

Wallace McCain Learning Commons



# Dalhousie Libraries Annual Report

2015–16



## A message from the University Librarian

Collaboration is a theme the Dalhousie Libraries revisited throughout 2016. Whether collaborating with students through our relaunched Student Input & Feedback Team, with faculty through discussions regarding major library purchases and ways to diversify the collections, or bringing internal services together across the library system to be more effective, the Dalhousie Libraries found ways to take collaboration further in 2016.

In addition to collaborating across Dalhousie, we had the opportunity to work with groups external to the university as well, leading to new ways to serve the broader community of which we are a part. Having been reappointed University Librarian in 2016, I'm looking

forward to what the next five years will bring — new partners, opportunities to innovate, and expanding learning and teaching environments where the Dal Libraries can play a pivotal role.

The key to our recognition as a centre of excellence is our exceptional staff in the libraries, working tirelessly and enthusiastically on behalf of our users, students, faculty, researchers, and members of the public. It is because of their efforts that the Dalhousie Libraries continue to be the vibrant and well-used heart of the University.

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Students making use of a group study room in the Wallace McCain Learning Commons.



Faculty get assistance from staff of the Dalhousie Libraries and the Centre for Learning & Teaching in effective use of the learning management system, Brightspace.

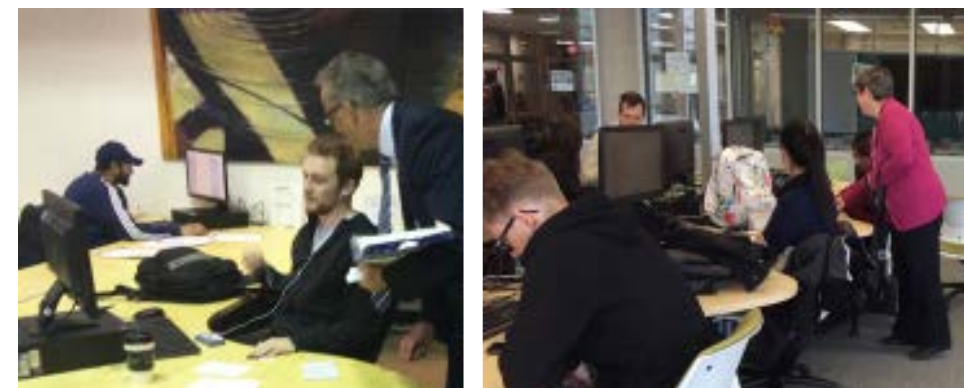


The two newest Dal Libraries' locations: the Wallace McCain Learning Commons (above) opened in late 2015 and the Kellogg Library Learning Commons (below) on the second floor of the Collaborative Health Education Building, opened for use in January 2016.



“Best place to study on campus! Quiet, access to computers, clean.”

“Big, bright windows, lots of plugs. Good lighting, open space, white boards!!”



Dalhousie President Dr. Richard Florizone and Associate University Librarian, Library Services Elaine MacInnis giving out treats to students working in Dalhousie Libraries spaces during exam time.



# Celebrating Success

We strive to be a leading research library that inspires the creation, exploration and discovery of knowledge in all forms through user-focused engagement with our diverse communities.

## TEACHING & LEARNING

*Enhance the transformative power of teaching and learning.*

Throughout the year, staff in the Library Information Technology Services (LITS) department led training sessions on using Brightspace, Dal's learning management system (LMS), for faculty. Sessions ranged from casual drop-ins held three times a week to registered sessions focused on building skills around using specific tools. The migration of all courses from the former LMS to Brightspace was completed in 2016 by staff in LITS, and was recognized university-wide as the best migration process at Dalhousie to date.

For the first time, we appointed a permanent Instruction & Liaison Librarian with the Dalhousie Libraries, for the Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick (DMNB) program. This librarian works closely with colleagues at the Kellogg Health Sciences Library, and serves medical students in New Brunswick.

We also held the second annual Research Bootcamp, aimed at research and teaching assistants. Topics covered included fundamentals of literature searching, bibliographic citation management, subject-specific resources, copyright, and more.

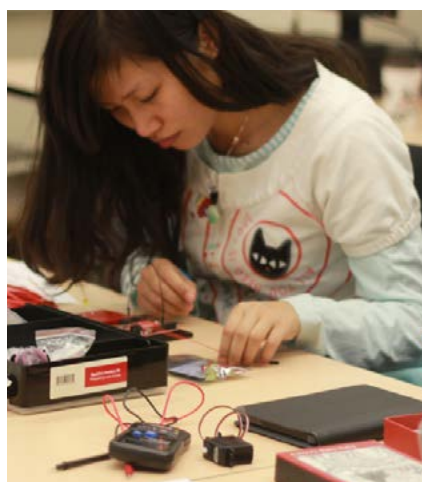
This summer, we organized a five-day Digital Preservation Management (DPM) Workshop. The workshop was led by internationally recognized digital

preservation experts: Nancy McGovern, Director of Digital Preservation at MIT Libraries; and Kari Smith, Senior Digital Archivist at MIT Institute Archives; along with guest instructors and presenters in person and virtually, as well as a keynote presentation by Evelyn McLellan, President of Artefactual Systems. These workshops have been held since 2003 in institutions around the globe.

As always, we hired interns from the MLIS program at Dal to work in our libraries. At the annual Summer Shine event the interns presented their summer work projects for library staff and faculty from the School of Information Management.

Our staff participated in the Dal Libraries' first-ever Pecha Kucha Day, presenting to each other in the fast and engaging style about what they learned at conferences they recently attended. It was a great opportunity for all who took part to sharpen presentation skills and to share the knowledge they gained with colleagues.

During Open Access Week, two of our librarians held workshops for faculty and researchers on how to create a data management plan. In the spring, we partnered with Halifax Makerspace once again to present sessions on Arduinos, Raspberry Pi's and all the latest in the electronic DIY scene.



Makerspace workshops teach people how to use Arduinos and Raspberry Pi's to create the ultimate DIY projects.

## RESEARCH

*Expand the opportunities for research, scholarly and artistic work.*

Dalhousie and Libraries and Archives Canada (LAC) started collaborating in several key areas to share expertise, knowledge, research practices and technological developments, as well as to proactively facilitate outreach to promote Canadian documentary heritage. The agreement was signed on October 15 by Librarian and Archivist of Canada Dr. Guy Berthiaume and Dalhousie University President Dr. Richard Florizone.

The GIS Centre and other data services at the Dalhousie Libraries were brought together in 2016 with the goal of supporting a wider variety of teaching, learning, and research activities. They also launched a quarterly newsletter, *Layers*, on GIS Day.

Librarian Michelle Paon partnered with the manager of the Writing Centre and a writing advisor in a research project aimed at helping first-year students understand the complexities involved in writing a research paper.

This spring, we hosted *Brutalist Song II*, a performance-based presentation by short-listed Sobeys Art Award nominee and former Killam Library artist-in-residence, William Robinson. Inspired by the building and his time there, Robinson developed *Brutalist Song II*. The presentation involved sculpture and sound, featuring multiple musicians playing horns and an electric organ and took place in the atrium of the Killam Memorial Library.



Displays, from left to right: African Heritage Month, Freedom to Read Week, Mi'kmaq History Month, Nova Scotian indie comics, Dal Reads, World Oceans Day.

## SERVICE

*Catalyze the intellectual, social and economic development of our communities.*

In 2016 we launched the Archives Document Delivery Service, a free digitization service to increase digital access to archival material held by the Dal Libraries. Document Delivery also refreshed the request form and account interface, making it cleaner and clearer.

We participated twice in the Novanet-wide program Food for Fines, which waives fines in exchange for donations to the food bank. The food we collected during this time went to the Dal Student Union Food Bank, Feed Nova Scotia, and the Colchester Food Bank.

We also launched a refreshed approach to the Dal Libraries' Student Advisory Group with a new name, Student Input & Feedback Team, and saw student participation rise dramatically.

## PARTNERSHIP & REPUTATION

*Take our place nationally and internationally.*

We were thrilled to welcome university and academic librarians from around the world for the 37th annual International Association of University Libraries (IATUL) conference in June. Delegates from universities across the globe attended,

representing 11 countries and four continents. The theme of the conference was *Library Leadership in a Sea of Change*.

Later in the summer, a landmark Halifax video store, Video Difference, announced it was closing. The public support for the store and its uniquely curated collection led to an exciting partnership between Dalhousie and Halifax Public Libraries where each institution bought a selection of videos, ensuring they will still be available for the public to access.

In the fall, we held a Dal Reads event with author Jon Tattrie, faculty member Dr. Isaac Saney, and Africville Heritage Trust Executive Director Sunday Miller for last year's book for the unity reading program, *The Hermit of Africville*.

## INFRASTRUCTURE & SUPPORT

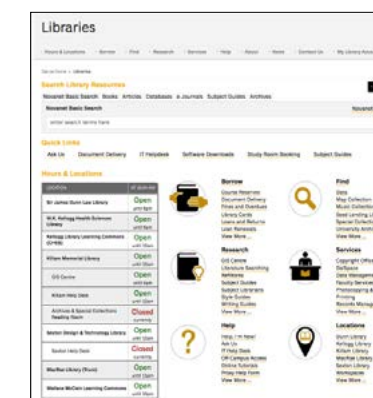
*Build our institutional capacities.*

We started off 2016 with an external review and a Senate review. Many staff took part in the interview process with the reviewers. Due to recommendations that came out of the review, we made some changes to the administrative structure of the libraries, including expanded roles for two of the Associate University Librarians and interim Head appointments for two librarians.

The collection and some staff of the W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library spent some time in a temporary location while

their space in the Tupper Building was undergoing renovations.

After much consultation and development, we launched a refreshed website. **Libraries.dal.ca** continues to be a key part of how we deliver our services, and it is frequently the number-one accessed website at Dalhousie after the landing page and the My Dal log-in page.



Screen capture of the refreshed libraries.dal.ca landing page.

The Archives Catalogue is a new online tool for searching the Libraries' rich archival collections. The catalogue provides fully-searchable finding aids to over 650 archival fonds and collections held in the Archives. In addition, the University Archives added nearly 70,000 catalogue records to the Archives Catalogue and Online Collection and secured \$25,364 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1928, for the processing of their archival holdings, occupying 157 Bankers Boxes and approximately 80 linear metres of shelf space.



# How can we help you?

more than

**2.7 million views**  
on libraries.dal.ca

**1,387,868** people  
through the doors

**17,213** reference  
transactions

**406** inquiries received  
by the Copyright Office

**17,921** computer problems solved at the Help Desks

**Top 5 ejournals:** *Nature* • *Science* • *The Lancet* •  
*JAMA: the Journal of the American Medical Association* •  
*NEJM: the New England Journal of Medicine*

**308** classes taught by liaison librarians

**535** submissions sent to the  
large-format printer

**305** submissions sent to the 3D  
printers



Objects printed on our 3D printers, located in the Killam, MacRae, and Sexton Libraries.

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Scenes from *Brutalist Song*, a performance-based presentation by short-listed Sobey's Art Award nominee and former Killam Library artist-in-residence, William Robinson. The event took place in the atrium of the Killam Memorial Library.

## Office of the University Librarian

Dalhousie University Libraries Administration is located on the main floor of the Killam Memorial Library.

6225 University Avenue  
Studley Campus  
(902)494-3601

## Dalhousie Medicine NB Library Services

100 Tucker Park Road,  
Saint John, New Brunswick  
(506)648-5693

## Kellogg Library Learning Commons

Found on the second floor of the Collaborative Health Education Building (CHEB), the learning commons features study spaces, computers, and assistance from library personnel.

5793 University Avenue  
Carleton Campus  
(902)494-2482

## Killam Memorial Library

Dalhousie University's largest library. With a million books and over 40,000 journals, its collections cover the Faculties of Science, Arts & Social Sciences, Management, and Computer Science.

6225 University Avenue  
Studley Campus  
(902)494-3617

## MacRae Library

The MacRae Library serves the Faculty of Agriculture and is the largest repository of agricultural resource material in the Maritimes. It is also the home of Seeding Ideas, the first university-funded seed lending library in Canada.

135 College Road, Truro  
Agricultural Campus  
(902)893-6669

## Sexton Design and Technology Library

The Sexton Design and Technology Library has a varied collection of resources for the Faculties of Engineering and Architecture and Planning. The space is bright and comfortable with a terrific view of Halifax Harbour.

3rd Floor, Buildings A&B  
1360 Barrington Street, Halifax  
Sexton Campus  
(902)494-3240

## Sir James Dunn Law Library

Occupying four floors in the Weldon Law Building with bright, comfortable space for study and research.

6061 University Avenue  
Studley Campus  
(902)494-2124

## Wallace McCain Learning Commons

Featuring bookable study rooms, computers, research assistance, and a Help Desk, this new space was made possible by a donation from the McCain family.

(end of) Lord Dalhousie Drive  
Studley Campus  
(Indoor entrance located on the 2nd floor of the Life Sciences Centre, in the corridor between the LSC and the Chemistry Building.)  
(902)494-6997

## W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library

Serving the Faculties of Dentistry, Health Professions, Medicine, and health professionals throughout the Maritime provinces.

Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building  
5850 College Street  
Carleton Campus  
(902)494-2479

## Virtual Library

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From left to right: Sir James Dunn Law Library, Kellogg Library Learning Commons (second floor, CHEB), MacRae Library, Killam Memorial Library, Wallace McCain Learning Commons, Sexton Design & Technology Library, W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library, Hans W. Klohn Learning Commons (UNB Saint John).