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From the President's Desk



Spring 2024
Krystal Dionne



It is so nice to feel the weather getting warmer and see the days getting longer. I hope that you've all had a lovely Spring and have some upcoming Summer plans!

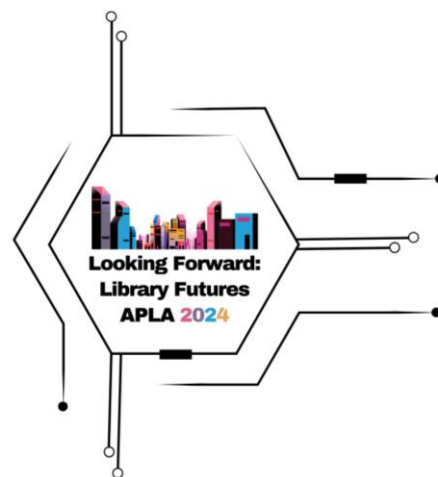
One thing that I am definitely looking forward to is:

APLA's 2024 Virtual Annual Conference:
Looking Forward: Library Futures

Join us virtually from Tuesday, June 4 to Friday, June 7, 2024 to learn about and discuss the evolving role of libraries!

This year's conference theme, "Looking Forward: Library Futures", encourages information professionals to ponder the evolving role of libraries in the 21st century. As libraries adapt to societal, technological, and educational changes, the APLA conference aims to explore innovative strategies, emerging trends, and transformative ideas that will shape the future of libraries.

The schedule and registration are now live, check out the [website](#) to learn about all of the amazing sessions and speakers that will be joining us this year to inform, educate, and inspire!



We are also excited to announce our Keynote Speakers:



Gemma Hickey, a multi-award-winning international author, human rights activist, and intersectional feminist.



Erica Friesen, Research and Instruction Librarian (Law) & Online Learning Specialist at the William R. Lederman Law Library at Queen's University.

We look forward to seeing you there! The Conference **First Timer's Grant** is still up for grabs and is an opportunity for a member to attend the Conference for free. Please contact one of the APLA Executive members if you'd like to apply for this opportunity. We have a very deserving member receiving the **APLA Merit Award** this year, this will be presented virtually at the Conference so stay tuned!

I'd also like to thank our wonderful Executive Team for this past year of dedication! These folks take the time from their busy lives and careers to ensure this wonderful organization continues to succeed and it would not be possible without their hard work, so thank you. And a special shout out to our Past President, **Cate Carlyle**, for making my transition into the role as President as seamless as possible. I aspire to provide **Emily Blackmore** this coming year with as much patience, kindness and support as you have done for me!

I hope that you enjoy the rest of the Bulletin, it takes a lot of effort from many folks to compile this engaging and informative document and it is very much appreciated.

Warm Regards,

Krystal Dionne

APLA President 2023-2024

Membership has its rewards!

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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)

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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.

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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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.

Visit us at www.partnershipjournal.ca for more information.

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Announcements

Dalhousie Library and Information Alumni Association

Marc Harper, VP New Brunswick

The Dalhousie Library and Information Alumni Association (formerly known as the School of Information Management Associated Alumni) has recently undergone a name change and embarked on a few new initiatives.

One such initiative is our Alumni Profile, which hopes to feature informal interviews and write-ups on SIM alumni who have made significant contributions to our profession.

Although we are still seeking our first alumna to interview, we already have grand ideas of breaking these profiles into themes (published authors, major award recipients, groundbreaking projects, etc.)

Those who are interested in nominating someone (including themselves) can contact dallibraryinfoalumni@gmail.com

We know there is no shortage of very worthy candidates, and we encourage everyone to put forth names of those you believe would be ideal for these feature stories.

Intellectual Freedom Interest Group

Katelyn Browne, Convener of Intellectual Freedom Interest Group

If you are an APLA member who is interested in participating in the Intellectual Freedom Interest Group, please e-mail intellectual-freedom@apla.ca to be added to our Google Group. We use this group to exchange information about intellectual freedom issues in libraries and to plan our informational outreach to the larger APLA membership.

If you are navigating intellectual freedom issues (including book/program/display challenges, policy updates, community concerns, and collection development questions), and you'd like resources or consultation from the interest group, you can also reach out to intellectual-freedom@apla.ca.

For more information, join our session during the APLA conference! We are currently scheduled for 9:30 Newfoundland time (9:00 Atlantic) on Friday morning.

News from New Brunswick

Innovative Lending: Enhancing Tool Access at UNB's Engineering and Computer Science Library with Google Lens

by Saran Croos, Engineering and Computer Science Librarian, UNB Libraries

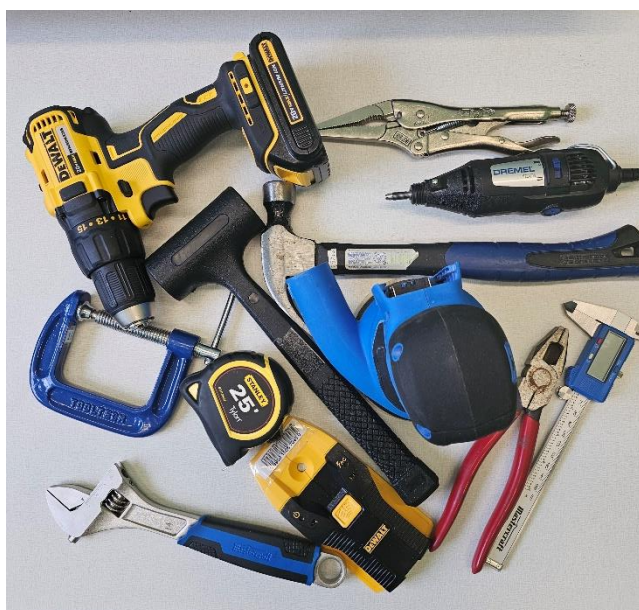
Introduction

Traditionally, libraries have provided information services where patrons can borrow books, journals, magazines, newspapers, and more in various formats to meet their informational needs. However, in recent years, many academic, public, and special libraries have begun offering more “non-traditional” items and services, reflecting a growing trend as more people participate in shared economies. Non-traditional library items typically refer to tools, equipment, and devices that patrons can borrow, in addition to the traditional informational materials and services.

There are generally two types of libraries that offer these services: those dedicated entirely to non-traditional items, such as the Toronto Tool Library, The Kitchen Library, and the Calgary Tools Library, and traditional libraries that provide non-traditional services in addition to their primary mandate of informational services. The Engineering and Computer Science Library at the University of New Brunswick (UNB) adopts the latter approach. This article will discuss the new and exciting non-traditional materials introduced at the Engineering and Computer Science Library and how they are being used and perceived by our students, faculty, and staff.

Non-Traditional Material at Our Library

As the name suggests, the Engineering and Computer Science Library serves both the Engineering and Computer Science faculties at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton campus. Our patrons include students, faculty, staff, alumni, and occasionally the general public. In terms of physical space, we are small, but in terms of door count and space use, we are, per capita (per square foot), the busiest library on campus at UNB. Our library has embraced the concept of non-traditional materials to meet the evolving needs of our community. These materials range from hand tools and power drills to other equipment and devices indispensable for both academic and personal projects.



Hand Tools and Power Drills

The “Tool Lending Service” at the Engineering and Computer Science Library allows students, faculty, and staff to borrow tools at no cost for three days. This service was introduced after informal conversations with local, interprovincial, and international students revealed a need for tool lending in libraries. Many new students lack the tools required to assemble, organize, and decorate their new university homes, whether a dormitory room, apartment, or house. The tools typically used by students to arrange their new settings are often expensive and fall outside a student budget since these items are seldom used.

Our tool library has been an integral resource for several years, continuously expanding to meet the growing needs of our patrons. Each year, we enhance our collection by adding new tools funded by the Engineering Program Fund (EPF). Initially, our library offered only hand tools, but we have since expanded to include a variety of power tools and additional equipment.

Our current collection includes hand tools such as screwdrivers, pliers, hammers, levels, tape measures, wrenches, hand saws, and drill bit sets. We also provide power tools, including drills, dremels, and sanders. Additionally, we offer essential equipment like ladders, portable workbenches, and a Jack and Axle Stand Kit.

This continuous improvement ensures that our tool library remains a valuable and versatile resource for all users, supporting a wide range of projects and fostering a culture of hands-on learning and innovation.

Introducing Google Lens

With the increasing use of power tools, it became essential to provide users with additional resources to ensure the safe and effective use of these tools. This is where Google Lens comes into play. Google Lens is a powerful image recognition technology developed by Google. It uses artificial intelligence to identify objects, landmarks, text, and other elements within an image captured by a smartphone camera. The application can provide information about the identified objects, translate text, recognize plants and animals, and even facilitate shopping by identifying products.

Integration and Benefits

Tool Identification and Information:

One of the primary benefits of Google Lens in our tool lending service is tool identification. By simply taking a picture of a tool, users can get information about its name, function, and proper usage. This is particularly helpful for those unfamiliar with certain tools or for international students who may not know the English terms for specific tools. Furthermore, Google Lens can quickly pull up user manuals, video tutorials, and safety guidelines, ensuring that users have all the information they need to use the tools safely and effectively.

Enhanced Inventory Management:

Google Lens also aids in inventory management. By scanning barcodes and QR codes on tools, staff can quickly access inventory records, check-out statuses, and other relevant data. This streamlines the process of tracking which tools are available, which are out on loan, and which need maintenance or replacement. Additionally, staff can use Google Lens to document the condition of tools before and after use, ensuring better maintenance and quicker identification of tools needing repair.

User Assistance:

For users who need immediate help with a tool, Google Lens provides on-the-spot assistance. If a user has trouble using a tool, they can use Google Lens to access how-to guides, troubleshooting tips, and instructional videos by photographing the tool. This reduces the need for library staff to provide in-person assistance, freeing up their time for other tasks. Google Lens can also help users identify each part of a complex tool, reducing the risk of improper use or assembly.

Educational Support:

Google Lens offers educational support by directing users to additional learning resources such as articles, videos, and courses related to the tools they are borrowing. This enhances the educational experience by providing more in-depth knowledge and practical tips. For international students and faculty, Google Lens can translate labels, instructions, and safety warnings on tools into their native language, ensuring comprehension and safe use.

Research and Innovation:

Google Lens can also stimulate research and innovation. By recognizing various tools and their uses, Google Lens can help users brainstorm and develop new ideas for projects. This can lead to more creative and innovative work, particularly in engineering and computer science disciplines. Additionally, users can use Google Lens to find academic papers, patents, and articles related to specific tools or technologies, aiding in research and citation.

Accessibility:

Accessibility is another significant benefit of Google Lens. For visually impaired users, Google Lens can provide audio descriptions of tools and their features, making the tool library more accessible to all users. This ensures that everyone, regardless of their physical abilities, can benefit from the tool lending service. Instead of manually searching through catalogs, users can use images to find tools, making the process faster and more intuitive.

Analysis

The integration of Google Lens into the Engineering and Computer Science Library's tool lending service represents a significant advancement in how non-traditional library materials can be managed and utilized. This technological enhancement addresses several key issues and opens up new possibilities for both library staff and users.

Efficiency and User Satisfaction:

The primary analysis revolves around the increased efficiency and user satisfaction resulting from

Google Lens integration. By providing immediate access to tool information, usage guides, and troubleshooting tips, Google Lens significantly reduces the time and effort required by users to learn how to use the tools properly. This leads to higher user satisfaction as they can quickly and easily find the information they need, making the tool lending experience more enjoyable and less frustrating.

Safety and Maintenance:

Safety and maintenance are critical aspects of lending power tools. Google Lens helps ensure that users are well-informed about safety procedures and correct usage, reducing the risk of accidents. Additionally, the ability to document the condition of tools before and after use helps in maintaining the tools, ensuring they are always in good working condition and safe to use. This proactive approach to maintenance can extend the lifespan of the tools and reduce replacement costs.

Educational Value:

From an educational perspective, Google Lens enhances the learning experience by providing additional resources and learning materials. This is particularly valuable in an academic setting where students and faculty are constantly engaged in research and practical projects. The ability to access related academic papers and patents can also contribute to the scholarly work of students and researchers, facilitating more in-depth studies and innovative projects.

Inclusivity and Accessibility:

The inclusivity and accessibility benefits of Google Lens cannot be overstated. By providing audio descriptions and translation services, Google Lens ensures that all users, regardless of their physical abilities or language proficiency, can effectively use the tools. This aligns with the library's mission to provide equitable access to resources for all its patrons.

Future Prospects:

Looking forward, the continuous improvement and adoption of technologies like Google Lens can further revolutionize the way libraries manage and lend non-traditional materials. Future developments may include more advanced image recognition capabilities, integration with other library management systems, and expanded support for a wider range of tools and equipment.

Conclusion

The Engineering and Computer Science Library at UNB has made significant strides in enhancing its tool lending service through the integration of Google Lens. This innovative approach not only addresses the practical needs of students, faculty, and staff but also aligns with the library's mission to support learning, research, and innovation. By leveraging advanced technologies, the library can provide more efficient, safe, and inclusive services, ensuring that all patrons can benefit from the valuable resources available to them. As the library continues to evolve and expand its offerings, the integration of Google Lens serves as a testament to its commitment to embracing new technologies and meeting the diverse needs of its community.

New Brunswick Bibliography Series: Volume 4 Coming Soon

Jocelyne L. Thompson, Librarian Emerita

Soon to be Released: NBBS Volume 4

The New Brunswick Bibliography Series is part of a larger project undertaken by UNB Libraries in 2016, to focus attention on New Brunswick authors and publications. The project encompasses related activities, including the digitization of print sources and the development of the *New Brunswick Bibliography Online*, the hosting of symposiums, and through an arrangement with Gaspereau Press—the publication of bibliographies and essays within the New Brunswick Bibliography Series.

The NBBS is projected to encompass not only ‘lists of books’ on diverse topics of social, political, and cultural importance to New Brunswick, but also aims to comprise volumes dedicated to all aspects of books and book history.

Soon to appear (Summer 2024) is the fourth volume in the series:

Bibliography of New Brunswick Archaeology: Works to 2022 by Trevor C. Dow, Kenneth R. Holyoke, and M. Gabriel Hrynck

Previous titles in the series include:

Volume 1: *Bibliography of New Brunswick Bibliographies & Accompanying Essays* by Jocelyne L. Thompson

Volume 2: *Bibliography of New Brunswick Architecture* by John Leroux

Volume 3: *Beaver Books for a Dime: A Bibliographic History of the Children’s Books of Brunswick Press 1952-1984* by Susan R. Fisher and Margot Stafford

Copies of these volumes can be ordered directly from:

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Kentville, NS B4N 2M7

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Questions or comments about the series can be addressed to:

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News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University Libraries

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries

University News:

Dr. Robert Bailey has been appointed Interim Dean of the School of Science and the Environment at Grenfell Campus. Dr. Bailey began his term on Monday, May 6, 2024. The appointment is for a period of one year (May 5, 2025) or until a dean is recruited, whichever occurs first. [Read More.](#)

Dr. Ken Jacobsen has been appointed as Interim Vice-President (Grenfell Campus). President Neil Bose made the recommendation to the Board of Regents following consultation with the Grenfell Campus community. [Read More.](#)

Memorial University is pleased to announce the appointment of **Alison Randell** as Chief Information Officer. The appointment was approved by the Board of Regents, on the recommendation of the president, on March 7. [Read More.](#)

Dr. Ian Sutherland, Vice-President (Grenfell Campus) accepted an appointment as the next president and vice-chancellor of Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B., starting July 15, 2024. [Read More.](#)

Research:

Chelsea Humphries gave a presentation “Undergraduate Understanding of Generative AI” on March 26 as a part of the AI in Libraries Brown Bags Series for MUNL library staff ([recording available through SharePoint](#)). She delivered a related presentation, “How are your students using generative AI?” to Grenfell faculty in coordination with the Grenfell Teaching and Learning Committee on April 22.

Crystal Rose gave a presentation “Introduction to Canadian Copyright” to a local Writers Group at the Corner Brook Public Library on April 4.

Crystal Rose was interviewed on CBC Radio’s *Morning Show* on May 1, about our Bowater Oral History Collection and promoted the Digital Archives Initiative. [Clip here.](#)

Project Learn Book Club was officially launched. The first event included a wonderful conversation with author Elizabeth Yeoman. The second Project Learn Book Club Gathering included books:

Sterritt, Angela. *Unbroken: my fight for survival, hope, and justice for Indigenous women and girls*. Vancouver: Berkley, 2023.

Walter, Emmanuelle. *Stolen Sisters: The story of two missing girls, their families and how Canada has failed Indigenous women*. Toronto: Harper Collins, 2015.

There was also a beading workshop held on April 30th to make red dress pins in preparation for Red Dress Day on May 5th.



The Digital Archive Initiative (DAI) received a refresh and upgrade. You can check it out [here](#) if you haven't already. Thanks to the DAI team for making it happen: **Oscar Evans, Gordon Little, Don Walsh, Colleen Quigley, Colleen Field, Stacey Penney, David Bradley, Patrick Gamsby**, project sponsor, **Louise White**, and also special thanks to **Nailisa Tanner** (who is now working at McGill Library). A special event to celebrate the DAI is scheduled for May 21, 11pm-12:30pm in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies.

Dr. Patrick Gamsby was interviewed on the [New Books Network](#) about his book *The Discourse of Scholarly Communication*.

Public Services Librarian **Chelsea Humphries** presented at the OLA Super Conference in Toronto on January 26th with Teaching and Learning Librarian **Justine Cotton** from Brock University on the topic of "Community Building in the Academic Library."

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies hosted another successful Celebrating Memorial's Research. The annual event recognizes publications and creative works by the Memorial Community. This year featured library representation:

Gamsby, Patrick. *The Discourse of Scholarly Communication*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2023

Little, Gord. Paper Dungeon Mazes 2

Lindsay Alcock. *Bricolage: The Art of Natural Remedies in Newfoundland and Labrador*.

McGrath, Jay. *We'd Rather Fight than Eat, a Novel*. Paradise, NL: Flanker Press Ltd., 2023. Jay is a former CNS student worker.

The **OA Author Fund** officially opened to students (as of May 1st), and will open to faculty and staff on May 14. More info on the fund can be found in the spotlight section of the [website](#).

Dr. Patrick Gamsby published a piece titled '[On the Sociology of Boredom](#)' in [Sociology on the Rock](#):

Keep@Downsview Update: The first shipment of items from the QEII collection to the University of Toronto Libraries (UTL) preservation facility in Downsview occurred on April 18th. Included in that shipment, and representing much work on the part of staff in Acquisitions & Serials and Cataloguing & Metadata, were 14,410 journal volumes which were held by Memorial but not by UTL. The [Keep@Downsview](#) partners are building a shared single copy collection in Downsview. That collection is available to Memorial library users through document delivery.

The [Memorial University Research Repository](#) has been selected as an early adopter for a collaborative initiative lead by Scholars Portal to develop a national repository service infrastructure called Scholaris. Through participation in this initiative, the Reimagining the Research Repository strategic planning team will implement the recommendation to convert Memorial's research repository platform from EPrints to DSpace. Work will begin in September.

The Libraries recently acquired 451 digital Newfoundland and Labrador titles that we didn't have in that format. A few noteworthy titles: [Don't have your baby in the dory!](#), [Come from Away : An Inside Look at the Hit Musical](#), [Lament for an Ocean : The Collapse of the Atlantic Cod Fishery](#).

Employee News:

Courtney Crocker, the new librarian at the Education Library, starts her term appointment on June 3, 2024.

Jackie Hillier of the CNS reached her 30 years+ service award, as did **Dennis Flynn**, from LITS.

Welcome to **Mike Foley** who is starting with LITS on May 21st as a new IT consultant.

Cathy Taylor has retired from LITS. We wish her all the best on her new adventures.

Congratulations to Health Sciences Library's **Sherry Squire-Grace** who just completed her 40th year with Memorial! And also, **Patrick Miskell**, **Don Walsh**, and **Colleen Woolgar** of the QEII Library who were recognized for 20 years of service. **Sharon Thompson** of the CNS was recognized for 25 years of service.

Welcome **Jordan Pike**, Health Sciences Library's newest librarian.

Cool Stuff:

Congrats to QEII Library's **Don Walsh** who was inducted into the Order of Folk (a new initiative of the Canadian Folk Music Awards) on Friday, April 5th.

The Libraries' Archives and Special Collections hosted two successful events: **The Video Journey of Disability Rights Activists** – a celebration of a project by the **History of Disability Rights – NL** organization that is now on the DAI. It features a timeline of milestones in the disability movement, as

well as the oral histories of key activists. You can watch the videos [here](#). And also **Unboxing the history of social work in NL -- Dr. Donna Hardy Cox, Dr. Michelle Sullivan, and Colleen Quigley** presented on an archival collection that was recently added to the Archives and Special Collections Division. This event highlighted the collaboration between the archives and the School of Social Work to document the important history of social work in the province.

Health Sciences Library's *Decompress* room is open. Students are loving the new space for relaxing and de-stressing. Soft lighting, fuzzy pillows & blankets, comfy seating, and a yoga/stretching area provide a quiet oasis for a nap, a cuppa, or quiet study. It's open whenever the library is open and doesn't require booking.

The Libraries Fundraising Committee delivered a cheque for \$5,450.00 to the Gathering Place in April. Additional bags and boxes of donations included everything from hand warmers to toiletries to Dollar Store gift cards. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed throughout the year. And to the committee members for organizing the events and leading our efforts. The Committee currently is **Donna Doucette, Lesley Squires, Nicole Cahill, Cindy Cranford, Krista Ryan, Terri Lynn Condon, Heather Fowler, and Kristine Power.**



The QEII addressed the growing need for more graduate student study space by piloting a project that involved revamping a space off the main Commons area. The space is a mix of study carrels, desks and soft seating. It is accessed by proxy card and designed for students who are in the intense study/writing period of their graduate program. The pilot will be assessed in August and fully implemented in the fall with any lessons learned.

On March 14th, to celebrate Pi Day and raise funds for the student food bank, Grenfell Public Services Librarian **Chelsea Humphries** participated in "Pi Your Prof", organized by the Grenfell Math Society. (She was thankful for goggles!)

On February 2nd, the Grenfell Library hosted the launch of *Antlerman*, a graphic novel by local author and student **Jeremy Wills**, published by Horseshoe Community Press.

For Valentine's Day, the Grenfell Library prepared a Valentine-making station, a "Blind Date With A Book" display featuring disguised titles from our popular reading collection, and on the 14th, screened romantic movies all day (silent, with subtitles) from their DVD collection. The Valentine-making station was particularly popular with students, who were eager to make cards for their friends!

On March 8th, Grenfell hosted their Grenfell Authors event in celebration of International Women's Day, featuring female faculty members with recent book publications.

The area known as the Fiesta Deck in the QEII Library on the third floor has received an overhaul that includes fresh paint, new furniture, and some sound buffering panels. The project was done in conjunction with funding from the Office of the Associate Vice-President (Academic) Students.



May 5th is **Red Dress Day**, a day to honour the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and two-spirit people (MMIWG2S) of North America. It is a day to raise awareness and education about the disproportionate rates of violence and number of MMIWG2S. There was a display of red dresses in the QEII Library lobby from May 5th-10th led by **Michaela Doucette**.

The Archives and Special Collections Division has two student summer CO-OP students. **Caroline**

Boone, from the University of Toronto, will be working mostly with the map collection during her 12-week placement (May-August). **Ruva Mushati**, from the College of the North Atlantic's Records & Information Management program, will be interning for six weeks (May-June).

Archives and Special Collections' archivists **Colleen Quigley** and **Michaela Doucette** are headed to the Labrador Campus in Happy Valley Goose Bay from May 13-23 to work with the team there concerning archival materials.

Also from Archives and Special Collections - **Matthew Keels** and **David Mercer**, as part of the CLB Regimental Band, played at the funeral of legendary sports broadcaster **Bob Cole**.

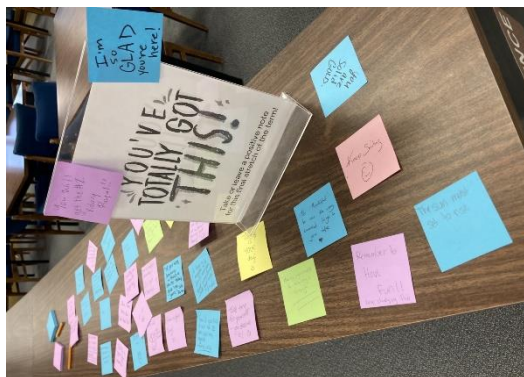
Between April 1-8, the Grenfell library distributed 100 solar eclipse glasses, donated by the Office of Public Engagement, to students, advertising the glasses with a mini-display featuring books about the sun.

A bunch of enthusiastic primary/ elementary kids from St. Bon's were invited to the Education Library by faculty member **Dr. Jan Buley** to experience the book displays that were created for her Language Arts course. Roughly 50 school-aged children and teacher candidates read, sang and got very excited about lessons in Language Arts paired with Music.

The Labrador Campus hosted a night of fun and connection with their Adult Storytime program. CBC host **Rhivu Rashid** read *Aparichita*, by **Rabindranath Tagore**. The Bengali Nobel laureate poet wrote this story of star-crossed lovers in 1916, and Rhivu promised it would be as relevant today as ever – and it was. Rhivu grew up in Bangladesh and had always loved the story, and was excited to share it.



From April 1-5, the Grenfell Library ran “The Final Countdown Snackdown,” to support students through the final week of classes, serving all-day free coffee and tea and a surprise snack every afternoon, including popcorn, cookies, and ice cream!



From March 22 – April 19, the Grenfell Library created a positive note station where students could take or leave a positive note to encourage themselves and others through the final weeks of the term.

Melissa Hefford of the Health Sciences Library did a display that featured current women in medicine at the Faculty of Medicine to honour International Women’s Day.

The Labrador Campus Library celebrated spring with an open house and “Grand Opening” on March 20th. Librarian

Sarah Papple hosted the community in two events. The midday event highlighted local collections and invited people to explore with a scavenger hunt, and featured music from the Big Land. The evening was the first of their storytelling events with special guest **Mina Campbell**. Mina is a Labrador leader, artist, and source of story and information that many go to. She read from Sketches of Labrador, which are a selection of writings of her grandmother Lydia Campbell.

Librarian **Sarah Papple** was [interviewed on Labrador Morning](#) by **Rhivu Rashid** to introduce the Labrador Campus Library to Labrador through a fun and fruitful early morning conversation.

Health Sciences Library staff member **Lori Fleming** did a display about measles. It’s a fascinating collection of research and information about the virus, the vaccine, and the recent increase in cases.

The Health Sciences Library created a conversation board. **Laura Baggs** is asking users about various types of topics from what their favourite book is to interesting medical terms they know. The next time you get brain freeze you can say that you have sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia.

The First Space Gallery in the QEII Library is exhibiting its annual Faculty and Staff show from May 10- August 31. The opening was held on May 10 from 5-6pm.

Gazette Stories that feature the Libraries:

[Creative Showcase: Celebrating Book Publications by the Memorial University Community](#)

[Campaign of Remembering: History of Disability Rights--N.L. Project Aims to Improve Policies](#)

[People, Place and Books: Labrador Campus’s First Academic Librarian Blends Campus with Community](#)

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Sarah Bartlett, Acting Division Manager, Eastern Division

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries submitted the **Bay Roberts Library's 2023 Summer Reading Club** as our entry for TDSRC's annual contest, which recognizes excellence in public library programming across the country.

While we did not place in the top three, NLPL received word in late April that the jury was so impressed with the program Bay Roberts staff offered last summer, with two part-time staff and just over \$500, that they wanted to reward **Laura Saunders'** and **Marilyn Clarke's** impressive initiatives.

As a result, the committee has created the **Small but Mighty** award, which recognizes excellence in summer library programming. Laura and Marilyn of the Bay Roberts Library will be the inaugural recipients of this national award, which was created as a result of their phenomenal work offering literacy programming to youth in their community. They will receive \$1,000 for their children's area in recognition of their hard work.

You can view the other winners [here](#).

The direct link to our video submission is [here](#).

They have a very lovely blurb accompanying the description of our program as well!

This year, the members of the jury were so impressed with what a very small library did with two part-time staff and zero budget that they wanted to reward them for offering such an incredible TD Summer Reading Club program. After much deliberation, the Small but Mighty Award was created. This award will only be given out in exceptional circumstances to very deserving libraries.

The Bay Roberts Library (Newfoundland and Labrador) blew the jury away with their approach to the Summer Reading Club. This small but mighty library came up with terrific reading challenges for young readers. The jury admired how playful they were with decorating onsite, using "scoops" of paper ice cream and a giant bookworm that grew with the number of books read. In the end, Miles the Bookworm was over 250 feet long (averaging 10 books/reader). The appearance of Logan the Newfoundland Dog at the Toutons, Tunes and a Tale! event also made a special impression on the jury. The clever and engaging "Get Caught Reading" virtual challenge—in which parents posted pictures of their kids reading at home, outdoors and around town—was a great way to motivate kids to read anywhere and at any time.

The jury would like to compliment, recognize and shine a spotlight on the Bay Roberts Library as a wonderful example of the inventive, effective and creative literary youth programming that is possible on a shoestring budget when produced by hearts full of literary passion.

We are so proud of the accomplishments of our staff in Bay Roberts, and that their hard work will recognize other small libraries in Canada.

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News from Nova Scotia

News from Cumberland Public Libraries

Charlotte Gallivan, Community Engagement Librarian

Hours Restored at All CPL Locations

Due to ongoing financial difficulties, we made the difficult decision to reduce service hours at four of our seven library locations as of April 1, 2024.

However, thanks to the amazing support of local representatives, hours have been restored at all of our locations! The Municipality of Cumberland, along with the Towns of Amherst and Oxford, have agreed to provide one time bridge funding in the amount of \$67,335 for the 2024/25 fiscal year. This bridge funding offsets our project deficit.

Hours restoration would not have been possible without the dedication of our Municipal and Town Councilors, Mayors **David Kogon**, **Murray Scott**, and **Greg Henley**, and the countless members of their staff. They have shown that Cumberland County deserves sustainable and affordable core library services in the region.

Read Local Cumberland Starts on May 24!

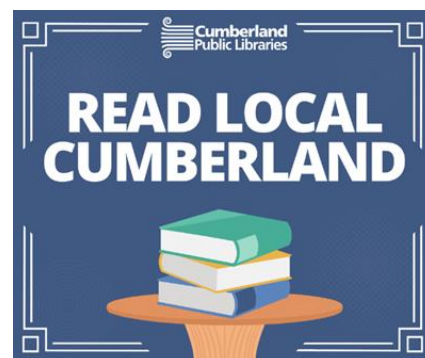
This May and June, we will be launching Read Local Cumberland. Each of our library locations will have amazing local authors chatting with book lovers. Authors will get a table to promote and sell their books, and a 15-minute reading slot to discuss their work with attendees.

Fourteen authors will be participating in this initiative. For more Read Local information, including author highlights and schedule, please visit [our website](#).

Food Security Initiatives at the Library

CPL has received a one-time \$53,000 grant to help with food security in Cumberland County. With this grant funding, we plan to collaborate with local organizations who are already doing food security work; namely the YMCA of Cumberland and Cumberland Adult Network for Upgrading (CANU).

Within the library, we are supporting patrons by providing snacks at our seven locations. We have also installed a food pantry in our Amherst location.



The food pantry located at our Amherst location. The food pantry is a partnership between the library and our community partner CANU.

Now more than ever, food insecurity is a growing concern in our community. We hope that this initiative will help. Need a snack? The next time you are at the library, grab one on us!

Amazing Astronomy at the Advocate Library

Through generous financial contributions from the Public Health Agency of Canada, we are able to offer our Amazing Astronomy program! Patrons will have the opportunity to use a telescope to view planetarium presentations.

The first Amazing Astronomy program will take place at our Advocate Harbour location on May 23rd. Throughout the summer, we plan to host other Amazing Astronomy programs throughout Cumberland County.



An image of the moon taken in Advocate Harbour, NS on April 18th, 2024; displaying what library patrons can view at our Amazing Astronomy program. This photo was taken using equipment purchased through a Public Health Agency of Canada grant.

News from Pictou County

Trecia Schell, Community Services Librarian, Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

Artists and Artisans Announced for deCoste Culture Hub

May 03, 2024

(Pictou County) Sixteen artists and artisans have been selected to create thirteen public art pieces located in and around the new deCoste Culture Hub, currently under construction in Pictou, Nova Scotia, and set to open in September 2024.

The deCoste Culture Hub is a partnership of the Town of Pictou, the Municipality of the County of Pictou, the deCoste Performing Arts Centre, and the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library. Selection of the artists and the artwork was completed by a committee of volunteers interested in arts and culture and representatives of the four partners. "It was not easy selecting the final artists." says Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library. "There is incredible talent and creativity in the community and across the region." Pieces include not only traditional media, but metal, fabric, and digital artwork as well.

Public art is an important part of the project and intended to enrich the experience of those visiting the culture hub, both residents and visitors. The inclusion of public art also offers a sample of the amazing talent in the area and provides significant investment in the creative economy. Most importantly, it offers the opportunity to inspire, create discussion, and paint a picture of our diverse community.

The project team is seeking donors/sponsors for selected art pieces. Should anyone be interested in learning more, please call 902-755-6031 or email culturehubpc@parl.ns.ca.

The artists and artisans.

- **Thekla Altmann** – Exterior project - patio
- **Carolyn Bedford** – Acrylic painting
- **Kiva-Marie Belt** – Exterior project - garden
- **Holly Carr** – Silk mural
- **Doretta Groenendyk** – Acrylic mural
- **Linda Johns** – Poetry and painted shelving end panels
- **Katherine Knight** and **Nick Rocha** – Interactive digital exhibit
- **Karen LeBlanc** – Fibre art – shelving end panels
- **Fenn Martin** and **Denise Lynch** – Ceramic artwork
- **Dawn MacNutt** – Exterior project – sculpture
- **Theresa MacKenzie** – Watercolour mural
- **Benoit Paradis** – Banners
- **Alan Syliboy** and **Darren Martin** – Exterior sculpture

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News from Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

It's been a whirlwind, since the NSLA conference in the fall! In December we held 3 fundraisers for the library, our annual Gift-a-Book campaign and to that we added this year a Staff Cookbook (with a seasonal 3D printed cookie cutter), and Book Bundles of gift-wrapped with a bag of specialty Coffee beans (from the Coffee Bean Coffee Shop), and chocolates. All 3 fundraisers were well received.

Plans for the new library building in Pictou are really taking shape! Drone videos of the work in progress are available to view on the project website. We are all looking forward to the next exciting stage of the project will be to move into our new home for the [Pictou Library](#) over the summer months, with a grand opening planned for the early Fall. All are welcome to drop by an visit us, along the Pictou Waterfront! The new library location is also situated on the TransCanada Trail, and Blue Route (so more ways you can drop by!)

Renovations at the [New Glasgow Library and PARL Headquarters](#) are due to begin this summer too! We'll be moving into a temporary location in the downtown core of New Glasgow, near the present location of the library. The Architectural plans are found on the project webpage, and calls for construction tenders by the Town of New Glasgow will begin soon.



In January 2024, Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program received a \$5,000 USD grant from the Million Dollar Roundtable Foundation, to support the community literacy's programs and initiatives with PARL. Brooklyn Linthorne is pictured seated in a very cosy chair in the Children's Area at the Westville library, enjoying her new picture book from AAL.

Programming for all ages is well on the go! PARL offers over 120 library programs, per month – all free of charge! Full details may be found in our PARLevents calendar online, at www.parl.ns.ca.

The Family Literacy Day Challenge was well met, and very much enjoyed by all who participated – with many thanks to Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program for sponsoring the purchase of special prize gifts, and many beautiful new children's books to give away too. Jade Dares, at the River John Library (pictured on the right), is thrilled with her lovely new book bag (filled with goodies!) for being the lucky winner of the FLD prize draw.



And we've been enjoying many workshops this winter and spring led by local experts in the community, from making Holiday wreaths and swags, learning how to tie fancy bows and make Fidget Quilts



(Pictured on the left, crafted with love, as displayed by two of the very happy participants at the Pictou Library), Healthier lifestyle choices for better nutrition (and sleep!), and less stress, Heart Healthy activities to green thumb gardening tips, earth friendly homemade cleaners and upcycling tricks to give old items a second life, Yoga for Bigs & Littles, and Music with Heather - all thanks to Community Wellness Grants received from our local Community Health Boards in Pictou County.

Daily Scavenger Hunts are a super hit year-round, with changing monthly (and special weekly themes too!), such as the family favorite– Paper Bag Princess Day and Pete the Cat! Pictured here, Isabel Cripps is working on her Scavenger Hunt list at the River John Library.

LEGOS for all ages continues to grow (literally). The Antigonish Library's Adult LEGO Builders Association completed construction of a giant Lighthouse, and just this month the New Glasgow Library's Adult LEGO Builders just finished building the Great Wall. We're not sure what next landmark architectural wonder they'll create!



The Writers Group that meets weekly at the Trenton library has become a stable fixture, and their monthly workshops are a fan favorite – featuring mentoring with local authors such as **TP Wood, Emma Kventa, Jennifer Hatt, Thekla Altmann, Michelle Robinson, Monica Graham**, and special guest for April 2024 will be **Mal Kishii**, leading a workshop on “Found Poetry”. And the Writers’ Group at the Antigonish Library has resumed weekly meetings too!

PARL branches have been very busy for March Break with a variety of programs for children and families including movies, crafts, puppet shows, and more. Families at the Antigonish Library enjoyed a visit from



A&D Reptiles and Friends. Pictured is Caesar, a green iguana, with Daniella.

Crafting fun for the whole family was enjoyed by all, at the Stellarton library as we made bookish Hedgehogs (pictured on the right). From Making Slime to watching movies, crafts and Picture BINGOS, painting flower pots, making bird feeders and learning all about our fine feathered friends to MakerSpace exploring with Silhouetting & 3DPrinting. It was another very, very busy March Break.



In late February and early March 2024, we also opened two more Community Pantries in partnership with our local municipalities, at our libraries in Trenton and Westville (in partnership with local volunteers with the Humble Harvest). Pictured below (left to right), is **Alanna Grover**, CAO Town of Trenton, with **Nicole LeBlanc**, Town Councillor and PARL Library Board Member, then **Rhonda Rafuse** with the Humble Harvest, and **Thekla Altmann**, Managing Branch Assistant with Trenton Library. In the second photo, at the Westville Library we have **Lennie White**, Mayor of the Town of Westville, **Sheila Newell-Fagan**, Branch Assistant, **Gina Snell**, Managing Branch Assistant, **Scot Weeres**, CAO with the Town of Westville, and **Danielle Fraser** with the Humble Harvest. In addition to the Community Pantry found at the Antigonish Town & County Library that was opened in April 2023.



We’re also pleased to launch this spring - the CNIB Play collection, coming to our libraries in Pictou and New Glasgow! The collection of accessible games was funded through a Community Wellness Grant from the Pictou West Community Health Board for a project partnership with CNIB Maritimes and Visually Impaired Pictou County. The project was spearheaded by **Julie Martin**, Chair of the PARL Accessibility Committee, and former Chair of VIPC, with the assistance of **Jeff deVillers** with CNIB Maritimes.

And new staffing news! In the fall, we welcomed **Kaitlyn Denny**, and **Marcus Silveiras** as a Branch Assistants with the New Glasgow Library. **Elizabeth Glinz**, Community Outreach Assistant with the Antigonish Library returned from Maternity Leave in October, and **Kim MacDonald** joined us as a Branch Assistant with the Antigonish Library. In January, we welcomed Councillor **Sarah MacKinnon**, with the Town of Westville to the PARL Board. In February we welcomed **Esther Pereira** as our new IT Technician at PARL HQs, and **Anne Brunelle** and **Kerri Pye** as two new Branch Assistants – Antigonish County Backups. And in March, **Helen Chudley** joins us in the permanent position as the new Managing Branch Assistant for the River John Library.

News from Prince Edward Island

News from Holland College and the PEI Public Library Service

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

At the Library

During the Winter Term at Holland College, the Student Union hosted many fun events, including a Rock Painting afternoon at the Regis and Joan Duffy Library! Below you'll see some of the amazing talent we have at Holland College. Along with those fun activities, the Regis and Joan Duffy Library staff put out Lucky Charm cereal one day in the final month of classes to wish students luck on their final assignments.



Update from the PEI Public Library Service

PEI Public Library Service helped so many patrons by hosting tax centers across the Island. Anyone who needed help with their taxes could go to a public library in their community to get help which relieved so much stress!

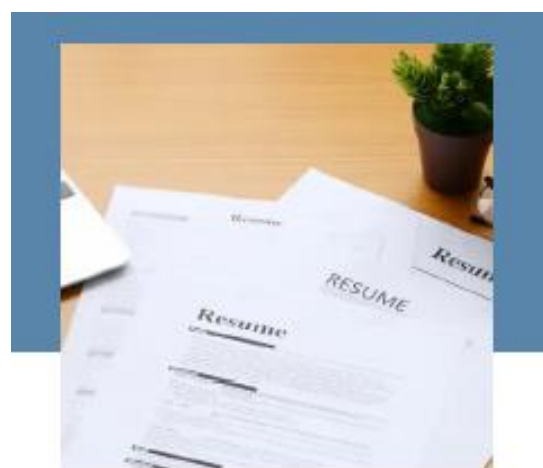
Job searching and creating an effective resume is another service that patrons value. Career Development Services partnered with PEI Public Library Service to offer one-on-one sessions to help update resumes.



Community Volunteer Tax Clinics

Through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), the library will host free tax clinics where volunteers file returns for people with a modest income and simple tax situations.

Drop-off: Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. March 7 - April 25
In-person: Saturdays 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. March 9 - April 27



Resumé Help Sessions

Book some one-on-one time to polish your resumé with representatives from Career Development Services PEI and get that job! Please register in advance.

Wednesday, April 10
From 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Agenda for APLA OGM 2024



Atlantic Provinces Library Association 85th Ordinary General Meeting

Friday June 7th, 2024 to start at 3:00pm AST

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 999 8598 4757

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The Atlantic Provinces Library Association represents libraries, librarians and library technicians across the region, all of whom sit on the unceded and traditional territories of First Peoples. In Newfoundland and Labrador, our libraries sit on the homelands of the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and NunatuKavut, the Innu of Nitassinan, the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq peoples. In Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, we find our friends and colleagues situated on the territory of the Mi'kmaq. In New Brunswick, libraries are found on the land of the Wəlastəkwiyyik, Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples. We at the Atlantic Provinces Library Association wish to express our sincerest gratitude to the First Peoples who share their ancestral homelands with us all.

1. **Call to Order -**
2. **Establish Quorum -**
3. **Adoption of Agenda –**
4. **APLA Meeting Rules -.**
5. **Adoption of the Minutes of the 84th Ordinary General Meeting (virtual) June 09, 2023 –**
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes -**
7. **President's Report –**
8. **Past President's Report –**
9. **Vice President/President Elect –**
10. **Vice Presidents' Reports**
 - 10.1. **New Brunswick –**
 - 10.2. **Newfoundland & Labrador –**
 - 10.3. **Nova Scotia –**
 - 10.4. **Prince Edward Island –**
 - 10.5. **Membership –**

11. Financial Examiner
- 11.1. Report 2023/24 –
- 11.2. Appointment of Financial Examiner 2024/25
12. Treasurer –
 - 12.1. Report 2023-2024 Budget -
 - 12.2. Proposed Budget 2024-2025

Executive Committee Reports

13. Finance Committee –
14. Aims & Objectives Committee –
 - 14.1. Continuing Education Interest Group –
 - 14.2. Information Literacy Interest Group –
 - 14.3. Library Technicians Interest Group –
15. APLA Bulletin Management Committee –
16. Membership Committee –
17. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Committee –
18. Nominations Committee –

Standing & Special Committees

19. Advocacy Committee –
20. Communications Committee –
 - 20.1. Technology Coordinator –
21. Memorial Award Committee –
22. Games at the Library Committee –

Other Reports

23. CFLA-FCAB –
24. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management -
25. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program -
26. Revisions to Standing Orders –
27. Annual Conferences – Reports
 - 27.1. Virtual Conference
28. Awards –
 - 28.1. APLA Merit Award -
 - 28.2. APLA First Timer's Grant Recipient –
 - 28.3. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship -
 - 28.4. APLA Memorial Award
 - 28.5. APLA Advocacy Award

- 28.6. Dalhousie University – School of Information Studies, Graduating Student Award**
- 28.7 Nova Scotia Community College – Library and Information Technology Program, Graduating Student Award**
- 29. Nominations and Elections –**
 - 29.1. New Executive Introductions –**
 - 29.2. Recognition of Outgoing Executive Members –**
- 30. New Business –**
- 31. Resolutions –**
- 32. Inauguration of Incoming President –.**
- 33. Adjournment –**

Minutes from APLA OGM 2023



Atlantic Provinces Library Association 84th Ordinary General Meeting

Friday June 9th, 2023 to start at 3:00pm AST Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81750267966?pwd=WGZGT05aYUlpV0w5ZnJvOGJLTG1CZz09>

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1. **Call to Order** - 3:08pm by Cate Carlyle
2. **Establish Quorum** - 3:10pm by Cate Carlyle
3. **Adoption of Agenda** – The agenda was adopted.
4. **APLA Meeting Rules** - Reminder that non members may speak by majority vote and they must identify themselves by name for the record.
5. **Adoption of the Minutes of the 83th Ordinary General Meeting (virtual) June 10, 2022** – Minutes approved.
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes** - There was no business arising from the minutes.
7. **President's Report** – Cate Carlyle – Report as submitted.
8. **Past President's Report** – Marc Harper - Report as submitted. Marc thanked everyone.
9. **Vice President/President Elect** – Krystal Dionne - Report as submitted.
10. **Vice Presidents' Reports**
 - 10.1. **New Brunswick** – Chantale Saulnier - Report as submitted. VP absent.
 - 10.2. **Newfoundland & Labrador** – Susan Cleyle - Report as submitted.

10.3. Nova Scotia – Agnieszka Hayes - Report as submitted.

10.4. Prince Edward Island – Emily MacIsaac - Report as submitted.

10.5. Membership – Jason Lee - Report as submitted.

11. Financial Examiner

11.1. Report 2022/23 – Peter Glenister - Report as submitted.

11.2. Appointment of Financial Examiner 2023/24 (Peter Glenister) – Approved.

12. Treasurer – Margaret Vail

12.1. Report 2022-2023 Budget - Margaret Vail presented the 2022/2023 treasurer's report and reported an increase in dollars to the budget because did not accept awards the previous year and bills had not come in yet. The APLA books moved back to QuickBooks making them easier to use. The GICs weren't reinvested due to the interest rate increasing their worth to the APLA. This decision benefits the APLA. There were three applicants for the Carin Alma E. Somers's Scholarship. The winner of the Memorial Award returned it two years ago. No one was awarded the Memorial Award in 2022. Margaret submitted the proposed budget for next year.

12.2. Proposed Budget 2023-2024

Executive Committee Reports

13. Finance Committee – Margaret Vail – Report as submitted and approved.

14. Aims & Objectives Committee – Cate Carlyle

14.1. Continuing Education Interest Group – Martin Chandler – No report.

14.2. Information Literacy Interest Group – Agnieszka Hayes – Report as submitted.

14.3. Library Technicians Interest Group – Alexandra Tome – No report.

15. APLA Bulletin Management Committee – Kate McClintock & Kathryn Rose – Report as submitted.

16. Membership Committee – Jason Lee – Report as submitted.

17. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Committee – Krystal Dionne – Report as submitted.

18. Nominations Committee – Marc Harper – Report as submitted in Past President's Report.

Standing & Special Committees

19. Advocacy Committee – Vacant (Incoming Nicole Marcoux) – No Report.

20. Communications Committee – Nathalie Richard – Report as submitted.

20.1. Technology Coordinator – Vincent Grovenor – Report as submitted.

21. Memorial Award Committee – Evelyn Trainer – Report as submitted.

22. Games at the Library Committee – Vacant (Incoming Catherine Gracey) – No report.

Other Reports

- 23. CFLA-FCAB** – Ann Smith – No report.
- 24. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management** - No report.
- 25. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program** - No report.

26. Revisions to Standing Orders – Cate Carlyle/Krystal Dionne 26.1.

Standing Order 2.02, L, M, and N – Membership fees, propose to temporarily delete the following membership categories and fees (due to the inactivity of the other association)

- l) Joint APLA/NLLA Librarian: \$65**
- m) Joint APLA/NLLA Support Staff: \$30**
- n) Joint APLA/NLLA Retired: \$30”**

27. Annual Conferences – Reports

27.1. 2021/2022 Virtual-Krystal Dionne – Report as submitted.

28. Awards –

28.1. APLA Merit Award - Marc Harper – Report as submitted in Past President’s Report.

28.2. APLA First Timer’s Grant Recipient – No report.

28.3. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship -Krystal Dionne – As submitted.

Ann Smith was the winner of the Merit Award. Ann was congratulated by Cate Carlyle and others

in attendance. Ann thanked Caroline Delorey, everyone she’s worked with, and the APLA.

28.4. APLA Memorial Award (no applicants)

28.5. APLA Advocacy Award (no applicants)

28.6. Dalhousie University – School of Information Studies, Graduating Student Award – Agnieszka Hayes – No report

28.7. Nova Scotia Community College – Library and Information Technology Program, Graduating Student Award – Agnieszka Hayes

29. Nominations and Elections – Marc Harper – No one has applied for VP New Brunswick or VP Elect. Cate Carlyle suggested that everyone consider the position and advertise to their cohorts.

29.1. New Executive Introductions – Cate Carlyle welcomed Krystal Dionne.

29.2. Recognition of Outgoing Executive Members – Cate Carlyle thanked Marc Harper for his tireless service and expressed a hope he’ll remain close in some capacity.

30. New Business – None.

31. Resolutions – None.

32. Inauguration of Incoming President – Krystal Dionne became president. Cate Carlyle thanked the APLA for her time as president.

33. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 4:01pm.



APLA President Report May 2024 Krystal Dionne

General Duties

It has not been very long since my last report but I have continued to engage with the Executive on matters pertaining to APLA, Awards, the Conference and other projects and discussions. I have also continued to share pertinent information & opportunities to the listserv from various groups and organizations.

The Partnership

I continue to share information about The Partnership workshops and educational opportunities as they arise. We have allocated a portion of the budget to cover our share in the Job Board upgrade that will take place over the summer.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met to go over the budget before sharing with the Executive Team for approval.

Conference News

I have been an active member of the 2024 Conference Team, available for insights from previous years and to participate in the Moderator/IT roles for various sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Dionne

May 22, 2024



**APLA Vice President – New
Brunswick Report
May 2024
Marc Harper**

As a former APLA President, I've given myself the creative freedom to approach the role of VP-NB with a little bit of an informal tone, all while respecting the guidelines and fulfilling my official duties.

I have maintained correspondence with my contacts in the province and encouraged them to reach out to me if, at any point in time, they believe APLA can help any ideas or initiatives. I have also reminded them when APLA Bulletins are upcoming. I also stressed the need for membership engagement and encouraged everyone to put in a good word for APLA sponsored groups, meetings, town halls, conferences, etc.

Along with other provincial VPs, recipients were chosen for the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship and the APLA Merit Award.

My role as VP-NB is somewhat fused with my role on APLA's Intellectual Freedom Interest Group. We recently held our second virtual town hall (with thanks to those who participated) and will be presenting at the upcoming conference in June.

My volunteer work with the Dalhousie Library and Information Alumni Association (DLIAA, formerly known as the School of Information Management Associated Alumni) has also intersected with APLA. A notice was put in this issue of the Bulletin as a call for interesting alumni profiles DLIAA can feature for our new "spotlight" initiative.

Respectfully submitted May 22nd 2024,

Marc Harper

Vice President-New-Brunswick



APLA VP Nova Scotia Report

May 2024

Agnieszka Hayes (she/her)

Initiatives

Over the last year, I have focused on discovering how APLA can best support school library staff. These efforts have resulted in meetings of the APLA Executive to discuss this topic, and efforts to solicit information from school library staff. School library staff play an integral role in K/P-12 education, yet their working conditions are not always ideal and conducive to them fulfilling their role. In order for APLA's support to be meaningful, it must both follow the wishes of school library staff, and address issues that matter to them. In an attempt to receive suggestions for supportive action, Cate Carlyle (Past President and former school librarian), Evelyn Trainer (Secretary and former school librarian), and I crafted a message to school library staff that requested their input regarding areas of their work, which they believe need change. This message was approved by the APLA Executive. On behalf of the APLA Executive, Krystal Dionne (President) sent the message to the APLA listserv, and Nathalie Richard (Communications Coordinator) posted it on the APLA social media channels. Nathalie also volunteered to compile all the responses as they came in. We received very few responses, and so I plan to continue work on this initiative next year, as I believe APLA could be a strong voice of support for school library staff and their invaluable work. I met with a retired school librarian, who offered me some suggestions for future work on this initiative, and so I plan on implementing these suggestions.

Liaising

I continued my work liaising with Nova Scotia GLAM colleagues.

Future

I have enjoyed working with my colleagues on the APLA Executive this year. I look forward to working with the Executive next year with both familiar and new faces on the team.

Respectfully submitted by Agnieszka Hayes



APLA VP Prince Edward Island Report May 2024 Emily Maclsaac

APLA Bulletin

I submitted the Fall, Winter, and Spring bulletin, where I provided insight and photos regarding Holland College – specifically the Regis and Joan Duffy Library. I also included information about the PEI Public Library Service, such as the Tax Clinic program and Resume Sessions that were available at all the local Libraries.

Interest Groups & Initiatives

I am a member of the Information Literacy Group and contribute when I can. I have been unable to attend the last couple of Drop-In Spaces due to scheduling issues. The group is doing great work and it is a great way for Instructional Librarians to connect and share stories.

APLA VP PEI Term

My time as PEI VP will be complete in June 2024, and at this point, I do not believe there has been interest from another PEI representative. I am willing to continue as the VP if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Maclsaac
May 22nd, 2024



APLA VP Membership Report May 2024 Jason Lee

Membership Summary

As of May 21, 2024, our active membership total is 242. The total has been slightly decreased since my last report.

Active Membership per Province

	May 2024
NB	53
NL (Including NF)	29
NS	123
PE	13
Other	24
Total	242

Institutional Memberships

There are currently 14 active Institutional Memberships. Reminders at conference time ought to catch a few that have recently expired.

Joint Memberships

As of May 21, 2024, there are 29 joint memberships. Joint memberships with NSLA have increased by one since the March 2024 report. As we removed APLA/NLLA joint membership from the APLA website, the active APLA/NLLA joint membership number is zero.

	May 2024
APLA/NSLA	29

New Members

APLA has had 20 new members join since March 2024.

New Members by Province

	May 2024
NB	1
NL	2
NS	15
PE	1
Other	1
Total	20

Membership Types

	May 2024
Institutional	14
Librarian	80
Support Staff	28
Retired	5
Lifetime	58
Student	40
Complimentary	16
Unwaged	1
Total	242

APLA Financial Records Update from Peter Glenister

To the members of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association,

I have examined for integrity and accuracy the financial records of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association as at 31 March, 2024, including the statements of operations, functional expenses, changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the year then ended. My examination was conducted by applying risk assessment standards for not-for-profit organizations and, accordingly, included such tests and procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. In preparation for my review of the Association's records I corresponded with the Treasurer to receive the necessary documents and to clarify certain points.

In my opinion the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the organization and its investments as at 31 March, 2024, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with the notes to the Statement, have been applied on a basis consistent with that of preceding years. As of that date, the aggregate of assets is \$163,659.35 and the Association's equity is \$164,215.31.

I included in my examination, in accord with Standing Order 3.10, the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Fund and, in my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and the balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December, 2023. The equity of the Somers Fund was \$82,662,193 as of 31 December, 2023.

Also in accord with Standing Order 3.10, I have examined the financial records of the APLA Memorial Awards Trust Fund and, in my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and the balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the Trust Fund as at 31 December, 2023. The current value of the Fund is \$53,072.19 although the Balance report gives \$53,125.36 because the interest paid in January 2024 has been inadvertently included.

At the discretion of the Executive, Standing Order 3.09 directs that up to \$1,000 of any annual operating surplus may be transferred to the Memorial Awards Trust Fund and Standing Order 3.15 that 50% of any annual conference surplus be divided between the Memorial Awards Trust Fund and the First Timers Conference Grant. These transfers were made during the fiscal year.

Implementation of the Quick Books software for managing the Association's accounts continues to be of enormous assistance for the Financial Examiner as it is certainly for the Treasurer.

Peter Glenister
Halifax, Nova Scotia
May 2024



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Statement of Account	
Branch No.	Account No.
4959	4959-5228106

Account Type
BUSINESS INVESTOR ACCOUNT

Statement From - To
DEC 29/23 - JAN 31/24
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DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE/DEBIT	DEPOSIT/CREDIT	DATE	BALANCE
BALANCE FORWARD			DEC29	53,072.19
SDB RENTAL	69.00		JAN16	53,003.19
INTEREST CREDIT		122.17	JAN31	53,125.36
0 CHQS ENCLOSED NEXT STATEMENT DATE IS FEB 29/24				
MONTHLY AVER. CR. BAL. \$53,040.51				
MONTHLY MIN. BAL. \$53,003.19				
DEP CONTENT- CASH 0 ITEMS 0 UNC BATCH 0				
			No.	Amount
			Credits 1	122.17
			Debits 1	69.00

<p>— 5 May, 2024</p> <p>— <i>Peter Glenister</i></p>
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APLA Treasurer Report May 2024 Colin MacKay

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association remains in good financial standing. As of May 21, 2024, our chequing account has a balance of \$9,410.30, our savings account has a balance of \$121,326.74, and our Stripe/JoinIt account has a balance of \$0. Our VISA carries a balance of \$0.

Investments

As of May 21, 2024:

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund (\$83,075.09)

- Prize awarded: 3 prizes awarded (\$1,000 each, \$3,000 total).
- GIC # 4959-8030413-19
 - purchased on June 24, 2021: \$82,252.82
 - current balance: \$83,075.09
 - matures on: June 24, 2024
 - interest rate: 0.49%
 - Expects to repurchase in 2024-2025 FY

First-Timer's Grant (\$29,653.89)

- Prizes awarded: no prizes awarded this year.
- GIC # 4959-8030113-20
 - purchased on June 25, 2021: \$29,350.48
 - current balance: \$29,643.89
 - matures on: June 25, 2024
 - interest rate: 0.49%
 - Expects to repurchase in 2024-2025 FY

Memorial Awards Trust Fund (\$53,362.50)

- Prize awarded: one award given for \$800.00.
- Chequing account # 4959-3119353 has a balance of \$53,362.50.
- All GICs were closed on this account as of April 2022 and no new GICs were

purchased as of May 2024 due to unexpected difficulties.

- Expects to repurchase for 2024-2025 FY

Completed Tasks

- Annual renewals and subscriptions
- APLA Conference: budget and payments
- Present budget for 2024-2025 FY
- Prepare books for financial examiner
- Prepare CRA taxes

Current/Future Tasks

- Change of signing officer and account owners for 2024-2025 FY
- Determine next steps with APLA Finance Committee re: GICs and account structures
- Add new President-Elect onto TD accounts
- APLA Archival fond: facilitate transfer to NSA
- The Partnership Job Board: payment for update of software by BCLA

Respectfully submitted,

Colin MacKay
Treasurer, APLA



APLA Information Literacy Interest Group Report May 2024

Agnieszka Hayes (she/her), Convener

Projects

The Information Literacy Interest Group has been active with its two main projects: bi-monthly emails on information literacy related topics, and virtual drop in learning spaces.

Emails were curated by group members and sent out to the APLA listserv by the Convener. There has been a positive response to the emails, with comments received about the usefulness of the resources shared in the emails.

There have been two virtual drop-in learning space sessions held so far. Group members Nicole Marcoux and Margaret Vail co-hosted a session on November 23, which focused on participants sharing experiences of incorporating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into information literacy instruction. This session was one of the highest attended sessions since the group has been hosting them. Agnieszka Hayes, Convener, hosted a session on April 4 (postponed from March 28, due to illness) with the theme of including EDI principles and ethics of care into information literacy instruction. There will be an upcoming session in June after the APLA conference, which will allow the group to meet its goal of hosting three sessions each year.

Membership

The group has welcomed new members, who are contributing to its efforts to enable conversations about information literacy among APLA members and beyond. New members are always welcome, and membership inquiries can be sent to infolit@apla.ca.

Respectfully submitted by Agnieszka Hayes, Information Literacy Interest Group Convener



APLA Bulletin Report
May 2024
Kate McClintock

The APLA Bulletin continued to collect and distribute updates from Atlantic Canadian libraries, APLA Interest Groups, the APLA Executive, and the APLA Conference Committee in 2023-2024. Thank you to all who contributed to and/or read the Bulletin this year. Hoping to do more of the same in the upcoming 88th Volume, beginning this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate McClintock

APLA Bulletin Text Editor May 17, 2024



APLA Memorial Award Committee Report May 2024 Evelyn Trainer

Memorial Award 2024

Committee Members

Elizabeth Millar
Evelyn Trainer
Jenny Thornhill
Martin Chandler
Wendy Rodgers

The committee met on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 8:30 am, to review the application for the Memorial Award. We unanimously decided to give the award (\$800) to Grace Bourret, Kaitlin Fuller, and their team of four other librarians. The group will conduct a study called, *Measuring the Impacts of Play in the Academic Library: A Cross-Sectional Study*.

The goal of the proposed project is to measure the impact of play on student outcomes using a cross-sectional study. We're specifically looking to measure:

- 1) enjoyment of the event,
- 2) satisfaction with the library, and
- 3) sense of belonging within the campus community

The committee is interested in the study We're excited to learn the results of this study. We're happy the Bourret/Fuller group has a detailed plan to share the results at a library assessment conference such as the Library Assessment Conference in November 2024, and at the APLA Conference in 2025. The group intends to upload their programming and to publish the results of their study.

The lessons learned will be useful to many libraries (school, public, and academic) as every library is looking for greater engagement. We think the results of this study will be useful to the Games Convener. Perhaps a collaboration between the applicants and Games could happen in the future.

Memorial Award Committee Goals

1. Become more active throughout the year in promoting the award.
2. Advertise the work of the winners.
3. Promote collaboration between committees, Atlantic library staff, and associations.

Next Steps

The committee will meet with Nathalie Richard, in June, to discuss the role the committee could take in social media promotion. The committee will then solidify our plans for the fall. We plan to meet with Nathalie's successor, in September, to continue the conversation and implement our plan.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Memorial Award Committee,

by Evelyn Trainer

May 22, 2024



APLA promotes the interests of libraries in the Atlantic Provinces while fostering the development of librarians, library technicians and information professionals through cooperation.

APLA Event Code of Conduct

Introduction

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) is proud of the professional development that occurs each year during the APLA Conference. APLA's mission is to promote the interests of libraries in the Atlantic Provinces while fostering the development of librarians, library technicians, and information professionals through cooperative efforts and the promotion of library interests.

APLA is dedicated to providing a positive event experience for all participants and expects attendees, speakers, exhibitors, volunteers, and staff to show respect and courtesy toward one another at all conference and conference-related events. We value ideas, thoughts and expression, and we appreciate new pedagogy when delivering workshops and sessions. Discriminatory language and imagery is not appropriate for any event venue, including talks, workshops, sessions, or any community event online or in a face-to-face environment.

Purpose

We do not tolerate harassment in any form. Harassment is understood as any behaviour that threatens another person or group, or produces an unsafe environment. It includes offensive verbal comments or non-verbal expressions related to gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age, religious beliefs, sexual or discriminatory images in public spaces (including online), deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention.

Participants asked to stop any harassing behaviour are expected to comply immediately. If a participant engages in harassing behaviour, the conference organizers may take any action they deem appropriate, including warning the offender or expulsion from the conference with no refund. We expect participants to follow these rules at conference and workshop venues and conference-related social events.

Procedures

If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or believe that this code of conduct has been breached in any way, please contact a member of the conference staff immediately. Conference staff will be identified at the beginning of each session and will be located

at the conference registration desk. If you believe someone is in physical danger, please notify appropriate law enforcement first.

Conference staff will be able to help participants contact hotel/venue security or local law enforcement, provide escorts, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the conference.

Conference Staff Procedure for Handling Harassment Reports

- If there is a general threat to attendees or the safety of anyone is in doubt, summon hotel/venue security or police immediately.
- If an incident is reported that does not pose an immediate threat, gather the following information about the incident:
 - Name of participant doing the harassing
 - Names of other people involved in the incident
 - Behaviour that was in violation
 - Approximate time of the behaviour
 - Circumstances surrounding the incident
- If an incident is reported to conference staff, meet with the conference chair and/or event coordinator to determine whether action is required. Possible actions that may be required include:
 - Informing the alleged harasser of what has been reported and allowing him/her to provide their side of the story;
 - Warning the harasser to cease the behaviour;
 - Requiring that the harasser avoid any interaction with and/or physical proximity to the victim for the remainder of the event;
 - Ending a talk early that violates the code of conduct;
 - Not publishing the video or slides of a talk that violated the code of conduct;
 - Not allowing a speaker who violated the code of conduct to give further talks at the event or future APLA events;
 - Immediately ending any event responsibilities or privileges the harasser holds;
 - Requiring that the harasser not participate in future APLA events;
 - Requiring that the harasser immediately leave the event and not return;
 - Removing the harasser from APLA membership.
- Only permanent resolutions, such as bans, may be appealed. To appeal a decision, send an

email to the current APLA President. Contact information can be found at [APLA Contact Us](#).

*This Event Code of Conduct was accepted by the membership at the OGM 2017 in Charlottetown, and reaffirmed at the OGM 2018 in Fredericton. It was adapted from the Ontario Library Association Code of Conduct for OLA Events and the PyCon 2016 Code of Conduct which is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported License

Proxy Vote Form

I _____ of _____ in the County of _____
_____ being a member of Atlantic Provinces Library Association, hereby appoint _____ of _____ as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the ordinary general (or special general as the case may be) meeting of the Association, to be held on the _____ day of _____ and at any adjournment thereof, or at any meeting of the Association which may be held within _____ months from the date thereof.

As witness my hand this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Witness _____ Member _____