

# Annual Report

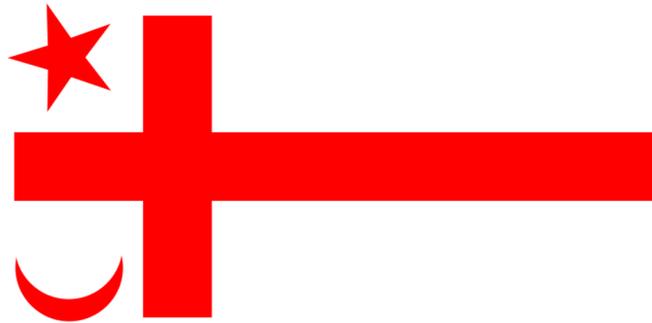


SAINT MARY'S  
UNIVERSITY  
PATRICK POWER  
LIBRARY

2018-2019



# The Patrick Power Library is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.



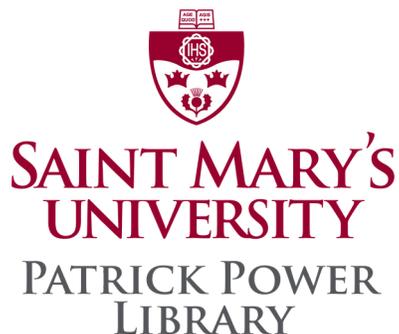
# MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN



The Patrick Power Library is a vibrant campus hub. It provides a welcoming, safe, and functional space to work, write, read, study, discuss, and connect on campus. Supported by a dedicated team of librarians and professional staff, the Library prides itself on the services and resources offered to our students, faculty, staff, and members of the public.

I am pleased to share with you the Library's 2018-19 Annual Report. The following pages are a direct reflection of the work and accomplishments of the dedicated individuals who make up the Patrick Power Library team.

Appointed as the University Librarian in August 2018, this past year has been a tremendously rewarding experience, both professionally and personally. I look forward to the next four years and continuing to explore new and innovative services, collaborating with our campus partners, and contributing to the academic success of our students and faculty.



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# Services

Library staff provide friendly and supportive assistance to all members of the Saint Mary's community, often going above and beyond to source material, find answers, or assist with research queries.



**FOOD FOR FINES**

\$3 WAIVED FOR EVERY NON-PERISHABLE ITEM DONATED\*

DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE SMU FOOD ROOM

February 4-24, 2019

**NO FOOD? NO PROBLEM!**

TAKE A FOOD ITEM (OR SEVERAL) FROM OUR CART AND BRING IT TO THE LIBRARY CIRCULATION DESK TO PAY YOUR FINES.

\*Ask at the Library Circulation desk for details

## ACCESS SERVICES

The Library is a service-first organization. At the Circulation Desk, patrons can renew a campus ID card, pick up and check out items, borrow a laptop, book a group study room, add money to a print account, and find an item on reserve for a class.

Individual study carrels, group study rooms, a reading lounge and worktables are disbursed throughout three floors of the Library, providing areas for group discussion, individual study and computing, reading and contemplation.

766,209

Visits to the Library

96,218

Visits to the Library website

16,447

Group study room bookings

# Services

5,850

Questions answered at the Research Help Desk- this represents an **8.6% increase** over last year

385,521

Journal article downloads

117,696

Print and ebook circulations

## BEYOND THE LIBRARY WALLS

Through services such as **Document Delivery** and **Interlibrary Loan**, the Library connects Saint Mary's to research resources from around the province, country, and even the world.

## RESEARCH AND COPYRIGHT

In addition to the Research Help Desk, faculty and students are encouraged to take advantage of the **Research by Appointment Service**, which provides individual appointments with a librarian for research assistance.

The Library provides a **Syllabus Service** to assist faculty by locating the most cost-effective and copyright compliant versions of their course materials for student use.



# Collections

Working closely with faculty and students, the Library diligently selects, acquires and maintains quality research resources for the Saint Mary's community.



Dr. Lyubov Zhyznomirska collaborated with the Patrick Power Library to create a book display to mark the 85th commemoration of Holodomor, a man-made famine conducted by Stalin's regime in Soviet Ukraine during 1932-1933

## Institutional Repository

30,000

Visits to the institutional repository

114

Theses and dissertations from SMU students added to the repository

602

New digital items added to the repository

## Collections Highlights

4,061

The number of books purchased this year

\$91

The average cost of a book in our collection

\$613

Average cost of a journal subscription (excluding packages)- this represents a **22.6 percent** increase over last year



A collaborative display with faculty to celebrate the Day of the Dead, October 2018.

# Teaching & Learning

Librarians at the Patrick Power Library contribute to a rich teaching and learning environment at Saint Mary's. Educating students about research, the ever-changing landscape of scholarly communication, research data management, and publishing is a core library function.

## Library Instruction 2014-2019



The number of students provided with library instruction.

## WORKSHOPS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Librarians led workshops on a variety of topics, including:

- Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Author metrics and analytics from Web of Science
- Research data management (RDM)
- Understanding scholarly impact metrics
- Avoiding predatory scholarly journals
- Copyright
- Open Access

4,511

The number of students provided with library and information literacy instruction.

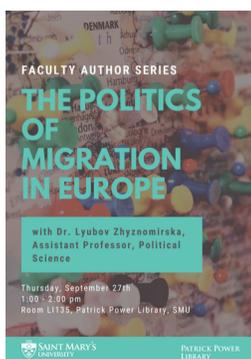
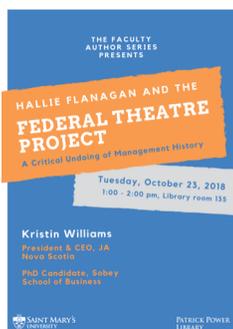
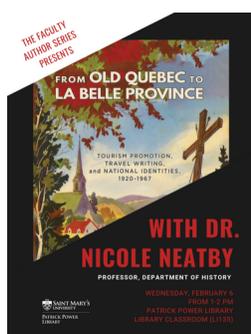
This number includes students who completed **ResearchBase**, an information literacy assignment that introduces students to academic libraries and teaches basic research skills.

# Teaching & Learning

## FACULTY AUTHOR SERIES

Saint Mary's faculty members offered four presentations as part of this series.

- **Lyubov Zhyznomirska**, Political Science
- **Kristin Williams**, Management
- **Goran Stanivukovic and John H. Cameron**, English
- **Nicole Neatby**, History



FEB 13- MAR 15, 2019

The SUCCESSFUL STUDENT Series

CHOOSE WORKSHOPS THAT INTEREST YOU

ATTEND

ENTER TO WIN A \$250 TUITION FEE VOUCHER!

Librarians partnered with Student Services as part of the **Successful Student Workshop Series**.

The Library also collaborated with the Writing Centre and SMUSA to provide several **academic integrity workshops**.

# Research

In addition to supporting faculty and students' research, Librarians actively contribute to the library and information profession through workshops, conference presentations, and scholarly publishing.

## COPYRIGHT AND OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Amy Lorencz presented as part of the Forum on Open Educational Resources in February 2019,

Amy also presented as part of the CAUL-CBUA Copyright Committee' webinar, "A Tool, Not a Weapon: Fair Dealing in Education".



**Benefits of Open Educational Resources (OER)**

Learn about open textbooks and other open educational resources (OER). The session will look at how OER are being used, and how they can benefit students, and instructors alike. Cost saving for students, customization for local needs, sharing and engagement are a few of the benefits we will discuss. We will look at how to find and use the wide array of available open educational resources.

Bring your lunch, and join this discussion about working toward greater use of open textbooks.

Friday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> in the library classroom, 12:00 and 1:15 pm"



## PEDAGOGY

In May, **Cindy Harrigan** and **Heather Sanderson** presented "Opening up the library orientation" at the **WILU (Workshop for Instruction in Library Use) 2018** conference in Ottawa.

In collaboration with colleagues from Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent University, Heather and Cindy helped bring **WILU 2020** to Halifax.

Heather was a member of the **CAUL-CBUA Strategic Plan Working Group**.

## SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

**Peter Webster** presented on "The Scholarly Communication Landscape at Atlantic Universities" at APLA 2018. Peter was also Co-Chair of the External Advisory Committee of the Statistic's Canada Data Liberation Initiative (DLI).

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS

PhD students in the Management program were paired with academic librarians to provide individual assistance with questions related to their research.

# Research

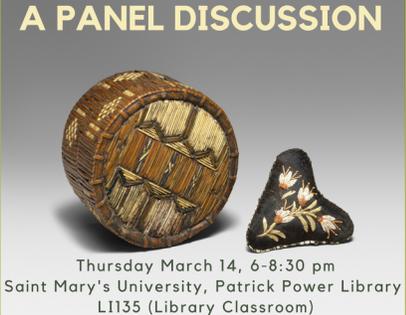


## ARCHIVES

Hansel Cook presented on the Salzinnes Antiphonal at Acadia University in October 2018. He continued to serve on both the Public Archives Board of Nova Scotia, and the Steering Committee of the SMU Sports Hall of Fame.

New digital collections highlighting Indigenous Research Primary Source Documents were added to the Archives. Hansel also moderated a talk on Indigenous cultural materials in the Library in February 2019.

**ENHANCING INDIGENOUS CULTURAL AWARENESS THROUGH CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS: A PANEL DISCUSSION**



Thursday March 14, 6-8:30 pm  
Saint Mary's University, Patrick Power Library  
L1135 (Library Classroom)

FEATURING REPRESENTATIVES FROM:  
THE SMU INDIGENOUS STUDENT SOCIETY AND  
INDIGENOUS STUDENT ADVISOR;  
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY'S  
PATRICK POWER LIBRARY;  
AND THE NOVA SCOTIA MUSEUM




## UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

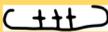
- Co-presented with Denise Parrott and Debbie Costelo, NSCC on Borrow Anywhere, Return Anywhere at a reciprocal borrowing conference in New York.
- Co-presented with Maggie Nielson from Acadia University and Raymond Sewell, Saint Mary's University Indigenous Student Advisor, on the partnership between libraries and Indigenous student services at the Ontario Library Association Super Conference in Toronto.
- Participated in a roundtable on "Student Led Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement: Building Capacity through Partnerships" at the National Metropolis Conference in Halifax.

Extending the Hand of Peace and Friendship:  
*Nurturing Reconciliation Through Campus Partnerships*



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"Inspiring Strength" by Quentin Syllbooy.  
2015, Obsidian Studios:  
<https://www.facebook.com/obsidianseven/>



# Partnerships

Working collaboratively with other university departments, the Library showcased the excellent research happening on campus and encouraged students to see themselves as part of the broader research community at Saint Mary's.

## CROSS-CAMPUS COLLABORATION

In December 2018, the Library hosted approximately 100 guests to celebrate the strong ties between the Halifax Regional Municipality and the city of Zhuhai, China.

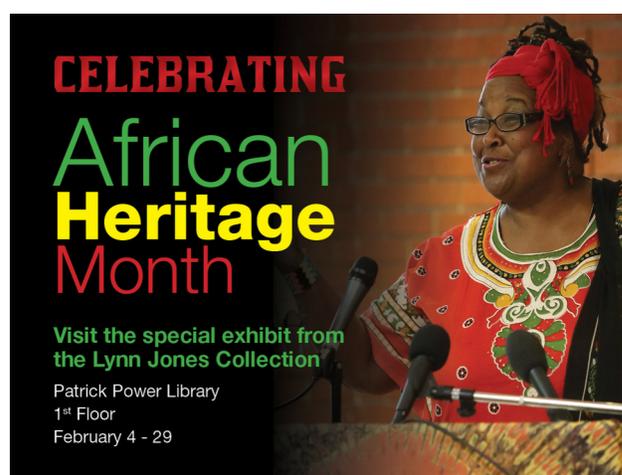
Guests included Dr. Malcolm Butler, Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini and John Rogers, Interim President & CEO, Halifax Partnership



## AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

In February 2019, Librarian and Archivist Hansel Cook teamed up with Dr. Val Marie Johnson and Dr. Lynn Jones to host a month-long exhibit of materials, as well as a panel discussion entitled, "**Racial Apartheid & Black Freedom Struggles in Nova Scotia and South Africa**".

The exhibit highlighted portions of the Lynn Jones collection, which chronicles Black history, civil rights and social justice activism in Nova Scotia.



# Partnerships

The Patrick Power Library is proud to support student-led initiatives, helping student leaders create positive change on campus.

## WE ARE IN MI'KMA'KI

In October 2018, upon the request of Isaiah Bernard from the Indigenous Student Society, the Library hosted a temporary display of Indigenous cultural materials.

In March 2019, a new permanent display case showcasing Mi'kmaq cultural materials, on loan from the Nova Scotia Museum, found a home in the Library. The display was launched on March 8, with a panel discussion about both the artifacts and the partnership between the Library, the Indigenous Student Society and the Nova Scotia Museum.



From left to right: Raymond Sewell, Indigenous Student Advisor; Isaiah Bernard, Indigenous Student Society co-president; Suzanne van den Hoogen, University Librarian; Dr. Katie Cottreau-Robins, Curator of Archaeology, Nova Scotia Museum.



## WRITING CENTRE

In December 2018, the University Librarian and Brian Hotson from the Writing Centre teamed up to provide a hot breakfast to hungry students during exams.



# Partnerships

The Library works with partners across the University to help students succeed, including SMUSA, Student Services, and student societies.

## STUDENT SERVICES

In collaboration with Student Services, the Library hosted **Service Expo**. This event helps students prepare for the term by getting their student ID cards, bus passes, meal plans, gym access, and other Saint Mary's essentials.

**Service Expo** takes place in both September and January as part of **Welcome Weeks**.



The Library, post-Service Expo.

## SMUSA

The Library worked closely with SMUSA, assisting with **Wellness Week** activities for students and celebrating **Student Appreciation Day** on February 14. Activities included therapy dogs (right), massages and sleep consultations as well as positive messages displayed throughout the Library.

During exams, SMUSA and student societies provided hot drinks and treats for students in the Library during extended hours.



Therapy dogs in the Library.

# The Library Team

All of the space, services, collections and resources provided by the Library are made possible by the contributions of many people. Working diligently behind the scenes, staff are the heart of the Library.

## NEW TO SMU

The Library welcomed several new staff members: **Carolyn Gillis**, **Chris Walters**, **Sherry Briere** and **Shawna Murphy**.

We said farewell and thank you to **Brenda Potter**, who retired after 33 years of service.

We celebrated the milestone of 25 years of service with **Hanka Hudak** and **Peter Webster**.



## STUDENT STAFF

The Library employed and mentored 26 Saint Mary's students.

We also employed several future librarians, providing a valuable learning opportunity for graduate students from Dalhousie's School of Information Management.



# Statistics

The Year in Numbers 2018-2019					
	2013-14 5 years	2017-18 1 year	2018-19	% change 5 Years	% change 1 Year
<b>Services</b>					
Visits to the Library	897,614	857,166	766,209	-14.64%	-10.61%
Questions at the Reference Desk	11,310	5,388	5,850	-48.28%	8.57%
Students taught in Library Instruction sessions	3,906	3,138	3,579	-8.37%	14.05%
Students completed ResearchBase/library assignments	1,055	1,071	932	-11.66%	-12.98%
Interlibrary loans: Borrowing	1,902	2,078	2,309	21.40%	11.12%
Lending	1,704	2,689	2,524	48.12%	-6.14%
Novanet express: Borrowing	3,270	1,769	2,426	-25.81%	37.14%
Lending	3,214	2,445	3,857	20.01%	57.75%
Total print and ebook circulation	65,629	142,352	117,696	79.34%	-17.32%
Journal article downloads	n/a	353,693	385,521	n/a	9.00%
Ebook downloads	n/a	99,926	76,772	n/a	-23.17%
<b>Acquisitions budget</b>	<b>\$1,468,440</b>	<b>\$2,077,041</b>	<b>\$2,156,904</b>	<b>46.88%</b>	<b>3.85%</b>
<b>Books</b>					
Monographs purchased (excluding ebook packages)	9,843	4,204	4,061	-58.74%	-3.40%
Average cost of a monograph (excluding ebook packages)	\$81	\$96	\$91	12.61%	-5.21%
Ebooks purchased in packages	n/a	6,297	4,662	n/a	-25.96%
Ebook titles in the collection	n/a	339,281	342,763	n/a	1.03%
Print books purchased per student	1.32	0.65	0.63	-52.27%	-2.53%
Print and electronic books purchased per student	n/a	1.61	1.35	n/a	-16.39%
<b>Journals</b>					
Journal subscriptions renewed (excluding packages)	579	364	373	-35.58%	2.47%
Average cost of a journal subscription (excluding packages)	\$437	\$500	\$613	40.27%	22.60%
Journals as percentage of total Acquisitions budget (excluding packages)	17.2%	8.5%	10.4%	-39.53%	22.35%
<b>Electronic Resources</b>					
Streaming Media titles in the collection	n/a	8,034	8,363	n/a	4.10%
Electronic resources as a percentage of total acquisitions budget	57.60%	72.60%	72.80%	26.39%	0.28%
Titles added to permanent collection (excluding subscriptions)	12,956	7,488	5,460	-57.86%	-27.08%



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