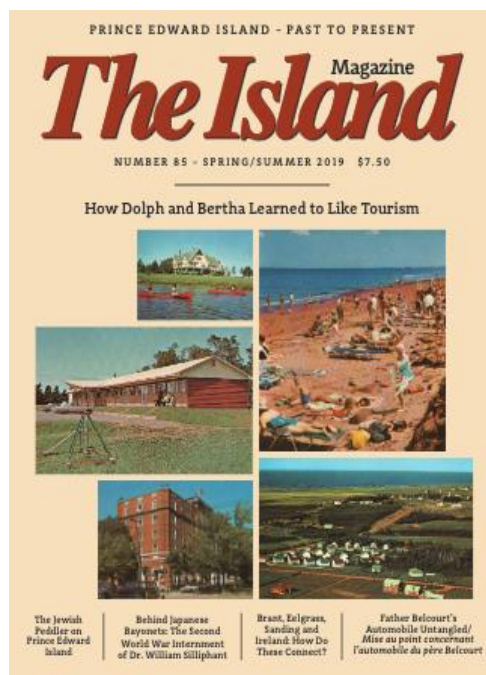
It has been acknowledged in various publications and websites that this collection was donated by Father F.W.P. Bolger to the UPEI library. Processing the **C. Merritt Crockett** (former Chief Librarian at UPEI) files, however, led to the discovery of legal documents revealing that these L.M. Montgomery letters had actually been purchased by Robertson Library from William V. Stevenson, grand-nephew of Penzie Macneill in April of 1974.



Father Bolger's [The Years Before "Anne"](#), (1974) was the first publication to feature this correspondence and includes transcriptions of some of the letters. Since then, the "Penzie letters" have been referenced in a number of other Montgomery biographies, including Mary Rubio's comprehensive [Lucy Maud Montgomery: the gift of wings](#) (2008). The letters were also a key element in an imaginative evocation of Montgomery's teenage years, Melanie Fishbane's [Maud: a novel inspired by the life of L.M. Montgomery](#) (2017).

Island Magazine

In partnership with the PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation, the Robertson Library has loaded the 2008-2019 issues of the Island Magazine. The collection is accessible through the IslandArchives.ca [site](https://www.islandarchives.ca).



In recognition of **Truth and Reconciliation Day**, we set up a display which included a replica of a quilt that is part of a cabinet created by the Aboriginal Survivors for Healing in the Library. The quilt has squares stitched by 16 Shubenacadie Indian Residential School survivors from Epekwitk, and it shares memories of their residential school experience.

