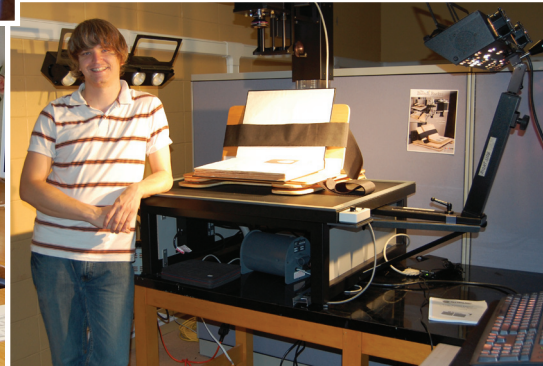


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## MAY 2008- APRIL 2009

### MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN



Mark Leggott

Welcome to the 2008-9 Annual Library Report for the University of Prince Edward Island and my second year as University Librarian. As the first Annual Report for some time we have tried to capture the dynamic changes that have taken place over this past year and highlight some of the events which have made an impact on our community and our services. This report hopefully will give you a glimpse into those services, our resources, some of the special projects we've undertaken, and the Library's overall.

Academic libraries face many challenges as we emerge from decades of rising costs, status quo budgets and jump into a new decade of challenges. We hope that by exploring new opportunities and technologies, we can continue to meet and even exceed your expectations. So, let us know how we are doing and how we might better improve your library experience. All of the staff at Robertson Library are committed to providing a high quality service which will support the learning, teaching, and research environment of this University and the information needs of the Island as a whole.

### CURRENT COLLECTION TOTALS

Number of Titles – Books and eBooks	419,917
Number of Electronic Serials (ind. & aggregator)	49,570
Number of Print & Microform Journals	468
Cartographic Materials	2,945
Number of Videos & DVDs	2,071

**Total Expenditures** for all resources for budget year is: \$1,068,669

### NEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES ADDED TO OR ACCESSED THROUGH OUR COLLECTION

Adam Matthew (8 collections)  
ALPSP Learned Journals Collection  
Cairn  
Canadian Publishers Collection  
Classical Scores Library  
E-Books from: Oxford University Press; Cambridge University Press; Taylor and Francis  
Eighteenth Century Collections Online  
Erudit  
Glode and Mail (1844 - 2003)  
InteLex Past Masters  
JSTOR Arts & Sciences V& VI and Life Sciences  
New York Times (1851–1922, 1987– to present)  
Periodicals Archive Online  
The Times Digital Archive (1785–1985)  
Theatre in Video

## UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### University Archives

The UASC moniker reflects a renewed emphasis on documenting the institutional memory of UPEI, and its forebears, St. Dunstan's University (SDU) and Prince of Wales College (PWC). This becomes more important and more challenging as the university continues to expand, innovate, and age, and we continue working towards a formalized and coordinated recorded information management (RIM) programme for UPEI.

We continue, as well, to grow our collection of UPEI-related publications, documents, photos, and memorabilia, and to work at making this collection more accessible. We are delighted to announce, for example, the recently-completed digitization of the full 60 years (1909 - 1969) of the SDU magazine, *The Red & White*. We also recently completed, with the UPEI Art Committee, an inventory of artwork on campus, which will be available online soon.

### Special Collections

Our main special collection is the PEI Collection, mandated to acquire all Island-related publications, and we are continually adding to the approximately 14,000 book, periodical, and audiovisual titles already in our holdings. This includes a wealth of material from PEI's most famous author, L.M. Montgomery, and we have shared these riches with hundreds of visitors from around the world during the 2008 *Anne* centennial.

As with the Archives, digitization is a key part of our efforts to better share the PEI Collection's riches. The Library digitation lab has, for example, recently completed work on a full digital archive of *The Island Magazine* (1976 - present).

## LIBRARY SERVICES – STATISTICS

### Circulation

Circulation Desk Transactions:

Loans – 18,039

Renewals – 9,109

Reserve (not e-reserve) Loans – 24,316

In-house Use of Material: 17,627

**LIVE CHAT** (online help as part of the Information Desk service) # of online inquiries – 906

# of hours per week – 60 hours

Information Desk In-Person Transactions – 5,587

### InterLibrary Loans

# of Requests Received, Filled, & Sent to Other Institutions – 580

# of UPEI Originated ILL Requests Filled by Others – 3,145

### Instruction Services:

Presentations to Groups – 166

# of Participants: – 2,281

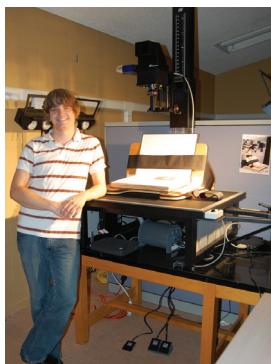
## TECHNOLOGY

### Learning Commons

#### Library catalogue: Evergreen

On June 5th, the Library migrated its existing SIRSI system to an open-source system named *Evergreen* for managing its in-house collection resources – such as books, DVDs, scores, etc. Using open-source software gives us direct access to the developers and the programming innards of the system and staff here have already contributed software enhancements, thereby benefitting all Evergreen users. Robertson Library was the first academic university in the world to adopt this open-source system.

**RIRI Institute:** Another first! The Library hosted the first Red Island Repository Institute (RIRI) in August. It was a five day hands-on Fedora course (Aug. 11-15) and Fedora gurus Sandy Payette (Fedora Commons Executive Director), Richard Green (Manager, RIDIR, REMAP and RepoMMan Projects, e-SIG, Academic Services, university of Hull), and Mat Zumwalt (MediaShelf) guided the event.



**Digital Collections:** We rolled out our new **Digitization Facility** this year. We bought a new overhead scanner (one of just four in Canada) which will allow us to digitize oversized books and other documents. The Library already has a 3-D scanner used to digitize lobster necropsies for the Atlantic Veterinary College. Kris Bulman is working full-time on our digitization projects. Special digitization projects (<http://www.islandarchives.ca/>) included:

- ***A Living Archives*** – a collaborative arrangement with other Island agencies to deliver historical documents and provide a authoring environment for grade 7 students to create stories about life on P.E.I. at the turn of the 20th century. This project, jointly funded by Heritage Canada and Canadian Culture Online programme (CCOP), was launched at the end of May.

- ***Island Voices*** and ***Island Lives*** continued to develop – digitizing P.E.I. oral history and community histories, respectively.

- The ***Island Magazine*** was fully digitized by the end December and made available online for access (1976 - present) and the full 60 years of the SDU magazine, ***The Red & White***, were digitized as well.

Virtual reference online software changed from CraftySyntax to LibrayH3lp – allowing us to embed a *chat widget* in our website home-page, improving the accessibility and presence of our virtual Ask Us reference service. Statistics indicated that these changes resulted in a tenfold increase of use.

**SMART Boards** – This technology was introduced into two of the Library's group study rooms.

## LIBRARY EVENTS

**Race About Charlottetown:** Also in August, the Library was a very active participant in the Annual Race About Charlottetown – a fund-raiser organized by the PEI branch of the Kidney Foundation.

**SeaWords Creative Writing Workshop:** On August 18, 2008, the L.M. Montgomery Institute (LMMI) hosted the SeaWords Creative Writing workshop at Shaw's Hotel. Writers Anne Simpson, Anne-Marie MacDonald, and Jackie Kaiser provided some instruction and inspiration.

## Library Booksale

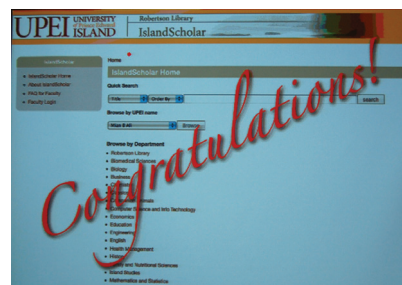
We held a very successful used book sale in September 2008. Proceeds from the sale were shared with the U.P.E.I. Business Society. Books, ranging from popular novels through nonfiction and textbooks, were eagerly picked up at bargain prices.

## Library Art Competition 2007-8 Unveiling

The winning art competition submission was officially unveiled on September 26, 2008 at the Library. An invitation to the event went out to the campus community and the general public and people came to see the installed exhibit and meet the artist, Gerald Beaulieu.

## Launch of IslandScholar Repository

In December, the Office of the Vice-President of Research & Development and the Library jointly launched the IslandScholar repository as an open-source alternative – providing more accessibility to faculty publications. Website address is [www.IslandScholar.ca](http://www.IslandScholar.ca)



## Freedom To Read 2009

In February, the Library organized and hosted two reading sessions for the campus and general public to celebrate the freedom we enjoy in Canada to read material of a controversial nature. Readers included: Laurie Brinklow; David Buck; Roger Cook; Nola Etkin; Cathy Gillan; Suna Houghton; Simon Lloyd; Brent MacLaine; Margaret McPike; Shannon Murray. Thanks all!

## LIBRARY FACILITIES



Betsy Epperly & donor David Macdonald, grandson of L. M. Montgomery.

Renovations in the Archives/Special collections reading area began mid-July in order to make room for our Lucy Maud Montgomery collections.

The Information Desk temporarily re-located to the Circulation Desk – making room for the incoming Samuel's coffee kiosk in the lobby of the Library. Renovations for the coffee shop and Special Collections reading room kept things hopping.

In March, the Samuel's coffee shop opened to a unqualified success.

## LIBRARY STAFF UPDATE

Donald Moses returned to the Library on a nine-month contract to oversee the Library's IslandLives projects.

Louise Mould left the Library after three years as our "temporary" Cataloguing Librarian.

Melissa Belvadi joined the staff in the newly created position of Emerging Technologies & Metadata Librarian.

Alexander O'Neil began a one-year contract position with the Library as a programmer.

## **AWARDS**

The Robertson Library won the CLA/3M Canadian Award for achievement in technical services for transforming our serials workflow in an innovative manner accepted at the CLA annual conference in May 2009.

## **Library Hours (Standard)**

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.	Saturday 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Sunday 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

## **LIBRARY DONORS IN 2008-09**

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