The Library has always been at the heart of Carleton, not only as a place to access information but also as a space for our community to gather and learn.

Carleton Library is a vibrant and active partner in teaching, learning, and research across all disciplines of the university. A centre of knowledge, interdisciplinarity, and community, the Library collects, disseminates, and generates information, serving the campus and beyond. We look forward to offering more in-person services; however, we will continue to offer the virtual support and services that you have come to rely on.

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Amber Lannon
University Librarian

While we have been open to some extent throughout most of the past two years, we are anticipating the return of many more students to our library building this September. We are also excited to share our newly renovated spaces with you: the tunnel space and entrance and our second floor service area.

Some renovations will be still underway in September, notably the fourth floor; we eagerly await the reopening this space when the work is done.
"I remember one Friday night I emailed about an initial research report project. I was flabbergasted when she got back to me in less than an hour with about 15 sources I could use later for my actual essay. I used most of the sources she sent me and finished with A+s on every assignment she helped me with."

Aidan Osadchuk, 1st Year Public Affairs and Policy Management

"The students in the workshop said it was incredibly helpful; every one of them felt more prepared to tackle their final assignment. I think we all applied what we learned immediately, and will continue to make use of the services now that we are better informed."

Maria Daboussy PhD, Geography

"The staff’s expertise and willingness to help were the most memorable parts of my time. I learned how to find research articles on various databases via the library’s website, which has been very helpful for completing papers during my undergrad degree and currently in writing my master’s thesis manuscript."

Holly Shannon, 2nd Year Master of Science, Neuroscience

"I think the library did a fantastic job supporting students online. Booking consultations was a very easy and seamless process. Consultants were always on time, and always met me with a smile. It was an effortless process, much different than the harsh realities of the pandemic."

Candace Roberts, PhD Health Science
"We have a full conference planned to bring together the community with academics and students. This funding allows us to put together programming that will benefit all our attendees," says Shezan Muhammedi, Researcher in Residence in the MacOdrum Library at Carleton University and conference project lead.

Conference panels will include:
- The expulsion order and a warm welcome? (Re) settling and early experiences of life in Canada among East African Asians
- Home and homeland: Explorations of transnationalism and faith amongst the Ugandan Asian refugee diaspora in Canada and beyond
- Gender in Motion: The Cultural, Economic, and Political Impact of Migration on East African Asian Women
- Investigating the Legacy: Understanding the Ugandan Asian Refugee Resettlement Initiative, Impacts, and Conceptions of Identity

There will also be a number of workshops throughout the conference to generate discussions and learning around the history of the expulsion, intergenerational identities, and migration. The workshops will also include:

Global Café: Intergenerational Discussion
This workshop will consist of an intergenerational discussion amongst Ugandan Asian refugees, their children, and other migrant communities who attend the conference on the impact of migration and sense of belonging.

Documentary Screening and Q&A
This workshop will consist of a screening of documentaries created to commemorate the expulsion, accompanied with a question and answer session with the directors and project teams of the films.

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The Digital Research Alliance of Canada plays a critical role in advancing the Government of Canada's National DRI Strategy. It coordinates and funds activities related to and including Advanced Research Computing, Research Data Management, and Research Software.

“There are a number of steps that need to take place in order to get the webinar series running and the project team has already begun the work to get this moving,” says Andrea Lawrance, Director, Carleton Office for Research Initiatives and Services. “The work that has gone into developing this project will help us deliver this important webinar series to the Carleton community and beyond.”

These steps include: hiring graduate students to undertake an environmental scan of existing training materials and identifying gaps; put together the identified training content in an accessible training repository; developing webinar series content, including a pilot with a small group of researchers and stakeholders; and delivering the inaugural run of the webinar series.

Carleton University has received a funding from the Digital Research Alliance of Canada to implement “Beyond the RDM checkbox: An RDM webinar series to build expertise for all”.

This webinar series will allow us to offer the Carleton community increased awareness of Research Data Management (RDM) through the publication of an online repository of existing training materials and through delivery of a proposed RDM webinar series at Carleton University in Spring 2023.

“Essentially, we want to help explain and show our community how research data management can help them” says Jane Fry, Data Services Librarian, and the project lead. “This webinar series will go a long way in helping us to do that.”

The project has a number of objectives at its core, namely to:

- Expand support for RDM activities at Carleton by the training of librarians and research facilitators through the proposed webinar series;
- Apply new skills and knowledge of the research community through increased uptake of RDM tools available to Carleton researchers; and
- Increase accessibility to RDM resources through the development of adaptable webinars for other institutions.

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NEW DATA LAB ON LEVEL ONE

The GIS/Data Lab on our first floor will be similar in size to the Book Arts Lab on our second floor.

This renovation will include new flooring and new furniture and we have already been working with our Library user experience group to solicit feedback on the types of furniture that will be used in this space. We are also looking at renovating the space that leads from the tunnel into the library so the entire floor on level one will be redone as well.

This lab will house Bloomberg and GIS workstations.
Awards

The MacOdrum Library’s Joanne Rumig and Chris Trainor were recently recognized as recipients of the Professional Achievement Award. These awards are part of the annual Carleton Achievement Awards, which are presented in recognition of the research and teaching distinction of Carleton’s academic staff.

As part of the selection process for this award, recommendations are made by the Peer Evaluation Committee to the University Librarian. The Peer Evaluation Committee looks for exceptional achievement in a number of areas that go above and beyond regular job duties.

Joanne Rumig has led the Access Services Department to ensure library resources are accessible to all users of the Carleton community and external partners. During her time at Carleton, she has had key roles in the implementation of Omni and the Collaborative Futures consortium, resource sharing platforms and the course reserves system. She is passionate in bringing people together to collaborate and share ideas to improve the user’s experience in the library.

Chris Trainor has worked in a variety of roles centering on archives and records management. He has worked in post-secondary archival institutions, law archives and corporate records. His first position at Carleton was as Corporate Archivist and Assistant Privacy Officer, and is currently the Department Head of Archives & Special Collections, MacOdrum Library.

Professional Achievement Award Winner

Established in 2020, is meant to recognize a Professional Services Staff member whose work has in the course of the previous year, provided outstanding service and contributed towards the Library’s mission through their work, commitment and dedication to the Library.

The 2021-2022 recipient of the Professional Services Staff Recognition Award is Pamela Williamson.

A nomination of Pamela would not be complete without recognizing her genuine care and empathy for her teammates and colleagues. Since the first lock down, Pamela has checked in with her team daily to ensure we are well both professionally and personally.

She treats her colleagues as unique individuals beyond their job titles, often boosting morale through her kindness and great sense of humor. She never hesitates to offer a listening ear and words of support.

When working with library management, librarians, professional services staff, and students, Pamela holds her own with professionalism and congeniality.

Behind-the-scenes departments are often forgotten when accolades are given because much of our work is hidden, but Pamela’s invaluable contribution to the library’s successes during COVID-19 deserves to be recognized. She is a wealth of knowledge and thankfully generous with sharing it.

Professional Achievement Award Nominees

Kevin Bowrin, Library Technology Services
Shyla Taylor, Cataloguing, Metadata & Digitization
Clair Switzer, Electronic Resources Acquisition
Ryan Tucci, Research Support Services
Pamela Williamson, Electronic Resources Acquisition
Doug Young, Access Services

This award was established in 2012 in honour of Melody Mastad, Stacks Coordinator, for their years of service and dedication to the Library and student staff employees.

Queenie Li from RSS and Sameer Keldani from Access Services are this year’s recipients.
Renovations

Renovations, making the Library an even more welcoming place

With many renovation projects taking place in the Library this year we want to make sure you have a space to keep up to date on what these are and what the timelines are.

- Data lab and Transition space
- Study spaces, Service counter on Level Two
- Future Learning Lab on Level Four

Study spaces, Service counter Level Two

As part of this renovation we will be converting Room 235 into two fully accessible group study rooms, with some space used for overflow staff workspace.

Another large feature of this space will be the renovation of the Library service counter. There will be new service areas for Research Support Services and ITS, with soft seating between the service areas.

Future Learning Lab on Level Four

This project in partnership with Teaching and Learning Services will encompass our entire fourth floor. In order to accommodate this project, every book in the library will have to be physically relocated, and that relocation has already started and is going quite well.

All existing furniture will be replaced, with additional new furniture and seating being put in place.
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