



# Truth and ReconciliACTION at Mount Allison Libraries & Archives

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# Building Relationships

- 🌀 Mount Allison's Indigenous Affairs Coordinators
- 🌀 NBPLS Indigenous Services Librarian
- 🌀 Indigenous students & professors
- 🌀 Indigenous community members

# Facilities, Collections, & Catalogue

- 🌀 Purchase of an Indigenous storytelling carpet for main floor
- 🌀 Plan to hang Indigenous artwork in public spaces and offices
- 🌀 Increased acquisition of resources by Indigenous scholars
- 🌀 Capitalization of “Indigenous” and “Aboriginal” in catalogue records

# Programming

- ☞ Reading of Indigenous Protocol Statement at public events
- ☞ Truth & ReconciliACTION Film Series
- ☞ Visit by LaDonna Brave Bull Allard
- ☞ “Teaching, Learning, Higher Education: Indigenization”  
LibGuide
- ☞ Addition of Indigenous students group to orientation sessions
- ☞ Increased use of Indigenous topics in IL instruction

# Participation in MTA Events

- 👉 Two Indigenous fora during 2015-2016 academic year
- 👉 MTA Year of Indigenous Knowing events (2016-2017)
- 👉 MTA Year of Indigenous Action events (2017-2018)
- 👉 Vigil for Brady Francis, Colten Boushie and Tina Fontaine
- 👉 Indigenous Faculty hiring talks
- 👉 Blanket Exercise

# Learning from LIS Community



- 🔥 CFLA-FCAB Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations
- 🔥 Conference sessions at APLA 2017 and 2018
- 🔥 CAUL-CBUA Forum on Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action



# Lessons Learned

- 👉 Importance of showing up
- 👉 “Nothing about us without us”
- 👉 Okay to try but not get it quite right – learn and try again
- 👉 Importance of keeping purpose of event in focus, and not letting external factors cloud things
- 👉 Not everyone at Mount Allison sees Indigenization as a priority

# More Details at APLA



What: Truth and ReconciliACTION Activities at Mount Allison Libraries & Archives

When: Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Wu Centre, Aitken Room, UNB

Who: Elizabeth Millar & Elizabeth Stregger





# Links

🔥 LibGuide by Laura Snyder:

[Teaching, Learning, Higher Education: Indigenization](#)

🔥 Blog posts by Laura Landon:

[LaDonna Brave Bull Allard brings message of resistance and hope](#)

[Truth & ReconciliACTION Film Series begins Oct. 4](#)

[Truth & ReconciliACTION Film Series: Winter Term](#)