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A popular e-book platform that provides access to thousands of full-text titles from hundreds of commercial and academic publishers, including Blackwell Publishing, Cambridge University Press, Greenwood, McGraw-Hill, Oxford University Press, Sage and many more.



### Oxford Scholarship Online

A cross-searchable library which offers access to the full text of over 4000 Oxford books in Biology, Business and Management, Classical Studies, Economics and Finance, History, Law, Linguistics, Literature, Mathematics, Music, Neuroscience, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Public Health and Epidemiology, Religion and Social Work.

### Science Direct

We subscribe primarily for the fulltext ejournals in all of the sciences (including Economics, Finance, and the Social Sciences). But this platform now also provides access to over 1,500 ebooks, and the Libraries have acquired a number of electronic encyclopedias and other reference ebooks via Science Direct.

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# One Medical School, Two Provinces—Two Libraries

This past summer librarians and staff at Dalhousie's Kellogg Health Sciences library in Halifax and at the Ward Chipman Library in Saint John, New Brunswick were hard at work preparing for the launch of an exciting new program. After decades of discussion, Dalhousie Medical School opened its New Brunswick campus with the first group of 30 students beginning classes in September 2010.

The New Brunswick campus is known as Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick (DMNB). Students there are members of one Dalhousie medical class, separated only by geography. The goal is for students at both campuses to have equivalent experiences: lecture content, exams, tutorials, clinical training, library resources which will often be shared through videoconferencing and other technology.

From an information services perspective, this first group of students presents an interesting challenge and a learning opportunity. Library services for DMNB students will be provided by Kathleen Gadd, a librarian at UNBSJ. However, the New Brunswick students can also work online with Karen Neves, the liaison librarian at the Kellogg.

Behind the scenes technical issues have included questions such as: will students have both UNB and Dalhousie email addresses? Will they be included in both library systems, and if so, how? What will be the process for document delivery of print and electronic materials to the DMNB students, and how will we best serve them when they are conducting rotations throughout New



Karen Neves



Kathleen Gadd

Brunswick and the rest of Canada?

One highlight of our preparations has been a revamp of the Undergraduate Medicine LibGuide. We reconstructed it to reflect the new curriculum as well as site-specific information by splitting it into a guide for students in Halifax (<http://guides.library.dal.ca/med>) as well as one for New Brunswick (<http://dal.ca.libguides.com/dmnb>) where resources held in common as well as those unique to each site are highlighted. In addition the UNB Libraries have created a new location in their system for DMNB materials, and Dalhousie has made an effort to acquire even more electronic resources to facilitate access by students and faculty at both campuses.

Kathleen, Karen, and many others have worked hard to make the library experience as seamless as possible for Dalhousie Medical School's class of 2014, no matter which campus they call home!

## AUTHOR/FILMMAKER SHANDI MITCHELL READING AT KILLAM



**7:30 pm, Thursday October 28**  
Special Collections Reading Room  
5th Floor, Killam Library

Shandi Mitchell, winner of the 2010 Thomas Head Raddall Fiction Award for her debut novel *Under This Unbroken Sky*, will be reading as part of the CLCP Public Reading Series. *Under This Unbroken Sky* also won the 2010 Commonwealth Regional Prize for First Book (Canada/Caribbean) and the Margaret and John Savage First Book Award.

# More Than a Makeover: The New *library.dal.ca*



The Dalhousie Libraries are proud to launch our new website as part of “Wave One” of Dal’s web revitalization project. We’ve used this timely opportunity to rethink the way we present ourselves and our information based on usability testing. Much more than a new look, our site is being streamlined and reconfigured to make it more user-friendly. Key features include:

- a single search box with multiple drop-down options
- a “Using the Library” tab to get you started
- library Hours link front and centre
- a central “carousel” highlighting our most popular resources and services
- a Research tab with links to tools and new discipline-specific resource pages
- a Writing & Style Guides tab
- a more dynamic library news and events section

We hope you like what you see, but even more—we hope you find the new library site much easier to use than our old one. A website is always a work in progress. We’d really appreciate your feedback so please use that red triangle at the bottom of the page to let us know what you think!

## Faculty Copyright Alert

The Dalhousie Libraries’ license with Access Copyright to produce course packs ends on December 31, 2010. We recommend that you consider the following alternatives to producing course packs:

- take advantage of the Libraries’ extensive and rapidly expanding ejournal and ebook collections
- provide students with links to articles on BLS
- place materials on reserve
- adopt a textbook
- request permission from the journal publisher to copy an article or book chapter
- publishers’ webpages usually have links to a “Permissions Office” or you can use their “Contact Us” link
- allow a lead time of at least 6 weeks

If you have questions about these options or would like more information about copyright at Dal please contact Jo-Ann Riggs, Copyright Office at 494-6685 or JoAnn.Riggs@dal.ca

## Etheses at Dal a Done Deal

It's official. As of October 2010 all Dalhousie graduate theses and dissertations must be submitted in electronic format only.



All of this valuable research will also be deposited to DalSpace, giving other students and scholars around the globe ready access to this rich resource. If you haven't heard about DalSpace, it's Dalhousie's open access repository, managed by the Libraries and accessible via our website. Electronic deposit has been an option since fall 2009, so there are already more than 100 theses available in DalSpace.

DalSpace offers grad students many great advantages. For instance, they can now view statistics on hits to their theses within the repository, and see where those hits are coming from around the world. Google and Google Scholar both capture content from DalSpace, giving these dissertations and theses even greater exposure, increasing the potential for collaboration and the impact of the research. Finally, DalSpace provides a secure and easily shared location for storing and archiving Dal theses.

Interested in seeing the DalSpace thesis collection?  
Visit <http://tinyurl.com/dal-etheses>

## LibQUAL Survey 2010: The Results Are In



871 "Thank you's" to the 871 students, faculty and staff who took the time to fill out our rather challenging LibQUAL+ survey last March. This is a benchmark survey which we repeat every two years to assess how well we're meeting your changing needs and expectations.

First, some numbers:

- The survey was completed by 622 undergrads, 146 graduate students, 78 faculty members, and 25 research and other university staff.
- The arts and social sciences (225), science (204) and the health sciences (179) were the top disciplines represented.
- Females respondents outnumbered males 563 to 303.

Your thoughtful comments provided us with the richest source of information. Satisfaction is highest with our staff, who are consistently rated as knowledgeable and helpful. It's good to know that you appreciate the "exceptional," "outstanding" service provided by our librarians and support staff! In the "Library As Place" category on the other hand, your need for more—more computers, more quiet study space, more group study space, more hours—continues to be an ongoing challenge. We're working on it all, we promise.

Two comments stand out for us: "The library is becoming more people friendly. It would be nice to see this continued" and "Please keep exploring alternative uses of spaces in the library." This is exactly what the Libraries are aiming for as we continue to evolve in new and innovative ways. For example, a new interactive learning space, the "Learning Incubator and Networking Centre," is being created on the second floor of the Killam.

A special thank you to the survey respondent who simply ranked us "A OK!"

## RefWorks

The Libraries offer you these RefWorks resources:

- hands-on workshops
- a short video on getting started
- a PowerPoint Intro to RefWorks
- online PDF guides
- a link to the latest RefWorks training webinars

Find all these and more at  
<http://www.library.dal.ca/How/RefWorks>

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## Anne Matthewman

### Chief Law Librarian



The Dalhousie Libraries are pleased to welcome Anne Matthewman as new Chief Law Librarian of the Sir James Dunn Law Library. Anne took up her position at the Dunn on August 3, 2010.

Anne comes to Dal from Toronto, where she was Executive Director and Library Manager of the Toronto Lawyers Association. Being in a university setting and particularly having contact with students appeals to her. "I'm coming from an environment where I worked with lawyers so I'm looking forward to working with students before they become lawyers. I have a good idea of what they are going to need to know when the senior partner asks for research or a judge sends them to the library for information."

When asked about her vision for the future of the Law Library Anne has thoughtful answers. "We need to look at some new models for how we provide services to our faculty and students, to build on the idea of library as 'third space,'" she says. "We also need to revisit our involvement with legal writing and research courses—make them more exciting and useful, more personal, more geared towards answering the question, What's in it for me?" Anne points out the importance of addressing print resources in law courses. "Students need to understand how the print edition of the Canadian Abridgement works—its layout, its purpose—or they just won't get the

online version." She envisions all Law Library reference staff working together to improve legal courses, whether or not they currently teach. She also hopes to make the physical layout of the library's front desk area more inviting.

Although Anne's family is in Toronto, Halifax is already familiar to her as she has friends here. "I've been coming to Halifax for five years, and I always knew it was a place I'd enjoy living in," she says. She's currently staying with some of those friends while she looks for a house in Dartmouth. To her the commute across the bridge is actually a pleasure, compared with being on Toronto's Gardiner Expressway every day.

Anne's interests include theatre, opera, and classical, folk and country music, and she's eagerly anticipating attending events at the Rebecca Cohn. She's also hoping to start a garden and looking for a book club she can join.

Anne smiles as she says "Every morning I cross the bridge and look at the ocean, and I'm so happy to be here!" We're happy you're here too Anne, and looking forward to working with you.