

# Dalhousie Libraries

## Annual Report 2014–15



W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library



Sir James Dunn Law Library



Killam Memorial Library



Sexton Design and Technology Library



MacRae Library



The Sir James Dunn Law Library

## A message from the University Librarian

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In the fall of 2014, the Dalhousie Libraries was thrilled to publish our first annual report. These reports serve as an additional way to convey who we are, and what we do. Welcome to our 2015 version, and please tell us what you think!

During the winter of 2015, Libraries staff developed a **Strategic Plan**, designed to align with *Inspiration and Impact: Dalhousie Strategic Direction 2014-18*. Our goal is to provide the scholarly resources, spaces and services necessary to foster curiosity, provide answers, preserve the cultural record, disseminate information, and stimulate the creation of new knowledge.

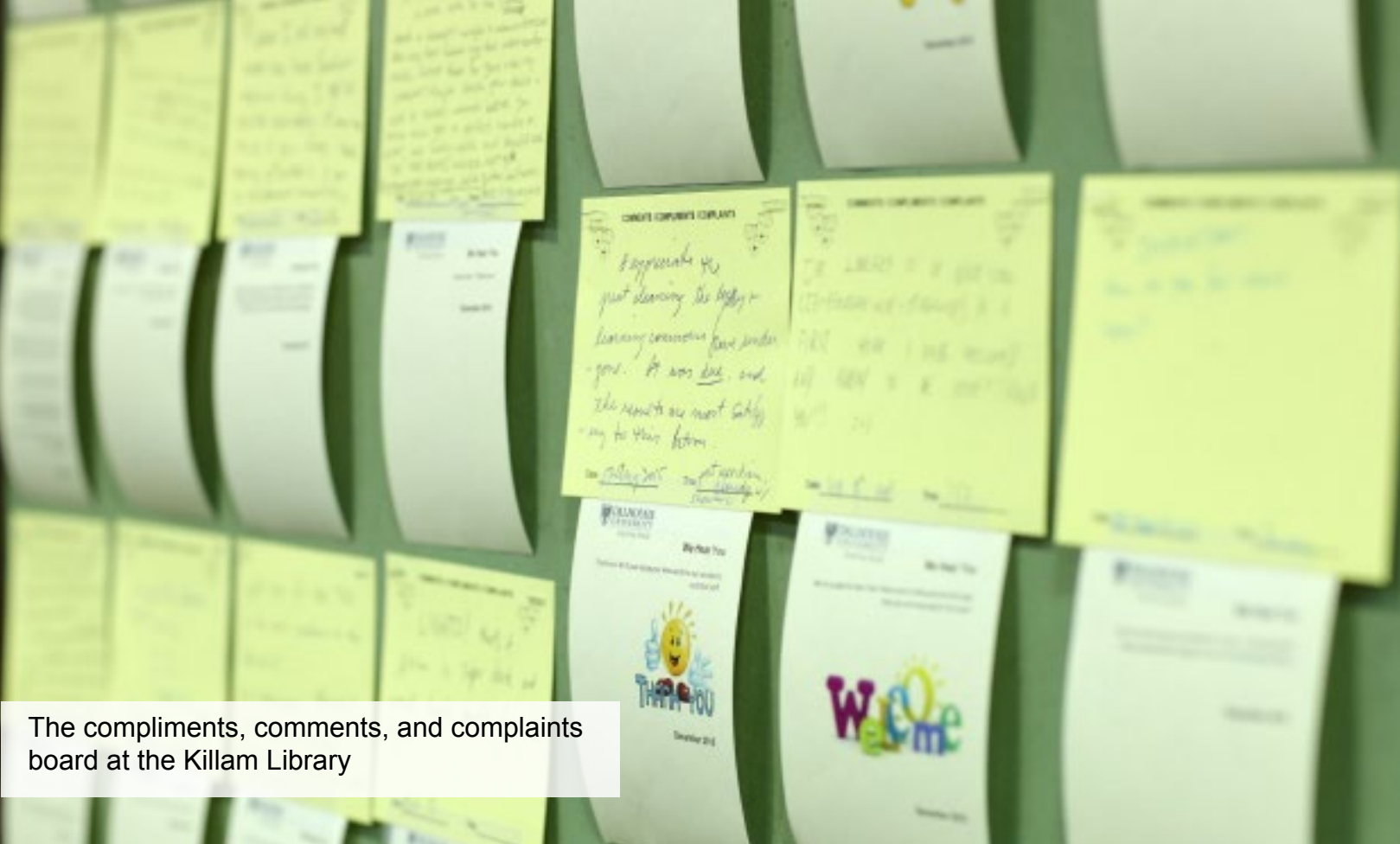
Much of 2014 and early 2015 was devoted to planning for the two new Learning Commons - the Wallace McCain Learning Commons, which opened on October 15, thanks to a generous donation by Margaret and Wallace McCain and the Kellogg Library Learning Commons in the Collaborative Health Education Building, which opened on December 1. Both spaces are light-filled, collaborative learning environments, offering abundant access to technology, scholarly e-resources and the expertise of Dal Libraries staff. We also took a number of steps to improve our existing facilities, including renovations of the Sexton Design and Technology Library and the Sir James Dunn Law Library. We continue to upgrade library facilities and collections to meet the learning and research needs of our students, staff, and faculty members.

The Dalhousie Libraries are playing a leading role in the implementation of Dalhousie's new learning management system (LMS) Brightspace, with two of our staff members heading up the technology and communications working groups. Migrating to a new learning management system provides an opportunity to advance eLearning and best practices in pedagogy at the university, and we look forward to supporting this exciting initiative. What better way to seamlessly merge the Libraries' scholarly resources and copyright services into Dal's principle online learning environment! This is why the Dal Libraries manage the Dalhousie LMS, providing technical support and training for faculty and students, in partnership with the Centre for Learning and Teaching, who offer instructional design services. Please see [dal.ca/elearning](http://dal.ca/elearning) for details.

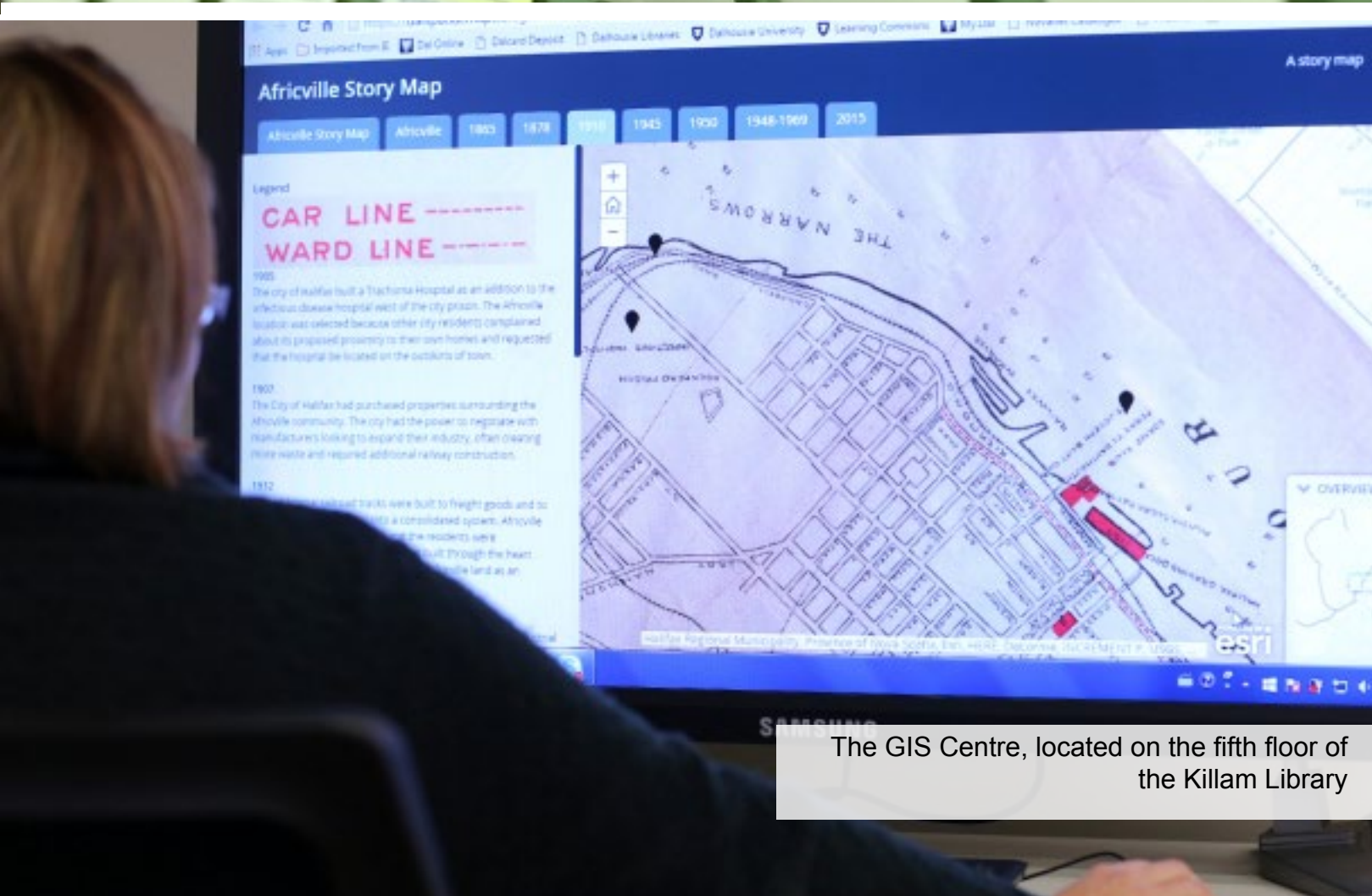
To do what we do without our exceptional staff would not be possible. Thank you to all Dal Libraries staff for working tirelessly and enthusiastically on behalf of our users. It is because of your efforts that the Dalhousie Libraries continue to be the vibrant and well-used heart of the university.

Donna Bourne-Tyson  
University Librarian

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The compliments, comments, and complaints board at the Killam Library



The GIS Centre, located on the fifth floor of the Killam Library

## Celebrating success

- A texting service was launched in the Killam Library. Without leaving their carrels or workstations, patrons can let staff know if a 'quiet area' in the Killam isn't so quiet by texting (902) 220-5318.
- The Libraries took part in Pink Day (to raise awareness about bullying), and participated in Food for Fines, a Novanet initiative that collects food and donations for food banks in Nova Scotia from university and college libraries.
- A long-term archival metadata project, which began in January 2011, wrapped up in January 2015 with the launch of the Archives' catalogue and online collections: [indingaids.library.dal.ca/](http://indingaids.library.dal.ca/) The catalogue now contains over 156,000 archival descriptions. Between January 1, 2015 and June 30, 2015, the catalogue received 137,127 page views during 10,462 sessions.
- Dalhousie Libraries implemented Primo (the new Novanet), which offers an improved search experience of almost everything in the Dalhousie Libraries collections.
- The GIS Centre moved to a larger, brighter space on the fifth floor of the Killam Library, in close proximity to other Research, Scholarly Communications, and Archives staff and services.
- *The International Journal of Geohazards and Environment* was launched in the Libraries' Open Journals System. This is a full Open Access journal with Creative Commons licensing that received rights management advice and copy-editing support from the Libraries.
- Due to retirements, five staff members were hired as Library Assistants; two of these new colleagues are currently working at the Sexton Design and Technology Library as evening and weekend supervisors. In September, the Sexton Library also began allocating full-time staff to work in the evenings and on weekends along with student assistants, library school interns, and help desk navigators. This ensures that a consistent level of service is available for all patrons, whether they visit the Library in the morning, afternoon, evening, or on weekends.
- The Dal Libraries hired a new Data Librarian, Copyright and Digital Humanities Librarian, and a Research & Instruction Librarian (MacRae Library).
- Dal Libraries hosted eBook Days, where representatives from Elsevier, Proquest, and Springer were on hand to answer questions and demonstrate their products.
- The first ever Research Bootcamp for Teaching Assistants was held in May. It was a hugely successful event covering topics such as infographics and data visualization, bibliographic management tools, legal resources, and copyright. Registration for each session was filled to capacity.
- The Dal Libraries responded to the *Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications* by developing resources and services to assist the Dal research community in understanding and complying with new requirements, including a new component in the Open Access Subject Guide.
- A new, user friendly electronic directional kiosk was installed in the lobby of the Killam Library thanks to the team at Facilities Management.
- University Librarian Donna Bourne-Tyson was appointed Vice-President of CARL (Canadian Association of Research Libraries).

1,993

followers of @DalLibraries  
on Twitter

2,384

“likes” on Facebook

302

inquiries received by the  
Copyright Office

31,450

computer problems solved for  
staff and students by the  
Killam and Sexton Help Desk  
staff

763

submissions to the 3D printers

2.8 million

views on libraries.dal.ca

**Top 5** clickthroughs of eJournals: *Science*,  
*Nature*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Journal of the  
American Medical Association*, and *The Lancet*

**Most popular** items in Dal’s virtual library:  
Science Direct, PubMed, Ovid, Clinical Key, Access Medicine,  
Proquest, Ebsco, and Mylibrary



Students studying in the Sexton Design and  
Technology Library

## Looking forward

- **The latest approach to learning:** Exciting new student spaces have opened. This includes the Wallace McCain Learning Commons and the Kellogg Library Learning Commons in the Collaborative Health Education Building. A new learning commons is being designed for the Sexton Campus.
- **Expanding copyright:** Dalhousie relies on Fair Dealing Guidelines (<http://libraries.dal.ca/fair-dealing>), exemptions, licences and permissions to govern its copying practices. The Libraries’ Copyright Office is delivering a series of presentations to faculties and departments, helping to remind university partners of our shared responsibility for ensuring ethical copying practices.
- **On top of the latest trends in learning and engagement:** The newest development to launch is the Collider, in partnership with the Norman Newman Centre for Entrepreneurship. Located in the Killam Library, this is a designated space for student teams, faculty members, and community mentors to collaborate on innovative, entrepreneurial start-up projects.
- **In the international spotlight:** Dalhousie will host the International Association of University Libraries (IATUL) conference in June 2016. Delegates from around the world will descend on Halifax and the Dalhousie campuses to discuss current issues facing research libraries.

# What's available at the Dalhousie Libraries

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The Dal Libraries consist of five libraries and two learning commons spread over four campuses. Collections include health sciences, management, science, computer science, arts and social sciences, law, agriculture, engineering and architecture and planning collections.

## **Helping you think spatially (GIS):**

The Geographical Information Sciences Centre provides support for Geographic Information Sciences research and teaching. Located on the fifth floor of the Killam Library, it is the largest GISciences library facility in Canada.

## **Printing in 3D:**

The Dalhousie Libraries has two MakerBot Replicator 2 and two Ultimaker 2 3D printers in use. The service is located at the Help Desk in the Killam Library, on the main floor of the Kellogg Library, and at the Circulation Desks in the Sexton and MacRae Libraries

## **Dal Reads – For the love of a good book:**

Each first-year Dalhousie student receives a copy of that year's Dal Reads book. The goal is to provide a common intellectual experience that will serve as both an introduction to Dalhousie University and to post-secondary academic life in general.

## **Document Delivery:**

The document delivery service supports Dalhousie faculty, students, staff, and affiliated individuals by borrowing or providing access to books, articles, and other materials which are not located at Dalhousie, and are needed for their teaching, learning, or research. The Dalhousie Libraries participate in the international interlibrary loan resource sharing services with libraries and institutions across the globe.

## **Copyright Office:**

The Dalhousie Libraries' Copyright Office offers support to faculty, staff, and students to ensure that our community can succeed in their teaching, research, and studies and helps to educate the Dalhousie community gain a greater knowledge and understanding of copyright issues.

## **Data Management Services:**

The Dalhousie Libraries helps with safe storage of Faculty members' research data through two service streams: Data Archiving (for completed projects) and Current Project data.

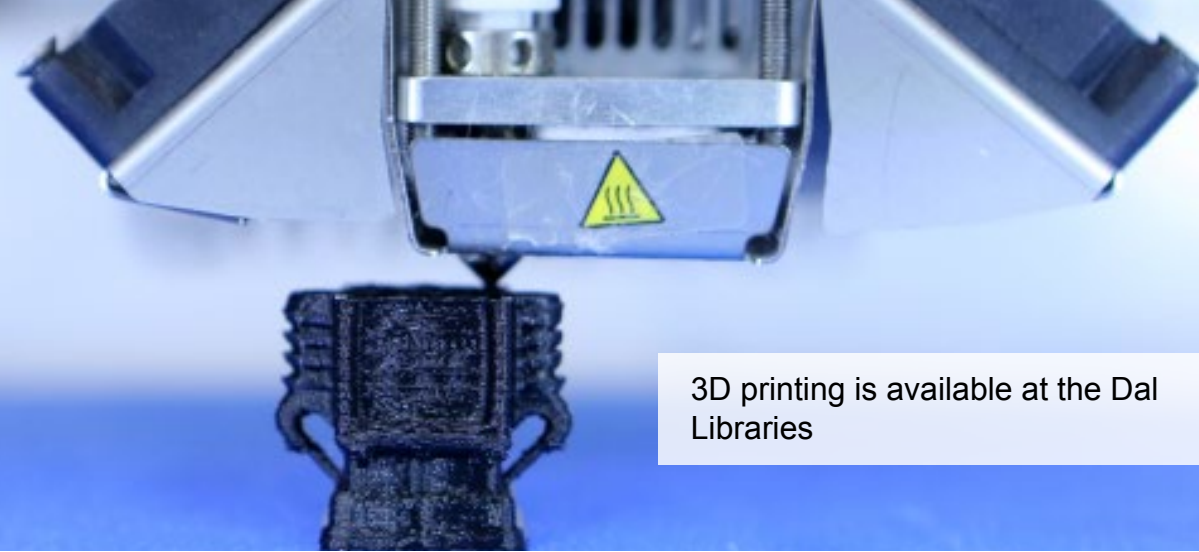
## **Library Information Technology Team (LITS):**

LITS provides IT assistance to students and faculty through help desks (located in the Killam and Sexton libraries and the Wallace McCain Learning Commons), access to technology in all libraries, access to online resources both on and off campus, and support for the university's online learning management system.

## **Research tools:**

Start and finish your academic research with the Dalhousie libraries. We have all the tools and support you need to plan, work on, or tune up any project you have in mind. This includes subject guides, access to databases, RefWorks, and Live Help — where you can chat with a librarian who can help immediately.

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3D printing is available at the Dal Libraries



Members of Libraries Information Technology Services



The Collider, located at the Killam Memorial library

# Contact Us:

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## **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, Halifax  
Studley Campus  
(902) 494-3617

## **W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library**

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

### **Collaborative Health Education Building (Kellogg Library Learning Commons)**

5793 University Avenue

### **Chapter House (print collection)**

5743 University Avenue  
Carleton Campus  
(902) 494-2479

## **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

## **Sir James Dunn Law Library**

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

6061 University Avenue, Halifax  
Studley Campus  
(902) 494-2124

## **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

## **Office of the University Librarian**

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

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