

Library Council Meeting  
January 28, 2021  
1000-1200 hrs  
Microsoft Teams

Present: Sarah Stevenson (Chair), Leah Unicomb (Secretary), Allison Fulford, Amanda Sparks, Ann Barrett, Anne Matthewman, Courtney Bayne, Creighton Barrett, David Michels, Deborah Hemming, Donna Bourne-Tyson, Elaine MacInnis, Erin MacPherson, Gail Fraser, Gwen MacNairn, Hannah Steeves, Heather MacFadyen, Jackie Phinney, Janet Hathaway, Janice Slauenwhite, Jason Flynn, Joe Wickens, Joyline Makani, Julie Marcoux, Kirsten Huhn, Lachlan MacLeod, Linda Bedwell, Linda Clark, Louise Gillis, Marc Comeau, Mark Lewis, Marlo MacKay, Melissa Helwig, Melissa Rothfus, Michael Moosberger, Michelle Paon, Roger Gillis, Sai Chua, Samantha Adema, Sandy Dwyer, Sarah Jane Dooley, Shelley McKibbon

Guests: Andrea McKay, Daryl Atkinson, Emily Sumarah, James Covey, Krishna Chaitanya Varma Sirivuri, Krista Beck, Manjula Devaraj, Mike Pauley, Trudi Smith

Regrets: Carol Richardson, Dominic Silvio, Geoff Brown, Helen Wojcik, James Boxall, Jan Pelley, Karen Smith, Lindsay McNiff, Mick Bottom, Robin Parker

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

*Dalhousie University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. We are all Treaty people.*

2. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as circulated.

3. Dal.ca Renewal

Highlights of the Dal.ca Renewal Presentation:

This is a similar engagement session that has been presented to others groups in the university. An attendance poll was taken to find out who amongst the group are AEM web authors and how the group breaks out in terms of faculty, staff, senior leadership, to understand the audience.

- **Project goals**
  - Deliver a reimagined, redesigned and streamlined dal.ca that is journey-driven, accessible and responsive in reaching/servicing its target audience(s)
  - Re-establish key audience(s) of dal.ca
  - Establish clear goals, objectives and KPIs
  - Develop an updated strategy for content authoring/training
  - Reaffirm and update the university's governance framework for the web
- **Approach**
  - Comprehensive community wide consultation and collaboration
  - Design and develop content
  - Less is more
  - Practice best practices and make data-driven decisions
  - Quality content, optimized for the web
- **The interdependence between Dal.ca and myDal**

- Two separate projects but one outcome: a better user experience
- Both projects must be approached with user experience top of mind
- Understand an aligned, comprehensive content mapping plan that will help owners and authors
- **About the myDal project**
  - Vision for myDal 2.0
  - Benefits
- **Related projects**
  - myDal revamp
  - LiveWhale events calendar
  - Joint web projects
  - University Digital Strategy Committee
  - Brand and positioning project
  - Banner upgrade
  - Registrars office initiatives
- **Constraints and Risks**
  - Scope; Schedule; Budget; Resources; Technology
- Project phases
  - Timeframe: Now through to April 2022 with phased deployment
  - Need to streamline the new system
- Project groups and key contributors
  - CMC and ITS; Digital Platform Steering Committee; Web Operations Committee; Web Renewal Task Force; Web Renewal Working Groups
- Support for existing sites and authors
  - A content audit and site rebuild plan to help web authors prepare for transition to Touch UI and/or myDal

Questions/Comments:

- *How do you want people to identify since the Libraries are not listed as a unit and most folks don't have a Faculty affiliation?*  
 You can select "Staff member" for question 1 and question 2 will prompt you to indicate your faculty / department / unit where you can indicate Libraries. We'll also review and adjust the data on the back end as we recognize that some library staff are also faculty.
- *How would you like us to interact with the web renewal group in terms of how we proceed with an initiative in the interim since the timeline is fairly far in the future and we were thinking of implementing this initiative sooner. How should we proceed?*  
 Information can be found at <https://www.dal.ca/about-dal/web-project.html> but it is not recommended to initiate new web development projects. Work can continue in the planning of the project and the preparation of content offline. We do not have the capacity to support major overhauls of content. It is encouraged for authors to carry out their work on the "live server" rather than the "preview server". The Dal.ca Renewal Group are happy to discuss what your needs are and how they can support those needs.
- *Can you please address the fact that the way the libraries deliver content is different from the website rollouts in the past and will the Dal.ca Renewal Group acknowledge that and take it into consideration as you go through the project.*  
 We have a diversity of units and needs across the university and that is key. That is why we are doing the consultations to better understand the priorities from different perspectives and carrying those forward in the plans. It's a big challenge to come up with an information architecture and a navigation system that will allow flexibility and adaptability so the way it presents for libraries best addresses the libraries needs for their users because they are unique compared to some other units at the university. It is very important to the process.

*The libraries are not just trying to communicate, we are taking their hands, in some cases, with undergrad students, (a little different with researchers) and teach them, not just communicate with them on how to do research, how to write a paper etc. So it's a different need than communicating on a webpage. If this is going to be taken into consideration good, and hope we get there this time.*

- *I know the site is mobile enabled but it doesn't really work that well on mobile. Are we going to have a separately designed distinct app that people can use to access the Dal content?*

There will be a proper mobile version roll out (it will be mobile optimized). It won't be a separate site, everything that is on Dal.ca will render mobile properly. The key priority is to make sure the mobile, desktop and accessibility experience. These are all critical pillars in the development stage.

- *How will we access that person's current content (staff and faculty who are working here who want to find information eg. submit a claim for expenses). Will it be on the website and which of the many tools that we store stuff in am I going to go to find what I am looking for and how many different formats will be that in).*

There is a lot of room for improvement from the old site. It depends on the initial steps that will be taken with site owners and authors of the public facing websites to take stock of what is in place and what the intended outcomes are. In some cases, the determination might be the current format because it may be the best fit or we may find a better solution depending on the platform that is in place. Looking for greater consistency so you don't have to wonder, guess and search where the information you want is located but recognizing the unique differences for each unit audience eg. information that is privacy or security concern can be moved to a secure platform – we didn't have that in the past. myDal will be revamped to make it more streamlined, adaptable and accessible to the online environment.

- *How it was decided to go with the TouchUI platform and was there a process of looking at other academic websites and other types of CMS' that are out there now or was it just shifting over to the other Adobe product.*

Decided to stay in the content management system but moving to contemporary authoring system that has been standard to the platform since 2017. Even though the authoring interface and technologies associated with it are brand new to us but its still the same application. We built up knowledge and skills on this platform so not using the same platform would build up another level of difficulty with the project. There are changes with the authoring system, but they are not unique to Adobe. Both reasons factored in the decision.

*The libraries have been limited to what we can and cannot do on the website. How much space and freedom will the libraries have to provide the services and the access we need and have it optimized for the users?*

Looking forward to the options on the navigation front. We have been really structured with the current navigation approach with what you can fit there. Hoping this new system will allow the opportunity to explore much more flexible scenarios.

- *From the human website, will there be changes to the workflow in terms of authoring and approvals for websites?*

A survey for current AEM authors has been sent out to try to understand how we can improve the author model and to support our authors. If you haven't already filled this out, please do so. This survey will help make any improvements needed.

- *Is the authorship management part going to be similar with TouchUI or is there a better way to manage workflow to have the people who are authors participate more frequently and those not participating have them not listed as an author.*

This is being worked on and reaching out to the authors who are not active to understand if they need to continue on as authors. We need to engage with the right community of people to make decisions going forward.

Sarah Stevenson has worked with some of the Dal.ca Renewal Group members in the past as part of her role on the Web Committee and as a publisher during the last revamp and she is confident that the Dal.ca Renewal Group with their experiences from 2016 will work with the libraries to make our user experience a good one.

Council members took part in an engagement activity to share thoughts and ideas and to give feedback to the Dal.ca Renewal Group using Slido. It was noted, the group will be looking for library staff to take part in some of the working groups that are being created to give feedback from a library perspective.

More ways to share your feedback with the dal.ca renewal group and stay engaged:

- Complete the 10-question survey
- Email [web.project.dal.ca](mailto:web.project.dal.ca)
- Join the mailing list

4. Approval of the Minutes (from December 17 2020)

File in Brightspace [December 17 2020] 20201217\_LC\_MIN\_DRAFT

**Motion:** to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2020 Library Council meeting.

M. Rothfus / S.J. Dooley

Carried

5. Business Arising (from the Minutes)

No Business Arising from the last meeting.

6. Recording Webinars/providing pdfs of presentation slides

This was a recommendation filtered down to Ann Matthewman as the AUL for Learning and Teaching. It relates to webinars and tutorials that are offered through the library synchronously and the need to deal with A-synchronously for students who cannot get into the synchronous session due to where they are located. It is recommended that recordings, pdfs or presentations be posted on Brightspace or the libraries website so students can access these at a later time.

Questions/Comments:

- *Should there be a particular place to post the materials so students can easily find the information they are looking for?*

We need to let our students and departments know where the materials are located once they are posted to Brightspace, Dalspace or the Libraries webpage.

- *Is this in response to a particular situation because for pharmacy, its just standard practice to record and download to Brightspace. The department should have a conversation with their liaison and maybe the liaison can add the customized content to the course space. Real time sessions that are offered by the libraries are offered to engage users at that time.*

We need to be proactive in letting departments know if we are not already doing this. This is just a general awareness discussion but we are being encouraged to deliver our content in an A-synchronously mode or deliver it synchronously but record it so its available to students around the world. Penopto automatic captioning service is also available for recording to help those students with accessibility issues. It was noted, Going Online Together in Brightspace would be a good place to put general library orientation materials. There are intellectual property and academic freedom issues at play so the university has six criteria for instruction.

7. Highlights from the Senate Report

The Senate Report is available on Brightspace [December 2020] 20201217\_LC\_RPT\_SEN.

It was noted, there were more than one meeting held in December but this report is only focussed on one meeting.

8. SLT reports to Library Council

Ann Barrett	Janet Hathaway	Michael Moosberger
Anne Matthewman	Janice Slauenwhite	Michelle Paon
Donna Bourne-Tyson	Marc Comeau	Sandra Dwyer
Elaine MacInnis	Marlo MacKay	Sarah Stevenson

Ann Barrett

*Is there someone to chat with about the The Times Higher Education DataPoints portal?*

There is a 12 seat license that Dalhousie has purchased. The libraries were given one username and password which Ann is happy to share and would welcome any support.

*There is talk about staff returning to the buildings and also that there is compliance issues around mask wearing. How do you react if you come across someone not complying with the health protocols. Will there be training on how to approach situations like this?*

We have a strong mask policy, no tolerance. The return to library is a way's off but will face it at that time. Staff remind users to put a mask on and if they don't comply, they can be asked to leave. It was noted, there is an online training module for staff to review before they return to campus.

9. Other Business

▪ Slido

A 10 seat university wide license for Slido has been purchased and the Libraries have one of these seats.

▪ CARL and Portage Response to "Data Repository Selection: Criteria That Matter"

The statement that came out which has **fair** in the title which is deceiving. This is the publishers driven standards for data repositories so we need to be aware of this in case some of our researchers see these misleading standards.

10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday February 25, 2021 1000-1200 hrs on Microsoft Teams

**W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library | Scholarly Communications**  
**Highlights for Library Council, December 2020-January 2021**

**Kellogg Health Sciences Library:**

- **Compliance with CoVID protocols while at KLLC in CHEB:** There continue to be occurrences of users at CHEB not wanting to wear masks and not wanting to leave the space when their appointments are over. Thanks to the Access Services staff who are being patient and calm with users while remaining vigilant during these times.
- **Compact Shelving:** Replacement parts have been received and the technician has visited. TabuFile are located in NB and felt unable to get a technician to NS so a technician based in NS, from a competing company, came in to look at the units.
- **Leave of Absence:** Robin Parker is on Leave of Absence; Louise Gillis is joining the Kellogg Team for three months.
- **Position in Access Service:** We are pleased that Alanah White will be with us as Library Services Assistant based at Kellogg on a term position until July 2022.
- **Environmental Scan of Services for Unaffiliated Health Professionals:** Kristy Hancock and I completed an environmental scan of health information services for unaffiliated health professionals in Canada. We began this project when she was with us last year on a Young Canada Works contract. This scan looks at access to evidence-based research for Ministry of Health policymakers and other unaffiliated health professionals, and makes suggestions for possible future directions to address this issue in Nova Scotia.
- **Interview with Santis Health:** Santis Health, a consulting firm in Canada, asked for an interview for a report they are writing “assessing and analyzing the health library service landscape across Canada to better understand health information needs, gaps in library services and where additional support is required”.

**Scholarly Communications:**

- **Thesis Research Data files – workflow discussion:** A meeting was held between the Libraries and FGS to discuss the workflow for graduate students who wish to submit their thesis and deposit their research data into DataVerse, and how the two can be connected. Thanks to Erin, Louise and Roger for taking the lead on this initiative.
- **THE DataPoints training:** The university has a 12-seat license to *Times Higher Education* (THE) DataPoints and provided one to the Dalhousie Libraries. They provided a training session in December. “THE DataPoints portal offers a range of interactive smart tools that provide simple yet deep insight into your performance in comparison with the world’s very best universities”. *Times Higher Education* generates the World University Rankings. [https://www.timeshighereducation.com/datapoints/files/homepage/attachments/the\\_datapoints\\_brochure.pdf](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/datapoints/files/homepage/attachments/the_datapoints_brochure.pdf)
- **OER News:** An application was submitted to the university for SIF funds to support OER activities. The application was successful and \$20,000.00 was provided for 4 new grants (max \$5000.00/grant) in 2021-22 for new OER initiatives at Dalhousie. [The announcement of the grants has been posted and the closing date is Monday, March 8, 2021.](#)

Also the CAUL-CBUA [AtlanticOER website](#) is up and running and grants will also be available from that source (max \$2000.00/grant). A Webinar to announce the new AtlanticOER site and the grants will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

- **CAUL-CBUA Committees:** Geoff Brown will be on a reconstituted CAUL OER Committee and Melissa Rothfus will continue on the CAUL Scholarly Communications Committee.
- **ORS Newsletter and Scholarly Communication topics:** The Dalhousie Libraries have been invited to submit brief articles on scholarly communications and RDM topics relevant to Dalhousie researchers to the bi-weekly Office of Research Services Newsletter. This series of articles will be developed in coming months.
- **Campus wide bibliographic data cleanup and ORCID activation:** Jennifer Morawiecki (Chief of Staff, Office of the VP Research & Innovation) reached out to the libraries for advice and training assistance on this project which is funded by SIF. Graduate student RAs will be hired to work with each Faculty to assist with data cleanup of researchers' information in Scopus, and to create their ORCID if they don't already have one.
- **Research Commons Initiative:** The initiative was presented to staff at ORS recently and they had a very positive response. Next steps will be to present to DRAC and commence with a development plan.
- **Scholarship @Dal Series: The winter series has an RDM focus and the lineup will be:**
  - Intro to RDM – Do you use data? Are you planning to collect data? (Feb. 4, Erin & Louise)
  - Discovery & use of Secondary Data in your research (overlapping with Julie & Gwen's Data Discovery Series)
  - Get a plan for your Data/Sources? New to Data Management Plans? (Feb. 11, Erin & Louise)
  - Ethical Data (Feb. 25, Hannah & Melissa H)
  - Storing research data for publication (Feb.25, Lachlan & Melissa R)

When not presenting, Louise, Lachlan, Melissa H and Melissa R will take turns as Moderator.
- **UNIWeb Activities:** Schema changes have been submitted for the Teaching section of UNIWeb to improve entry of Course Codes and Course Names and capture more detail on teaching hours and numbers of students. Final changes to the Dentistry AR and revision to the Medicine AR have been completed. Proximify is exploring integration of ORCID into UNIWeb and a meeting was held with ORCID-CA to discuss technical issues. A UNIWeb Administrators' meeting was held in December to review activities and gather input from faculties.
- **Research project on uptake of UNIWeb:** Juliana Serroul is undertaking a survey of the Faculty of Health to help determine the uptake of UNIWeb in the Faculty and what benefits and barriers exist for faculty. Ann and Melissa R met with her to discuss her project.
- **Sabbatical:** Geoff Brown has returned from sabbatical and will be presenting his interesting findings at a future Library Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Barrett

**Report to Library Council**  
**Anne Matthewman –January 2021**

**AD Learning and Teaching**

**ADAC**

ADAC met twice in December. I was able to report on the OER grants which are once again being jointly offered by CLT and the Libraries.

Mike Smit, Associate Dean Academic for the School of Management, reported on the Shad Valley Program which is an immersive program for high school students. It introduces them to university courses and study. It became a virtual program for the first time this past summer. The Program is looking for a new Director as Mike is stepping down. He encouraged members of ADAC to consider contributing to the program. I suggested that the Libraries would have a lot to offer to the program. In the past various librarians have contributed to the program.

ADAC also reviewed the draft Student Code of Conduct which has not been updated since 2014. There are new sections on topics such as hazing, social media, and treatment of animals.

Leanne French Munn provided ADAC with a broad-brush overview of the various committees working on the Accessibility Plan to comply with the recent Nova Scotia accessibility legislation.

**Dal Accessibility – Education (Teaching and Learning)**

This group met on December 7<sup>th</sup> and had an introduction to the digital strategy planning led by Donna Bourne-Tyson and Josh Leon. We completed a number of Slido questions as part of the presentation. The committee met again on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tereigh Ewart-Bower did a presentation on Universal Design for Learning. The Libraries will have to consider UDL in materials posted on its website.

**Team**

Deborah Hemmings, Donna Bourne-Tyson and I met with Dianne Tyers and the project manager for DalOpen to discuss the outline and plan for the research course to be offered by the libraries. We discussed offering the program as a single course or as individual modules. We also discussed the potential students for the course – grade 11/12 students, undergraduates from any university, general interest students, and consultants. Deborah and the project manager will move forward with planning and a template for the course.

**Dunn Law Library**

The Law Library has just posted a position for an Evening Circulation Supervisor. We have formed our search committee which includes Amanda Sparks, Annalise Benoit, Linda Clark, and David Michels, Chair.

This is a modified version of the position recently held by Anne-Marie White. We hope to have someone in this position as quickly as possible.

Ilana Luther, a former law student and former student library staff member, is completing a co-op placement with the Law Library on access to justice information available in academic law libraries. Ilana has been working as Executive Director of the Access to Justice and Law Reform Institute for Nova Scotia.

Lucie Guibault, a faculty member at the School has just been appointed Associate Dean, Academic. She replaces Professor Michael Deturbide who served in the role for several years.



## **AD Library Services & Head, MacRae Library**

### **Report for Library Council**

### **January 2021**

**Access Services** (see also developments under SEET) – The big news of the year is that Helen Wojcik announced her retirement effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. We wish Helen well in her retirement! Amanda Sparks has taken on the role of Manager of Access Services at the Killam Library on an interim basis. A call for expressions of interest for someone to fill Amanda’s role at Sexton has been posted. We will be providing library hours at some locations on holidays this term. We have also begun discussing the possibility of some extended hours during a brief period around exams but these extra hours will be limited in scope.

**Assessment** - Feedback comments continue to be received and discussed and resolved by SEET and ATS. QR codes will be placed in study spaces to direct users to the feedback button to encourage more space feedback. Feedback comments may be viewed by accessing the Assessment folder under System Wide Accessible on the Share Drive. The Insync report for under-represented student groups was completed and has been shared and discussed with SLT and the EDI team, and will soon make an appearance at Library Council. Examples of study room booking data have been analyzed to show zero availability prior to no-shows; further analysis pending. (L. Bedwell).

**Copyright** – The Copyright Team remains busy responding to copyright inquiries and dealing with permissions and streaming video is fairly steady. They held an online campus-wide copyright presentation on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended and we will likely offer additional sessions in the future. We are in the process of adding new CARL Copyright OER modules for university instructors and staff to their website: <https://www.carl-abrc.ca/influencing-policy/copyright/opencopyrightcourse/> - The Copyright Office is currently in the process of getting the modules up on the Copyright Office website, as well as looking at other ways of implementing them. Comparable modules are also at the University of Alberta’s *Opening Up Copyright* webinars, which we often refer people to for brief overviews of copyright concepts: <https://sites.library.ualberta.ca/copyright/> (R. Gillis)

**Data & GIS Services (formerly GIS & Data Services)** – We are reviewing and revising our webpages to provide a better virtual experience. Knowing that geospatial data is more highly specialized, we have flipped the order of data and GIS. This will help us promote the breadth and depth of all data types. We have also realized that we do not currently have a webpage on the Dalhousie Libraries website that features all of our services in one place. Dalhousie's Communications, Marketing and Creative Services team has recommended that we do this by creating a hub page. We are currently working with Marlo to accomplish this task. (G. MacNairn)

**Document Delivery** – Workload is increasing as the term progresses and the Team is looking forward to having Jolene back in February to help in the queues. We are pleased that Johnelle has been provided with the opportunity to assist Marlo with social media as her time permits.

**Equity, Diversity & Inclusion** – please see the update provided in Sandy Dwyer’s report.

**Indigenous Services** – We received a donation of more than 700 items (books and several framed treaties) from the collection of Jim Prosper, first Mi'kmaq graduate of the Nova Scotia Technical College (now Dal Faculty of Engineering). Shipped from Ottawa by Jim's son, Ron Prosper, the books are a mix of Indigenous history and culture titles, Maritime history, and a few others mixed in. Sam has had an initial review of the donation and selected items for adding to our collection. The next step is for the donation to be reviewed by a few other liaisons for items particular to their area of expertise. Sam is interviewing the Marrow Thieves author, Cherie Demaline, at Wednesday’s DalReads event. Art Stevens (Manager, Indigenous Students at DalAC), Sam and I had a great discussion with teachers from Bible Hill Junior High School (at their request) to discuss indigenous programming

ideas for the school. They currently have 27 Mi'kmaq students enrolled in the school, most of which would be off-reserve students. Sam continues to offer drop in hours through the Indigenous Student Centre. I attended the January meeting of the CAUL-CBUA Indigenous Knowledge Committee.

**LiveHelp** – Brightspace for Dal LiveHelp providers launched January 18th. This online community will encompass all things LiveHelp-related including: communications and special announcements, links to the LiveHelp calendar, relevant resources, policies and training materials. Along with the Chair of Novanet LiveHelp, Carly Brake, Sarah Jane will assist in the supervision of the Novanet LiveHelp SIM practicum student, Kydra Mayhew.

**Research Data Management** –The RDM group now meets bi-monthly and held its most recent meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The RDM Team continues to be busy with consultations with researchers. They are also working on a series of RDM workshops for the upcoming Scholarship@Dal Winter series. Stay tuned for further details. The Portage Network has also been offering a great line-up of webinars. Details on upcoming (as well as past) events can be found at: <https://portagenetwork.ca/events/>. Recordings of past webinars can be found on the [CARL Youtube Channel](#).

**Service Evaluation & Enhancement Team** – Enhancements to the email template for the room booking systems means students are now provided with an easy way to cancel their booking if they're unable to make it. This has somewhat reduced the incidents of no-shows. We are exploring the best way to approach a grace period for these bookings. We have been able to add two more rooms to the booking system in the CHEB this term on a part-time basis. The availability is clearly indicated in the booking system. We are also exploring the addition of more spaces on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Killam.

Now that the COVID numbers have reduced and stabilized, we are permitting limited appoints for the stacks for researchers. These requests have to be approved through the appropriate AD/Head.

The Team is working through the process to enable Off Campus Borrowers to book a Research Workstation in the Library. The demand has come from various fronts but primarily from alumni needing access to our electronic resources as well as students from other universities. We will be piloting this with two workstations in the lobby of the Killam Library and one in the MacRae Library. The bookings will be made via email and updated contact information (OCB application) will be required before making a booking. The bookings will follow the same schedule as our other bookings. It is hoped to have the process ready in early February.

### **MacRae Library**

- We're excited to welcome Jolene back to the MacRae this month. She is gradually transitioning back to the Library after working with the ATS Team (Brightspace) since late July. She will be full-time with the MacRae starting in February but may still be helping out with Brightspace on a part-time basis.
- Erin and I attended recent SRMG meetings related to year-end acquisitions. A few agriculture-related eResources were approved for acquisition and we'll share the details of those particular products in February's report.
- We are applying for a 2021 Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations summer project. The proposed project would continue with the work on the Atlantic Canada Co-operative archival holdings. The project, if granted, would employ one student full-time for 16 weeks.
- Accessible doors will be installed at the middle floor entrance (formerly the main entrance to the Library) this spring. This will require expanding the vestibule inwards to allow sufficient space for accessibility. On a related project, new entrance doors, as well as a card reader, will be installed at the main entrance (SLC doors). The entrance doors of the SLC have been problematic since their initial installation.
- The building elevator remains out of commission but is slated to be fully refurbished this spring/summer.
- A MacRae Staff Meeting was held on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Meetings & Events**

- I successfully completed Dalhousie's **Academic Leadership Certificate** program in early December. The 6-month course concluded with group presentations of our Action Leadership Projects. My team was comprised of John Archibald (Biochemistry & Microbiology), Diane MacKenzie (Occupational Therapy), Derek Rutherford (Physiotherapy) and Raghav Sampagni (Computer Science). The title of our project was "Competency-based micro-credentialing as the path forward?"
- Ann and I presented on the **Research Commons project** to staff of the Office of Research Services in early January and it was very well received. The Research Commons group also held a regular meeting this month.
- I was pleased to be able to attend two of the **DalReads** events this year – "Teaching *The Marrow Thieves*: a pedagogical roundtable" and "A Talk with Cherie Demaline".
- Attended two **SEET** meetings and attended an **Access Services Managers** meeting on Sandy's behalf while she was on vacation.
- The **Goods & Services Accessibility Working Group** met weekly during the month of January. Two of our meetings were devoted to meeting with representatives from other working groups to discuss progress to date as well as areas of intersection. We met with representatives from the Built Environment Group, the Employment Group, the Education Group and the Transportation Group.
- I attended the SLT Virtual **Coffee Break with the President** on January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Met with **Bill Slauenwhite**, Executive Director, Novanet to resume discussions regarding the **Leganto Reserves module** for Alma.
- Regular monthly meetings with the **Dean, as well as the Associate Dean Academic, of the Faculty of Agriculture.**

**University of King's College Library and Archives**  
Dalhousie Library Council Report  
January 2021

**Library**

The Library reopened after the holidays on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021. The hours and staffing remain the same as the fall term. Use of the study spaces in the Reading Room continues to be relatively low, with the spaces rarely more than 50% occupied.

**University**

King's announced that President William Lahey has been appointed for a second five-year term.

A major project that President Lahey completed last year, his *President's Review for the Board of Governors off the University of King's College on Existing Initiatives, Challenge Areas and Areas Requiring Closer Examination in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion*, is on the University website at <https://ukings.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PresidentsReview-09102020-1.pdf>.

Members of the King's community, including Douglas Ruck, QC, Chair of the Board of Governors, participated in the Dalhousie Black Students' Advising Center online panel event in honour of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 22, "The Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.: Resiliency at Difficult Times While Hoping for a Better Future."

King's inaugurated its Alumni Talks series with Kate Cayley, BA (Hons) 2001, who discussed her path in becoming a writer of fiction, drama, and poetry.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Hathaway  
Interim University Librarian & Archivist

Report to Library Council  
Janice Slauenwhite  
Manager, Financial & Physical Resources  
January 2021

#### Facilities

- With Donna, met with Facilities Management to discuss mechanical upgrades and space requirements for the Howe Hall tunnel upgrade.
- Met with Facilities Management to discuss sound attenuation between study rooms in the Downie Wenjack Legacy Space – Killam.
- Met with Project Team working on report regarding the HVAC and lighting retrofit for the Killam
- Submitted a request to the RTC asking that seminar rooms C241 and C251 be added to our pool of study rooms to be made available to students. Request was approved with some restrictions in place for January and February due to use of these spaces by Occupational Therapy.
- Met with Leah, Elaine and reps from Facilities Management on the replacement of the doors at the middle entrance of the MacRae Library

#### Finance

- submitted 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter variance report
- Met with staff member from Financial Services and Access Services Managers to discuss new credit/debit transaction recording process.

#### Other

- Participated in planning virtual milestone event for staff
- Continue to work on CARL stats
- With assistance from Mick Bottom submitted data to Dal Analytics for CHEB annual report
- With SLT attended a virtual coffee break with President Saini

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Marc Comeau – Director, Academic Technology Services

- The virtual proctoring RFP is underway. We are implementing some into our test environment to test out. Anyone interested in participating should contact Jason Flynn directly.
- We have a number of positions funded through Strategic Initiatives Funding that will be filled in the coming weeks to help support our work supporting instructional technologies. This will bring much needed relief to our core team who have been working a lot of overtime since March.
- We have a classroom technologies RFP that has recently closed. Once awarded, it will kick off the renewal of the AV systems in a number of rooms, most of them on the Sexton campus. This is half of the RFP work we had previously planned for summer 2020 pre-COVID.
- The other half will come out in another RFP in the coming weeks. We expect the work for both RFPs to be completed sometime around July 1<sup>st</sup>, leaving us enough time for thorough testing of the new rooms.
- We're also working to renew the technology in the video conference rooms around Dalhousie (MedIT excluded). The current technology that's in the rooms isn't compatible with Teams so we need to transition to something that is. The upside is that there are a large number of those rooms that were already in need of a technology update and this will help to bring a more uniform VC experience to Dalhousie.
- We are working with Computer Science as they've approached us with an interest in doing more withing Brightspace. They are looking to invest a lot of time, effort and resources into improving online teaching and we're happy to be working with them towards this goal.
- We've opened up Captioning Support for videos to all faculty who need help with it. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this support, please send them to [https://www.dal.ca/dept/online-teaching/teaching-support/closed\\_captioning\\_support.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/online-teaching/teaching-support/closed_captioning_support.html)
- I continue to participate in various working groups such as the Digital Strategy Steering Committee, Exam Regulation Review Rapid Task Force, Name Changes in Dalhousie Systems Working Group and others.

Report to Library Council from Marlo MacKay, Communications Coordinator  
November 27, 2020–January 27, 2021

### ***Online Teaching/Academic Quality Team***

I am working with Teri Balsler, a group of faculty members, and Michelle McDonald on a new initiative related to Dal's academic landscape which we are planning to launch in the coming months.

I continue to produce the now bi-weekly (that's once every two weeks, not twice a week) online teaching newsletter with Michelle Soucy of CLT. Together, we also maintain/update the online teaching website as needed.

I continue to work with David Ryan on a series of online teaching success stories at the institutional level for the Academic Quality Team, the online teaching newsletter, and to fulfill Dal's higher communications and storytelling goals.

### ***Dal Reads and Other Events***

We had three Dal Reads events in January. On January 7, FASS presented a panel discussion with some faculty members who are teaching *The Marrow Thieves* this year. Hosted by faculty member Dr. Margaret Robinson, panelists were Dr. Andrew Brown, Dr. Brian Gillis, Aiden Tait & Dr. Erin Wunker. Thanks to Dal Reads committee members Jolene Reid, Samantha Adema, and Nicole Maunsell for their assistance with the event. On January 20, Acadia grad student, poet, and editor Tiffany Morris gave a talk about Indigenous horror narratives, survivance, and trauma. Thanks again to Jolene Reid and Nicole Maunsell for their production assistance. On January 27, we hosted an event with Cherie Dimaline, author of *The Marrow Thieves*. My thanks to Samantha Adema for hosting the event, and to Jolene Reid and Nicole Maunsell for their production assistance. Thanks to James Wilson, Video Conferencing Coordinator for his invaluable assistance at all three events. These programs wrap up any major programming that was planned for Dal Reads this year. Our committee meets on February 2 to discuss next year's book selection. We have asked Dr. Theresa Rajack-Talley if someone from her team would like to join our committee. Michelle Paon has also just joined the committee in an attempt to assist with challenges that we've faced related to eBook access.

Deborah Hemming and I are working with faculty member Margaret Robinson on the Atlantic Canada book launch of Bonita Lawrence's book, *N'in D'la Owey Innkland: Mi'kmaq Sojourns in England*. The event will take place on Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m. (virtual) and promotions are in progress.

I've been working on preparations for the upcoming staff milestone event, which will be virtual this year, on February 16. We will be celebrating 28 honourees who reached milestones of 5–45 years in 2020.

### ***Senior Leadership Team***

I continue to meet regularly and work with my SLT colleagues on initiatives and messages around new/improved/changed services, etc. Met with Dr. Deep Saini and the rest of my SLT colleagues and learned that he is a great supporter of the Dal Reads program.

### ***Communications***

Johnelle Sciocchetti has just started working with me to assist with social media. I'm looking forward to expanding our reach with her assistance.

I'm working with Donna and Cassandra Larose on promoting and assisting at some of the digital strategy town halls.

### ***LGBT Nova Scotia Seniors Archive***

I am now the primary editor/author on this website. We are in the process of reorganizing the site and eventually, moving it to the Dal Libraries' site, though with the dal.ca renewal, I don't yet know the timeline of this.

***Website***

I've been working with Marc Comeau, Mick Bottom, and Jason Flynn on developing a web presence for ATS on libraries.dal.ca. We're just awaiting a few pieces of content before we will make these pages go live.

I'm also working with Gwen MacNairn on a new "hub/landing" page for Data & GIS Services (yes, that's been renamed from GIS & Data Services).

***Regular Committees/Meetings***

Met with the EDI Committee, SLT, and the Web Team.



Michael Moosberger

Associate Dean - Archives, Special Collections and Records Management & University Archivist

1 November 2020 – 28 January 2021

Associate Dean - Archives, Special Collections and Records Management

- Attended regularly scheduled SLT and Heads meetings as well as my monthly meetings with Donna.
- Attended regularly scheduled Information Risk Management Working Group meetings.
- Continued to participate on conference calls for the DPWG, the NHDS and the LAC University Partnership Group. Have been invited to moderate one of five sessions being organized by LAC called the GLAM Think Tank on the Post-COVID Landscape. I will be moderating the session Building Capacity at the Local Level on February 26, 2021.
- Interviewed the selected applicants for the Archives successful YCW Post Graduate Internship grant application for a Records Appraisal Intern as well as completing all the necessary HR, legal and budgetary documentation.
- Continued to meet with Creighton Barrett to discuss the progress on the Libraries' digital preservation initiatives.
- Worked with Courtney and the entire staff on the planning and implementation of staff work plans for 2021 as well as the scheduling of staff physically required to come to campus to undertake processing, digitization and reference work.
- Attended a number of meetings related to the creation of the University's Digital Strategy including the Digital Governance, Administration and Supports, Cybersecurity and Privacy and Facilities working groups and the final consultation meeting of all working group members.
- Was invited to prepare a review of one of the Royal Society of Canada's COVID-19 Policy Briefing reports entitled "Remembering is a Form of Honouring: Preserving the COVID-19 Archival Record".
- Participated in a number of meetings and calls related to the possible donation of Silver Donald Cameron's *The Green Interviews*, a series of recorded interviews with many leading environmentalists from around the world. Prepared briefing notes and an assessment of the collection and whether the Dal Libraries had the capacity to accept this donation. It was determined that we didn't, but we were successful in finding another institution that is looking into whether they can accept the material.

University Archivist

- Continued to meet regularly with Courtney to discuss a number of records management related issues including the guidelines for digitizing university records, the Financial Services DalCLASS section and the review of the Records Management Policy.
- Continued to attend meetings and provide ongoing consultations with Jacquie Gahagan and the LGBTQ community on the LGBTQ Seniors Archive as well as to provide input on the management and preservation of the oral histories being created as part of the project.

- Continued to provide input to Courtney and Kelly on the cleanup and reorganization of the Archives section of NAS.
- Attended the weekly Archives' Team Meetings.
- Consulted with Sarah, Michelle, Heather and Elaine on the Prosper book donation as it relates to Special Collections.
- Participated in discussions related to the emptying of all the archival materials in Killam B240 and relocating those materials to new space being made available in the Killam Basement and to available storage in the Archives' compact shelving on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Members of the Archives Team have developed a plan for this move, which has been approved.
- Responded to a number of research enquiries and enquiries related to the donation of private and university-related material to the Archives. These included:

#### Research Enquiries

Members of the Faculty of Toronto Law School – related to Ronald St. John Macdonald's term as Dean for a history of the School they are preparing.

Peggy Walt, Camerata Singers – related to the digitization of their poster collection

Rebecca Semple, Dal Arts Centre – related to the history of the Arts Centre

Peter Neary, Western – related to any information we had related to alumnus George William Bulley Ayre

#### Donation Enquiries

Jessica Kieran, children's writer – additional material

Terry Gordon, retired faculty – additional material

Jill Greenham, alumnus – University photos

Marq de Villiers – manuscript and book collection (consultation with Sarah & Michelle)

Eastern Front Theatre – new donation

Harry Thurston – additional material

M.T.&T. – additional historical material from past employees

Joan Hamilton – Dal clothing and china

Dennis Young, former NSCAD instructor and art critic – NS art community material (potential)

## Report to Library Council

January 28, 2021 (covers Dec/Jan)

Submitted by Michelle Paon, Associate Dean Resources & Head of Sexton Library

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### Associate Dean Resources

Through December and January, Resources Team members Heather MacFadyen, Kirsten Huhn, and Gail Fraser reviewed and analyzed budget information to prepare the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Variance report. They have been proactive in monitoring the System-wide and local library acquisitions budgets to forecast and advise on spending, so that the Libraries can finish the year as close as possible to the target acquisitions budget. This is an incredibly complicated task, which involves comparing amounts spent in Aleph and Banner accounts, considering the invoices that haven't yet arrived, taking into account the accrual debits and credits, guessing at how currency rates may fluctuate before year-end, and determining how all of these factors will have an impact on the collections budget. They have also sourced pricing and licensing information requested by Associate Deans and SRMG for numerous electronic resources and provided guidance on product content. Near year-end (as well as at other times) Heather, Kirsten, Gail and their team work under tremendous pressures and are doing a wonderful job for the Libraries and by extension for our students and faculty!

Resource Licensing Manager position was posted with an application deadline of Jan. 14, 2021. A hiring committee has been formed and will be reviewing applications this week.

US Dollar Invoices: Dalhousie Financial Services intervened on our behalf, and in mid-December, Resources was alerted that they could resume sending payments to EBSCO/GOBI Canadian addresses in US dollars.

In response to online teaching needs and to Dal patron feedback brought forward by the SEET team, the Dal Libraries have re-subscribed to the EBSCO Academic ebook package effective early Jan 2021.

In early January we experienced several access issues with the OverDrive platform, on which we have licensed this year's Dal Reads ebook *The Marrow Thieves*. Fortunately through Heather MacFadyen's efforts, we were able to work with the vendor to achieve a solution. As of January 11<sup>th</sup>, I joined Marlo on the Dal Reads Committee, where I will serve as a liaison between the committee and the Resources team.

Dal Libraries is now a supporting member of Open Book Publishers (OBP) initiative, founded at the University of Cambridge in 2008 - a platform for and source of freely-available scholarly monographs. Benefits include opportunities for Dal faculty to publish on the platform free of author processing fees, and access to downloadable PDFs of the books. The OBP member list includes a number of Canadian academic libraries.

Donations: I have been involved in communications regarding several donations/gifts:

- The Dal Libraries is delighted to have received a large donation of books and several framed treaties from the collection of Jim Prosper, the first Mi'kmaq Engineering graduate of the Nova Scotia Technical College (precursor of DalTech, and the Dalhousie Faculty of Engineering). Publications are related to Indigenous history, language and traditional practices (including those of the Mi'kmaq), as well as Maritime and Canadian history. Samantha Adema and other liaison librarians will be involved in selection.
- Retired Dal faculty member offered a large collection of books - humanities, medical ethics, textbooks.
- Potential donation of books from the estate of a recently deceased marine scientist.

Novanet Aleph-to-Alma pre-migration work is ongoing, with Jennifer MacIsaac coordinating cleanup activities and fielding feedback from Resources and Access Services teams. Jennifer reported on these activities at the Novanet Cataloguing Services Group meeting on Dec. 1, 2020. The Novanet Cleanup Reports provide updates on completed

projects, ongoing work, and upcoming tasks. Novanet libraries' staff faced the formidable task of separating print & electronic holdings of an estimated 40,000 records to ready them for the migration to Alma. The Dal Libraries team was very successful at separating their share of these records in a timely way!

Select meetings / initiatives in which I participated:

- Scholarly Resources Management Group (SRMG) - chaired three meetings in which we discussed issues related to acquisitions budgets, year-end spending, invoicing, and a number of other topics.
- Web Advisory Committee - chaired three meetings in Dec/Jan. New members include Krishna Sirivuri and Mark Lewis. In addition Jason Flynn will be attending meetings as a guest. On behalf of the committee, I participated in two meetings of the Research Commons webpage group.
- Disaster Management Plan team - along with Co-chair Elaine MacInnis and Carol Richardson, I coordinated the update of contact info. in the Holiday Contingency Plan and circulated to SLT.
- Preservation Committee
- CAUL Collections Committee (attended first half of meeting)
- Donna, Ann Barrett, and I met with SIM faculty member Dr. Philippe Mongeon for discussion about his research (analysis of Big Deal packages, bibliometrics) & areas of common interest with the Libraries.
- Met with Sam Adema to discuss gift guidelines/selecting from donations, as well as background on Novanet Indigenous Subject Headings Working Group, which welcomes Samantha as a new member.
- Met with Scott MacPherson and Andrew Wood to discuss presentations for Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Town Hall.
  
- Senior Leadership Team meetings (4, including meeting with President Deep Saini); Library Council (2); Libraries Town Hall (7; served as facilitator on Dec. 7th); Libraries Virtual Holiday Party.
- Faculty Council - Engineering (2); Faculty Council - Faculty of Graduate Studies.
  
- CARL HathiTrust Roundtable discussion
- Cdn Academic Library AULs discussion - Collection Impacts of the Pandemic on Collection Development

#### **Head - Sexton Library**

- Met with Library Services Manager Amanda Sparks to discuss preparation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Variance report for Sexton Library operations budget.
- Communication with Sexton librarians re. potential Engineering ebook packages for one-time purchase.
- Met virtually with Sexton Library's new SIM intern MacKenzie Young to get acquainted.
- Amanda Sparks has accepted a temporary assignment as the Manager, Killam Access Services. We wish Amanda every success as she takes on this new challenge over the coming months! We will certainly miss her leadership at the Sexton Library location.
- Congratulations to David Ryan, who has now started an 18-month term position as Evening & Weekend Supervisor at the Sexton Library, starting January 4, 2021!
- In January 2021, Sarah Davis returned to the Sexton Library team after having worked with the ATS Brightspace team since the summer of 2020. In very recent news, Sarah has just accepted a position as IT Specialist at the Dalhousie Law School. We will miss Sarah, but we wish her great success in this new role!

#### **Liaison Librarian**

Oceanography - ordered ebook titles on Oceanography monograph fund.

NSIS Librarian - submitted monthly reports and participated in NSIS Council meetings for Dec and Jan, attended two NSIS evening lectures; volunteered to be on NSIS Lecture Program Committee; participated in Libraries meeting re. the upcoming shift of NSIS exchange journals from the Killam Library basement.

**Report to Library Council**  
**Sandy Dwyer**  
**Director, Libraries HR & Access Services**  
**January 2021**

**Libraries HR Highlights**

**Staffing**

- Alanah White was the successful candidate for the Library Services Assistant eighteen-month term position at the Kellogg Library. Alanah had been working with us in a temporary position since March 2020.
- Sangeet Goyal is the successful candidate for the six-month temporary position to be shared between the Faculty of Management and ATS. She will begin in this position on February 8, 2021.
- The posting for the Classroom Technologies Technician (T6) nine-month term position closed on December 18, 2020. Applicants have been short-listed and we are in the process of setting up interviews. Search committee members are Mick Bottom, Sandy Dwyer and final member is still being determined.
- The Resource Licensing Manager twelve-month term position closed on January 14, 2021. Search Committee members are Heather MacFadyen, Kirsten Huhn, Joyline Makani, Michelle Paon, and Sandy Dwyer. The committee is in the process of short-listing candidates. Interviews will be scheduled for the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The posting for eight Instruction Support Technicians (SIT1) (twelve-month terms) closed on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Search Committee members are Mick Bottom, Sandy Dwyer, Mike Duggan and Michelle McDonald. The committee is still in the process of short-listing applicants.
- The Library and GIS Developer position closed on January 14, 2021. Search committee members are Jason Flynn, Sandy Dwyer, Krishna Sirivuri and Gwen MacNairn. The committee is in the process of short-listing candidates.
- Helen Wojcik will be retiring from her role as the Manager, Access Services (Killam) on March 1, 2021. Helen is using up her vacation and will be on vacation until the start of her retirement.
- Amanda Sparks has accepted a six-month secondment to the position of Manager, Access Services (Killam). She began in this role on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Amanda is currently covering both the Sexton and Killam positions until a backfill has been found to perform her Sexton duties.
- The posting for a six-month temporary assignment as Manager, Library Services Sexton, to back fill Amanda Sparks, closed on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Search committee members are still being determined.

**Alma Implementation Steering Committee**

The committee met on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a virtual Novanet Day late April or early May this year focused on Alma. Bill Slauenwhite asked that the committee members consult with members of their institutions to get suggestions on what they would like to see covered on this day. Please let me know if you have some suggestions for sessions you would like to see on "Alma Day".

Currently cleanup projects are moving along nicely. However, we are also interested in hearing if there are any other cleanup projects that staff have identified as needing to be done before we move to Alma. If you have suggestions please send those along to me as well.

**EDI**

The Libraries EDI Committee met on January 21<sup>st</sup> for the first time since March 2020 when Covid 19 began affecting our work and our lives. Linda Bedwell was our guest and spoke to us about the Insync report for unrepresented student groups.

The committee will be reviewing and revising out EDI statement and EDI Libguide to ensure that we are in line with the University's EDI strategies and plans.

### **Health & Wellness**

Dalhousie Wellness day is taking place on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Managers are encouraged to limit the number of meetings on this day to enable staff to participate in the wellness sessions that have been planned through out the day. For information on sessions and to register please go to <https://events-tm.dal.ca/index.php>

### **Other Activities**

On January 7<sup>th</sup> I attended, along with the other members of the Senior Leadership Team, a virtual coffee break with President Saini.

## **Library Council Report: 28 January 2021**

AD Planning | Head of Killam: Sarah Stevenson

### **AD Planning**

#### Accessibility:

The Employment group continues to meet twice a month. We have submitted content to the survey that is tentatively scheduled for late February – March. Lindie Colp-Rutley is coordinating the survey. The Dalhousie University Accessibility Advisory Group will be meeting with Lindie on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to consider the survey questions and implementation.

At the January 27 meeting of the Dalhousie Accessibility Advisory group, Susan Spence announced that she will be retiring from Dalhousie at the end of February. The new chair for the group has not yet been named.

The Province has extended the deadline for public sector bodies (including universities) to prepare their accessibility plans by one year to April 1, 2022.

### **Head of Killam**

I'd like to offer a warm welcome to Amanda Sparks in her temporary role with Access Services, and best wishes to Helen Wojcik on her retirement coming up at the end of February.

Streaming Video: There has been a greatly reduced volume of requests this semester, but the requests we have been getting are often the more difficult items to obtain. Many thanks to Scott MacPherson, Phil Laughner, Alyssa Gallant (intern), Denise Irving and Lachlan MacLeod for their work. Their diligence and expertise means that I have been able to step back from day-to-day involvement.

#### Collections:

JJ Stewart (Reference Collection) The Killam Liaisons have been working at weeding the Reference collection. With year-end money we were able to purchase the *Dictionary of Literary Biography* backfile which will allow us to deaccession over 340 volumes, primarily in the Reference collection. I will be meeting with Heather Macfadyen and Gail Fraser next month to consider the logistics of deaccessioning those volumes and preparing for the final rounds of decisions.

#### Donations

Work is continuing to make selections from the Ron Prosper donation of Indigenous and local history materials. There are two other large donation offers (4100 and 750 items) open to the Killam at the moment. The size of these donations are a challenge for finding the few items in the list that we would add to the collection.

#### Interns

Deborah Hemming and Louise Gillis have agreed to supervise our interns again this summer. We intend to post for two interns and anticipate that at least part of their work will involve collections activities.

Killam 50<sup>th</sup> Save the Date! Our headline celebration of "50 years of the Killam Library" takes place at 3.30pm on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> with Prof Christine Macy. This will be an online Teams Event. Christine is planning a highly visual lecture of the Killam as an example of Brutalist architecture. Don't know the social context that gave rise to Brutalism? Come find out!

#### Selected meetings & events

- Leading at Dalhousie series: Getting things done (November 27) Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (December 4), Managing Difficult Conversations (January 22)
- FASS Faculty meetings: December 8, January 12
- Faculty of Science Council January 21

- The TRC 5 years later (Facebook Live) December 15 – live discussion with the commissioners  
Western Law's Distinguished Speaker's series with Senator Murray Sinclair:  
<http://www.events.westernu.ca/events/law/2021-01/the-honourable-murray.html>
- Data as Relation: Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Ethic of Care [IASSIST Webinar Series] January 27

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Stevenson