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From the President's Desk



Summer 2024

Emily Blackmore

I hope everyone's enjoyed a great summer! I started as APLA President in June, at our OGM during the **2024 APLA Conference** and would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome. A big thank you to the organizing committee for this conference, and all of the volunteers who kept everything working behind the scenes. A virtual conference comes along with lots of different logistical considerations and our team worked hard to make this one good for everyone who attended.

I am excited to tell you that planning for our **2025 APLA Conference** is underway and will be in person next year in Nova Scotia! Stay tuned for an announcement on dates, an exact location, and the theme, and keep an eye out for a call for proposals later in the year.

Just this month I attended a virtual **Partnership** meeting with representatives from library associations across Canada. It is heartening to see that the profession is alive and well, and that the challenges we face here on the east coast are shared by our colleagues country wide. Hearing about how others are problem solving issues like censorship, volunteer retention, and how to best support library workers is a valuable thing, and I'm looking forward to the next meeting.

I want to give special thanks to our outgoing President **Krystal Dionne**, who is now in the role of Past President. I would also like to welcome our new VP Elect and future President **Courtney Crocker**, who is the Education Librarian at Memorial University. We're thrilled to have Courtney on board, and welcome to all of our new executive members.

As we start a new school year, I want to encourage anyone whose interested in getting involved with APLA, whether you're a student, new to the field, or retired, to check out our [Interest Groups](#). Whether your interest lies in Information Literacy, Continuing Education, or Intellectual Freedom, we are always interested to hear from you and have you be involved.

Happy Fall to you all and I look forward to seeing you in 2025 in Nova Scotia!

Emily Blackmore

APLA President 2024-2025

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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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As a CEC program participant you will:

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- 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.

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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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News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador Libraries

Submitted by Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial Libraries

University News:

On behalf of the Presidential Search Committee (PSC), the Board of Regents is sharing updates regarding the search for Memorial University's next President and Vice-Chancellor. These updates are based on the PSC's most recent meeting. The committee comprises faculty, students, regents, staff and community representatives. [Read More.](#)

The search committee for the next Vice-President (Grenfell Campus), announced on Aug. 12, held its first meeting on Aug. 14. More updates will follow as the search begins. [Read more.](#)

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has announced **Justin Ladha** as the new chair of Memorial University's Board of Regents. The appointment was effective Tuesday, August 20. Mr. Ladha is Chief Executive Officer of KMK Capital Inc. He has experience as a member of the board of directors of Nalcor Energy-Oil and Gas Inc. and as a past Chair of the St. John's Board of Trade. [Read More.](#)

Memorial University's Office of Development and Alumni Engagement is proud to announce this year's Alumni Tribute Awards recipients. All four have made tremendous contributions to the health and justice of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and those around the globe. [Read More.](#)

Lisa Russell is the Executive Director of the Board of Regents as of June 10th. Ms. Russell's appointment was approved by the Board of Regents at their May meeting and follows an internal competition and the recommendation to the board by the board chair and the president. [Read More.](#)

Research:

Michaela Doucette's role as Indigenous Archivist has grown to include the Labrador Campus Library and Archive. She will be working closely with **Sarah Papple**, and other members of the Labrador Campus, to support the curation, preservation, and accessibility of archival materials acquired by the Labrador Campus.

The Archives and Special Collections Division hosted a two-day workshop July 22nd-23rd titled "**Unsettling Colonial Legacies in Newfoundland and Labrador**" that was organized by **Dr. Julia Laite**, historian with the University of London, **Dr. Dean Bavington**, faculty member with Memorial's Geography Department, and **Madelyn White**, a graduate student in Memorial's Geography Department. The workshop brought together people from a variety of backgrounds and academic fields to discuss current and future research addressing the complex and unique histories of colonialism in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Project Learn Book club are reading (for discussion at their next gathering on September 24):

Belcourt, Billy-Ray. *A Minor Chorus*. Toronto: Hamish Hamilton. 2022. [Link](#)

Theme(s): National Indigenous Peoples Day, National Indigenous History Month & Pride Month

Kimmerer, Robin. *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants*. Minneapolis: Milkweed Editions. 2013. [Link](#)

Theme(s): National Indigenous Peoples Day & National Indigenous History Month

Good, Michelle. *Five Little Indians*. Toronto: Harper Perennial. 2020. [Link](#)

Theme(s): National Indigenous Peoples Day, National Indigenous History Month, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day

Library employees - **Amanda Tiller-Hackett**, **Liza-Ann Tucker** and **Laura Aylward** attended the thought-provoking EDI-AR Conference in May.

Colleen Field gave a lecture to the Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador on May 28th. She shared information about the family history resources available in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies (CNS) including those resources that have been digitized for the Digital Archives Initiative (DAI). It was their first in-person lecture since pre-pandemic days and their first hybrid session.

Laura Aylward presented to the Academic Libraries' Leadership Institute (ALLI) on June 15. ALLI was developed by the Gardiner Centre with input from CARL directors and senior academic library leaders and the program has been tailored specifically for senior academic library leaders, to assist their growth so that they are well positioned to lead Canada's academic libraries into the future. Her presentation is about the broad University budgetary context, common university budget models and how academic libraries are typically allocated funds through them.

Various members of the MUN Library team participated in the 2024 annual APLA Conference (Virtual) "Looking Forward: Library Futures." From behind-the-scenes planning work to mindful movement breaks, the conference was a great success. Thanks to all who presented, organized, and supported the conference.

QEII Cataloguing and Metadata librarian **Heather Pretty**, and Serials and Acquisitions librarian **Sue Fahey**, were part of a meeting of heads of metadata and technical services from Keep@Downsview member libraries. The meeting included a tour of the Downsview facility. An interesting fact: the University of Toronto is looking to make the facility the first NetZero building at the University.

Employee News:

As of June 3, the QEII Library administrative team had some changes. **Laura Aylward** (former manager of Finance and Administration) accepted a position as director of Finance, with Facilities Management. **Cindy Cranford** is serving as the Library's Interim Manager of Finance and Administration and **Paula Hennessey** will be returning to backfill as the Administrative Staff Specialist.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies is happy to announce that **Karen Darby's** contract has been extended until July 18th 2025.

Cool Stuff:

Archives and Special Collections' **Linda White** was recognized for her work and dedication to the Greenspond Historical Society and to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Greenspond Letter. She was presented with a Certificate of Recognition by Mayor **Herbert Burry**.

The HSL team held an employee retreat on July 9th during which they reviewed and discussed their strategic planning for the next two years, and participated in a couple of communication exercises. Both the Dean of Libraries and the Interim Dean of Medicine stopped by with words of appreciation and encouragement.

The Education Library is now on Tik Tok @mun_education_library. Check it out [here](#).

The QEII Library was lucky enough to hear the Cantare Children's Choir (conducted by Catherine Glaser-Climie) in late June. The choir is from Calgary and they were participating in the 2024 Harbour Voices Choral Festival. The choir was in the library to hear another presentation by **David Mercer** and **Matthew Keels**, and view First World War artifacts. The presentation left quite an impression which can you hear for yourselves in this [radio clip](#).

Also, a special shoutout to other QEII Library employees who participated in the 2024 Harbour Voices Choral Festival held in late June. **Meaghan Malone** is a member of Lady Cove, **Rob Ball** is a member of Newman Sound, and **Kate McClintock** is a member of Spectrum Queer Choir!

HSL's team of six, Gait Keepers, is participating in the 2024 Cross-Campus Step Challenge. After three weeks they are at 1,630,993.

The QEII Library was well represented on July 1st at the Centennial Ceremony at the National War Memorial in St. John's. **David Mercer**, **Matthew Keels** (members of the CLB Regimental Band), and **Keith Wade** (Regimental Sergeant Major of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment) were all present and are QEII Library employees. David was an honorary pallbearer for the unknown soldier who was repatriated and entombed during the ceremony.

The Education Library Team and the Faculty of Education hosted a very successful Drag Storytime on July 24, that had over 50 attendees from across campus. An amazing reading and Q & A by drag performer **Tara Nova**.

Grenfell's **Crystal Rose** was on CBC's Here & Now, interviewed as a "royal watcher" commenting on Princess Anne and her cancelled visit to NL. Crystal's commentary is also provided in [this CBC article](#).

June was Pride month. Various displays were created in the Branches to celebrate and support Pride initiatives.

The self-checkout (Meescan) in the QEII Library is now operational. The checkout will be available when the service desk is not open.

A recent story in Medium featured LITS employee **Gordon Little's** latest foray into video game creation and production. "Moving Houses" will be officially published as a video game in September but in the meantime, the story from Medium reached 56 million. Preview the game [here](#).

Multiple Grenfell Library staff helped Grenfell convocation ceremonies run smoothly on May 16. **Krista Howell** (Deputy University Marshal), **Chelsea Humphries** (Marshal), and **Brittany Piercey** (Graduate Room Coordinator) all participated and helped to make the day a memorable one for our graduates!

A group of MUN Grads and QEII Library Commons alumni have launched Kabby. **Nana Abekah**, **Haris Barki** and **Frank Nie** all worked at the Commons and are now the co-founders of the new ride-sharing company that is offering rides in St. John's. [Read](#) and listen [here](#) for more.

Health Sciences Library (HSL) installed three new bicycle desks.

The HSL print weeding project continued throughout the summer and work just began on their computer classroom to accommodate an increase in undergraduate medicine class size.

Gazette Stories that feature the Libraries:

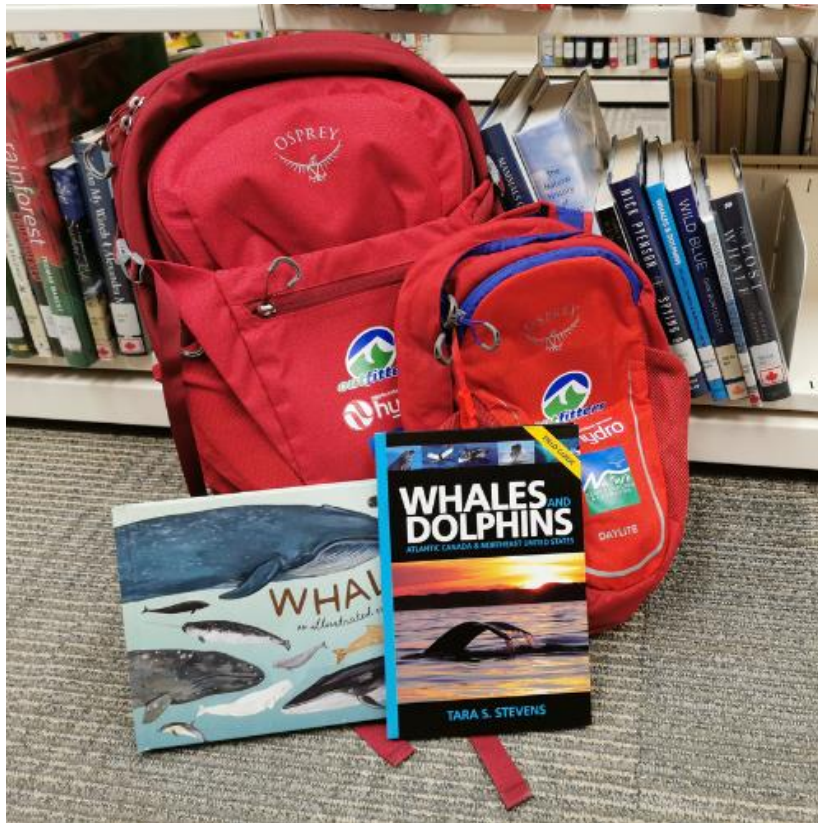
"By Design: Cozy nooks, accessible space and calm vibes on the QEII's revamped fiesta deck" by Kristine Power. Read [here](#).

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Submitted by Emma Craig, Regional Librarian for St. John's, NLPL

Marine Backpacks Available at NL Public Libraries

On June 8th (World Oceans Day), NL Public Libraries and Nature NL announced the release of their newest borrowable kit for patrons: Marine Backpacks.



Nature NL is a non-profit organization and charity that promotes the enjoyment and conservation of wildlife and natural resources in our province. They previously collaborated with NLPL on the Birdwatching Backpacks, which launched in 2020, which are borrowable kits with binoculars and information about local birds.

The Marine Backpacks have all the essentials within for someone to learn about and observe marine wildlife in NL, such as whales, seals, and sea-birds. These essentials include: binoculars, tips for beginners, visual guides and books for adults and children. There is an Adult and Kids version of the backpacks available to borrow. Nature NL handled most of the creation of the backpacks, with support from NL Hydro and the Outfitters for supplies.

The Marine Backpacks are now available at various libraries on the Eastern coast of Newfoundland where whale-watching and birdwatching is popular. They can be borrowed from the following libraries:

Bonavista, Conception Bay South, Clarenville, Holyrood, Mount Pearl (Ross King Memorial), Placentia, St. John's (A.C. Hunter), Torbay, and Trepassay.

Playaway's Launchpads at NL Public Libraries

Submitted by Chantel Gale, Early Literacy Training Administrator

Scheduled for release on September 3rd, 2024, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries are thrilled to announce the launch of a new digital resource tailored for young children: **The Launchpad by Playaway!**

The Launchpads are educational tablets specifically designed for young children, featuring pre-loaded ad-free games, stories, and videos. They are durable, secure, user-friendly, and do not require Wi-Fi. Just switch on anytime, anywhere. Families can enjoy story times together, play educational games, and watch enriching videos, turning screen time into a valuable bonding opportunity, all while offering educational content to support early literacy skills.



NLPL is excited to see the positive impact these new tools will have on our communities and look forward to supporting the educational journeys of our youngest library patrons.

Celebrating Bonnie Morgan: Cheers to Her New Position at Memorial University

Submitted by Susan Prior, Manager of St. John's Public Libraries

Newfoundland & Labrador Collections & Services Librarian **Bonnie Morgan** has resigned from NLPL to accept the position of Public Services Librarian in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies at Memorial University.

During her 10 years with NL Public Libraries, Bonnie brought knowledge, creativity and a passion for providing excellent library services to each of the positions she held. Whether working in a sole charge library, delivering a storytime to preschoolers or in the role of a senior administrator, Bonnie consistently demonstrated her strong commitment to public libraries. Among her many accomplishments while at NLPL were successful grant applications to fund positions, such as the

Indigenous Storyteller in Residence and the Digital Literacy & Technology Librarian, as well as securing funding for the “Summer Snacks for Kids” program.



A strong advocate for the importance of NL history and literature, Bonnie raised the profile of the NL collection through partnerships with organizations throughout the province. As a scholar, she found time in her private life to research and write an award-winning book, *Ordinary Saints: Women, Work, and Faith in Newfoundland*.

We were proud to have her as a member of our NLPL team and she will be greatly missed. We wish Bonnie every success as she moves to her new position.

News from Nova Scotia

News from the Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University

Submitted by **Deborah Hemming**, Liaison Librarian and Library Outreach & Promotions Coordinator

Library Updates

Summer 2024 has been a busy time in the Library due to some exciting renovations in the building. Our Access Services desk and Research Help desk have been completely refurbished, flooring was replaced on the second and fourth floors, and a new accessible washroom is being installed on the first floor.

In May, we launched the *Borealis Acadia University Collection*, our new research data repository. We celebrated with a Research Data Management workshop presented by ACENET, Acadia's Division of Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies, and the Library. A big thank you to librarian **Mike Beazley** for leading this initiative.

For Accessibility Week at Acadia University, May 27-31, the Library hosted two events: "Creating Accessible Documents" led by librarian **Maggie Neilson** and library technology specialist **Josh d'Entremont**, and "Making Communities More Accessible" by Donna Sears, Barb Shaw and Julie Glaser.

The Acadia Archives participated in the Kings Hants Heritage Connection (KHHC) social media project throughout the summer. The theme was "Acadians in the Valley." Check out the Acadia Archives on [Instagram](#) to see the wonderful posts created by the Archives team.

Employee News

Welcome to librarian **Hailey Wills**, who started a 13-month contract on June 1, and librarian **Christine LeBlanc**, who started an 11-month contract on August 1.

On July 1, librarian **Mike Beazley** began a 3-year term as Head of Research Services at the Library.

As of July 9, **Colin MacKay** from Access Services has started a 9-month secondment in Interlibrary Loans and we were happy to welcome **Kathleen Jagoe** back to Access Services.

Research

Deborah Hemming gave a presentation, "Local Lit in the Kirkconnell Room: Fostering local literary culture within the academic library," at the APLA conference (June 2024).

News from Cumberland Public Libraries

Submitted by Charlotte Gallivan, Community Engagement Librarian

Art Attack! At the Pugwash Library

On June 1, members of the Pugwash Artist Collective, and library supporters, hosted “Art Attack” at the Pugwash Library. The purpose of Art Attack was to raise funds for additional art installation systems in the library.

Community members dressed up as famous fictional characters, reading from several works as local artists sketched, drew, felted, and painted their interpretations of the readers. Attendees who made donations were able to take artwork home to commemorate a lovely day at the library.

The Pugwash Artist Collective was able to raise enough funds to purchase new installation systems, providing the library with more space to display local artwork for all to enjoy.



The Mad Hatter, Anne of Green Gables, Dracula, and Sherlock Holmes pose for a photo after “Art Attack”; hosted at the Pugwash Library by the Pugwash Artist Collective and local artists

The Darkest Dark - Story Walk on the Fundy Geo Community Trail

Our Parrsboro location's story walk went on a field trip!

On Thursday, June 27, the community of Parrsboro was able to visit the Fundy Geo Community Trail to read "The Darkest Dark" by astronaut Chris Hadfield. The story had QR codes on the storyboards providing an audio version of the story.

Summer Reading Club is Out of this World!

Our Summer Reading Clubs officially kicked off on June 17. Youth Services Library Assistant **Julie**, and Summer Reading Club Coordinator **Isabelle**, planned and implemented programs throughout the County.

Events included our “Amazing Astronomy” program, perler bead aliens, giant games night, and more.

NSLA Conference 2024 – Early Bird Registration Now Open!

On behalf of the 2024 NSLA Conference Planning Committee, Cumberland Public Libraries is so excited to welcome library workers and supporters to Amherst this October. The conference will take place on **October 25-27**, at the Travelodge by Wyndham Amherst. You can find more conference information [here](#).

Libraries are more important than ever before. Our theme, *Make it Happen, Make it Matter!*, symbolizes the positive impacts libraries and library staff have on everyone who passes through our physical or digital doors. We provide exemplary service and fill societal gaps while offering engaging resources and experiences. Now let's come together to celebrate our achievements!

Our roster includes a combination of fun, informative, and interactive sessions presented by our colleagues in both public and academic libraries, ensuring an excellent weekend for all who attend. Registration for the 2024 NSLA Conference officially opened on August 18.



News from Prince Edward Island

News from Holland College and PEI Public Library Service

Submitted by **Emily MacIsaac**, Student Engagement & Instructional Librarian, Holland College

At the Library

At the Holland College Library, we are preparing for the upcoming school year! This includes refining our instructional materials and active learning strategies. Our team has been working on updating the Libguide homepage on the library website, as well as other high-use guides such as Career Development, the Research Process, and APA 7th edition citation style. **Emily MacIsaac** has also created an entirely new subject guide focusing on AI, aiming to provide students with important information on ethics, appropriate use, and how to use AI ethically.

We are always eager to welcome new students joining Holland College in September.

September Programming

The Prince of Wales Campus library team is excited to offer fun programs where new students can meet and receive helpful advice. The first event, Coffee & Talk, allows students to meet their peers and staff members, fostering connections and a sense of belonging at Holland College. The second event, Campus Crash Course, is an informative session where **Emily MacIsaac** and **Leslie Holt** provide tips about different departments at the college and navigating Charlottetown.



Updates from the PEI Public Library

PEI Public Libraries have added Yoto Audio Players for families to borrow! The Yoto Audio Player is a portable screen-free device that can play audiobooks, podcasts, music, radio, and more. This device is an excellent way to keep kids entertained and encourage reading over the summer break! There are 20 devices available across PEI with content in English and French.



To learn more, check out the official press release [here](#).

News from UPEI Robertson Library

Submitted by Spencer Merz-Wood, Library Technician, Robertson Library

Events

Our Summer began with an exciting fundraising campaign announcement, aimed at raising \$15 million dollars for our [library revitalization project](#). Capturing much enthusiasm from our staff and our patrons, this campaign will help us upgrade study spaces, refurbish teaching spaces, expand our Special Collections area, and otherwise enhance facilities based on feedback from over 700 students.



We also participated in hosting the 16th biennial L.M. Montgomery Institute conference, where our University Archives and Special Collections Unit unveiled never-before-seen Montgomery records donated by the Heirs of Lucy Maud Montgomery.

With a prodigious turnout, it was fantastic to see Montgomery scholars and enthusiasts from all over the world join us for this special event!

Upgrades

We've also been hard at work completing upgrades of our Redmine ticketing system, our OneSearch & Ebscohost database interfaces, and our Evergreen Integrated Library System, before we welcome back our students back for the Fall semester.

Presentations

At the 2024 CRKN Virtual Conference, User Experience & Collections Librarian **Melissa Belvadi** shared exciting updates on three open-source tools developed in collaboration with UPEI computer science students - [video here](#).

Instructional Services Librarian **Katelyn Browne** took part in hosting a session at the annual APLA conference, providing an update on the work of APLA's Intellectual Freedom Interest Group, while at the same conference Systems Librarian **Courtney Matthews** held a lightning talk about his team's efforts to modernize Robertson Library's infrastructure with the Ceph Storage Cluster.

In his role as Chair of the Board for the Islandora Foundation, University Librarian **Donald Moses** traveled across the Atlantic to present at the 2024 Open Repositories Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Staffing Changes

We're thrilled to welcome **Keri McCaffery** back as our new One Health and Scholarly Communications Librarian, assuming the role held by **Kim Mears** who has transitioned to our Medical & Knowledge Synthesis Librarian.

While University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian **Simon Lloyd** is away on sabbatical, our own **Juanita Rossiter** has taken over operations in our Archives and Special Collections Unit.

Stacey Meenink has moved from a part time term role to a permanent library technician role in our Access Services and Scholarly Communications and Resource Sharing Units.