We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.

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**OUR PEOPLE (2021-22)**

**Comings:**
- Vickie Albrecht, Manager, Durham Campus Library & Learning Centre
- Suzanne Bailey, Acting University Librarian (July 2022)
- Justin Barker, Data Visualization & Statistical Support Specialist (Contract)
- Coralee Leroux, Scholarly Resources Librarian (July 2022)
- Karen Suurtamm, University Archivist & Head, Special Collections (Aug. 2022)
- Stephanie Taylor, Library Services Associate (Contract)
- Ganesh Vellasamy, Library Services Assistant, Durham Campus Library & Learning Centre

**Goings:**
- Jodi Aoki retired as University Archivist
- Robert Clarke retired as University Librarian
- Jean Luyben retired as a Learning & Liaison Librarian
- Marisa Scigliano retired as Scholarly Resources Librarian

**Milestones:**
- Jodi Aoki (Archivist) won the 2021 Eminent Service Award
- Kristy McKeown was hired as Manager, Library Services.
- Geoff Sinclair (Discovery & Systems Librarian) was appointed as a permanent-track Librarian.

**STUDENT OUTREACH**

Trent University Library & Archives (TULA) is a central hub of academic life and research at Trent University. We connect faculty, students, and all Trent community members with the resources and academic services they need to thrive.

TULA personnel at both the Bata Library and the Durham Campus Library & Learning Centre found creative ways to support students and faculty when remote learning took effect and virtual outreach became imperative. We found new ways to use digital tools to help students find and access the information they need, and to teach them the skills to evaluate this information. In a time when misinformation has proliferated online, the Library is in a key position to help students develop information literacy skills through one-to-one reference instruction and Library workshops.

“The depth and breadth of skills and expertise in the Library & Archives is truly amazing. I hope we can find more opportunities to showcase our librarians and staff to the Trent community, [and that this will lead] to more innovative partnerships and initiatives with students, faculty, and researchers.”

CORALEE LEROUX, Interim University Librarian
Library Research Support and Instruction for Students – Both Online and In-Person

Librarians were available online throughout 2021 to help students with their research needs, and as the campus re-opened they returned to the Library Research Consultation Centre in Bata Library for drop-in research help. Students booked one-to-one research consultations on Zoom with the Library’s new Book-A-Librarian service to learn how to use Omni and subject-specific databases to find sources for their assignments.

“I always enjoy the one-to-one interactions I have with students, especially when I know they’ve gone away feeling better about their research.”

ELLEN OLSEN-LYNCH, Learning & Liaison Librarian

We’re here to help with your research! Visit trentu.ca/library/book-a-librarian to book a one-to-one research consultation with a librarian.

“My favourite part of research help sessions with students are those ‘Aha!’ moments when I can tell that the student has grasped a key concept or skill that will help them with their assignment, and future research. Hearing from a student that I’ve helped them to feel better about their research and decreased their anxiety about completing a course assignment – that is a nice feeling.”

ALLISON RIDGWAY, Learning & Liaison Librarian

Research tips at your fingertips

Students can find subject-specific research tips and resources (including databases) in our Library Research Guides. We can also create course-specific pages in these Guides relevant to your course needs.

60 Research Guides

Popular Guides in 2021

Omni
Indigenous Research Portal
Education Subject Guide
Nursing & Health Sciences
Business Administration

54,719 Views in 2021

Staff at the Library Service Desks at both Bata Library and the Durham Campus Library & Learning Centre provide many services to students and faculty members, including, but not limited to: searching for Library resources, borrowing materials from other institutions (ILL), and answering questions about Library accounts.

“The Service Desk staff are always pleasant and extremely helpful in assisting me to find library materials when I ask.”

SURVEY RESPONDENT

Library Workshops Teach Students the Information Literacy Skills They Need to Succeed

In 2021, librarians and Library staff at the Bata and Durham libraries pivoted to teach both online and in-person library research workshops. We worked with instructors to create course-specific workshops on a variety of topics, from the basics of finding and recognizing peer-reviewed articles using Omni, to more advanced database searching and conducting knowledge syntheses. This included a research workshop for students in Chitkara, India as part of a new partnership between Trent’s School of Business and Chitkara University. Library personnel at the Durham-GTA campus also held a library skills workshop during the Write In Time event.

Book a Library Workshop

Contact library@trentu.ca to book a Library Research Workshop for your class. We can work with you to develop the workshop to meet your students’ needs. You can find more information here: trentu.ca/library/help/instruction
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SAM BIBBY, Client Support/Copyright Associate (Durham-GTA Campus)

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Register Your Class for the Library Instruction Course
Contact library@trentu.ca to enroll your students in the 2021-22 or 2022-23 Library Instruction course. For more information, visit: trentu.ca/library/help/instruction

“Students Learn How to Use Geographic Information Systems Software Through MaDGIC Workshop Series

In Winter 2021, TULA’s Maps, Data & Government Information Centre (MaDGIC) announced a new virtual tutorial series: MaDGIC Mondays #GISFH (Geographic Information Systems From Home). These short weekly tutorials were based on MaDGIC’s popular ArcGIS Pro Workshops: Mapping and Data Visualization, and Introduction to Suitability Modeling. The series included content from those workshops as well as new material.

It’s not too late to learn – watch recordings from #GISFH here: https://www.trentu.ca/library/madgic/workshops

Exhibit: Add A Little MaDGIC to Your Research

In November 2021, MaDGIC hosted the exhibit, Add a Little MaDGIC to Your Research. This exhibit showcased the lifecycle of a research project: planning, data discovery, analysis, visualization, and preservation. It also outlined the support MaDGIC offers to researchers at each stage of the lifecycle.

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“I Feel More Connected to My Education”: How Student Library Workers Make an Impact – And Are Impacted by Their Work

Student Library Assistants (SLAs) connect fellow students with the Libraries by offering peer-to-peer support and creative ideas for outreach. Academic libraries can be intimidating spaces for new students, so student navigators provide help on a peer level to make students feel more comfortable. SLAs also improve resource accessibility by retrieving requested books to ship to other libraries as part of our interlibrary-loan program, completing collection maintenance, assisting with digitization projects, and answering questions at the Library Service Desks.

Our SLAs’ creativity shines when they design social media posts to engage students with our collections and resources. At the Durham Campus Library & Learning Centre, SLAs create library displays to increase attention to some of our resources. The library hires as many as 30 students over the year. Applications for Fall SLA positions will be posted in late summer.

“Student Library staff do great work! ... They’re some of the greatest assets as they advocate for the Library and bring so much enthusiasm...It’s wonderful working with these bright individuals and seeing how they contribute to the Library & Archives.”

VICKIE ALBRECHT, Manager, Durham Campus Library & Learning Centre

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SAMANTHA DAVENPORT, Student Library Assistant (2020-current)
Learning & Liaison Librarians (left to right): Dwayne Collins, Ellen Olsen-Lynch, and Jean Luyben (retired)

**RESEARCH & TEACHING SUPPORT**

TULA is deeply involved in research activities at Trent and offers resources and expertise for each stage of the research lifecycle.

In 2021, librarians offered one-to-one research consultations via Zoom and in-person through the Library Research Consultation Centre, MaDGiC, and the Archives. This included support for research with knowledge syntheses, grant writing, research data management, geographical information systems (GIS), citation management, and data visualization.

"Any time I have needed help from people [at the Library], they have been excellent. While we move to increased online learning, I see the Library personnel as guides/teachers to help us find and deliver knowledge."

SURVEY RESPONDENT

**Odette Critical Making Studio**

Although COVID-19 restricted use of this space in 2021, researchers and students are now invited to use the equipment and software held in the Odette Critical Making Studio (at Bata Library) to facilitate creative ways of knowledge mobilization. Contact library@trentu.ca to book a studio or visit: trentu.ca/library/odette-critical-making-studio to learn more.

**Research Highlights from the Trent Archives**

Trent University Archives continued to support researchers both at Trent and beyond. Researchers contacted the Archives with a variety of queries from around the world, including Poland and the U.K.

Established in 1969, the Archives holds a unique collection of primary materials documenting the history and institutional knowledge of Trent University, and the history of institutions, organizations, and individuals of the Trent Valley region.

"Our relationships with researchers and donors are very important. These are enduring and they sometimes span decades. Some researchers even share their final results with us, a partnership of sorts. It is these relationships that give meaning to our existence."

JODI AOKI, University Archivist

**ARCHIVAL HOLDINGS**

- Approximately 9,500 cubic metres of textual material
- 42,000 photographs
- 550 reels of microfilm
- 1,620 sheets of microfiche
- 858 maps
- 1,049 audio & video tapes
- Newspapers
- Drawings
- Audio-visual records
- Digital records

**Archives Receives Funding for Digitization Project**

TULA was awarded $16,200 from the Symons Trust Fund for Canadian Studies to digitize a portion of the Commission on Canadian Studies funds that are held in the Trent Archives. The University Archivist and Archives staff will use this funding to digitize approximately 700 briefs and submissions sent to the Commission in the early 1970s.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada established the Commission in 1972 to explore developments in teaching and research in Canadian studies. In 2013, Professor Thomas H.B. Symons donated materials collected by the Commission that help tell the story of Canadian Studies as a scholarly discipline. Thanks to this funding and digitization project, researchers will have access to this pivotal collection through TULA’s digital collections platform.

**Archives Newsletter (2021)**

Read the 2021 Archives Newsletter here.
**Leganto Reading Lists Make Course Readings More Accessible to Students**

TULA introduced the Leganto course reading list tool (created by Ex Libris) in April 2020 to support faculty during the pandemic. Librarians and instructors use Leganto to create reading lists attached to courses, giving students easy access to course readings and informing the Library of course materials that may need to be purchased or require copyright review. In 2021, while many students studied off-campus and instructors taught remotely, librarians and library staff used Leganto to ensure students had access to digital readings.

Leganto enabled us to streamline the purchasing process, as any items in a Leganto reading list that are not already part of our collection are automatically considered for purchase. With Leganto, we discover what articles, books, films, and other material is needed for courses before a semester begins. Purchasing eBooks and other course readings for our collection (when possible) reduces costs students would otherwise accrue, helping to ensure equitable access for many students.

**Don't have time for Leganto? Let us create a list for you!**

We can create a Leganto list of your readings and attach it to your Blackboard course. We will ensure all readings have working links, review materials not already in our collection for purchase, and check for copyright concerns. To get help with creating a Leganto list, send your course reading list to: library@trent.ca

**2021 LEGANTO LISTS**

- **403** Leganto reading lists created
- **9,172** Leganto list citations (for course readings) created
- **195,624** Leganto reading list views
- **1,631** Citations (course readings) requiring copyright review
- **403** Items purchased from reading lists: 264 eBooks; 124 print books; 12 streaming films; and 3 DVDs

**MaDGiC Esri Awards**

The Esri Canada Scholarship is awarded to a Trent student on the basis of a competitive evaluation of a poster and story map that includes a significant GIS component using Esri Technologies. The 2021 scholarship was awarded to Anne-Christine Auge, a PhD Candidate in the Environmental and Life Sciences Program, for her poster and story map on The Impact of urban development on the long-term viability of a Blanding’s Turtle Population.

The 2021 Esri Higher Education GIS Award was given to Graeme Smith, an MSc Candidate in the Environmental and Life Sciences Program, for his project, Assessing the availability and connectivity of suitable habitat for a population of Ambystoma salamanders on Pelee Island, ON.

MaDGiC was pleased to administer the Esri Canada Scholarship competition in 2021.

**MaDGiC Historic Airphoto App Offers Innovative Mapping of Over 19,000 Photos**

Interested in historic air photos of the Peterborough/Kawartha region or surroundings? MaDGiC has over 22,000 historic air photos in its collection. These photos are now available in digital format. In 2021, MaDGiC completed a major upgrade of its Historic Airphoto app to increase the visibility and functionality of this collection. The Historic Airphoto App runs on a new data server funded through the Bata Transformation Project.

**Wondering what the Trent campus or Wildlife Sanctuary looked like in 1929?**

Check out Trent Library’s [http://madgic.trentu.ca/airphoto/](http://madgic.trentu.ca/airphoto/)

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**Learn how to create a Leganto reading list for your course with our handy guide:**

[https://guides.lib.trentu.ca/readinglists](https://guides.lib.trentu.ca/readinglists)
COLLECTION & ACQUISITIONS

Providing access to digital resources through purchases and collaborations was key to ensuring the Trent community could continue their studies off-campus when necessary. Trent community members can access over 90% of our collection online from anywhere in the world using Omni. Over the past year, we purchased access to many new eBooks, databases, archival collections, and streaming media. We also helped instructors to provide online access to course readings through the Leganto reading list creation tool. And we joined HathiTrust, an international collaborative of research and academic libraries, to provide Trent students and researchers with access to 4.4 million public domain eBooks and other material.

Library Partnership Provides Faster Access to Resources From Across Ontario

TULA – and particularly personnel at the Durham Campus Library & Learning Centre – played a major role in testing a new automated network that allows users to easily request and access physical resources from 16 university libraries across the province.

Trent University is a member of the Collaborative Futures partnership made up of 16 Ontario university libraries. These institutions work together to provide access to a shared collection of nearly 23.5 million physical resources. When a student or researcher at Trent University needs a physical resource that is located at one of our partner institutions, they can request it through Omni.

Personnel worked with the University of Guelph to test and contribute to the development of a new Automated Fulfillment Network (AFN) that allows users to request items from partner libraries in Omni. With this new fulfillment network, users don’t have to fill out a RACER form for items that can be found in the shared collection.

Automating this process has made it easier for users to request resources from partner institutions and cuts down on the time it takes to receive your requested item.

WHAT’S IN THE LIBRARY?

- 24,106 visual materials (print & online)
- 741,554 eBooks
- 513,373 catalogued free/open access eBooks
- 120,808 electronic journals
- 51,990 catalogued free/open access journals
- 250,743 print monographs/journals
- 46,000 print atlases & maps
- 920,994 Omni searches were performed in 2021

Major Library Acquisitions in 2021

TULA added eBook collections from several academic publishers including American Institute of Physics, Gale, MIT, and Springer. Other significant purchases, both one-time and subscription, included:

- APA Handbooks
- Audio-Cine Films
- Brenner’s Encyclopedia of Genetics, 2nd ed.
- British Union of Fascists: Newspapers and Secret Files, 1933-1952
- Cambridge Companions
- DSM5 Library
- FORENSICnetBASE / LAWENFORCEMENTnetBASE
- Harvard Business Reviews Course Work
- LGBT Studies in Video
- Maclean’s Magazine Archive
- MLA Handbook Plus


PhilPapers – upgrade of 100+ full-text philosophy journals

Reaxys

SAGE Business Cases

SAGE Research Methods

Women and Social Movements in Modern Empires Since 1820

Women’s Magazine Archive

TULA also made financial contributions to organizations committed to developing and securing the Open Access infrastructure through cost-sharing frameworks, including the Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services and Knowledge Unlatched.

Indigenous Authors Graphic Novels Collection

TULA expanded our collection’s offerings for Indigenous Studies and Education Studies by purchasing a new collection of graphic novels written by Indigenous authors. These graphic novels are available as eBooks that can be read on or off-campus. To see a full list of these graphic novels and read them online, see our Leganto reading list:

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Through partnerships and collaborations, TULA made substantial impacts throughout our campus, local, and professional communities. Trent University departments, and the academic library environment. Many of our librarians, our archivist, and our staff sit on committees, professional associations, and communities of practice that are working to shape the academic librarianship landscape and forge collaborative efforts that improve the availability of information and resources for all library users. We also support our students in building connections with their communities.

Trent Durham Students Get Public Library Cards

The Durham Campus Library & Learning Centre welcomed the Oshawa Public Library to sign students up for public library cards. The Public Library provided information about their services and handed out free advanced reader copies at this popular event.

Students Bring Holiday Card Joy to Residents at Rubidge Retirement Residence

The holiday season can be a lonely time for some retirement and long-term care residents, especially during the pandemic. End-of-term exams can also be a stressful time for students. Practicing creativity and acts of kindness can help alleviate this stress and bring joy at the same time to isolated seniors in our community. With this in mind, we set up a Holiday Card Making Station in Bata Library with blank cards and crafting supplies for students to take a break from studying and make some cards for residents at Rubidge Retirement Residence.

Students made over 70 beautiful cards in just one week, each with unique messages and designs full of care and support. After keeping them in quarantine to ensure safety during the pandemic, we delivered the cards to Rubidge, where they were given to residents.

“Thank you so much. The residents always enjoy these heartwarming messages during the holidays. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.”
MIKE KELLY, Activity Director at Rubidge Retirement Residence

Bata Art Collection Brings the Library to Life

The Trent University Art Collection (TUAC) has been acquiring works of art since 1963 and has nearly 800 works in its collection today. Artwork is collected through donation from international, national, and local artists. The Library houses two photography prints by Roberta Bondar, former Chancellor of the university. These prints can be found in the President’s Suite hallway. Dr. Bondar has shared with us that the captivating photographs “White Oak” and “Red Maple Sugar Leaves” were a part of her travelling exhibition titled “Light in the Land” that celebrated Canada’s 150th Celebration.

“Red Maple Leaves” by Roberta Bondar, Trent’s 9th chancellor and Canada’s first female astronaut to launch into space.

Some of our most recent acquisitions include oil paintings by Marmaduke Matthews, local artist Mary McLoughlin, and world-renowned painter and sculptor Dale Chihuly.

David and Anne Patterson generously donated the photography prints, along with 48 other works. The Pattersons have worked closely with the Sandra Ainsley Gallery in Toronto to build this collection of stunning glass sculptures, paintings, and photography prints. Through collaboration, they have created the Patterson-Ainsley Collection. The second round of installation will take place in late spring.
STAYING CONNECTED DURING COVID-19

While most of our collection is online and accessible to Trent community members remotely, many Trent researchers and students also rely on our print collection. Library personnel at both the Bata Library (Peterborough campus) and the Durham Campus Library & Learning Centre (Durham-GTA campus) developed curbside pickup programs to provide safe, contactless access to these print resources. During lockdown in 2021, Library personnel at both campuses worked hard to process requests and safely deliver materials for over 410 curbside pickup appointments.

“Dealing with COVID over the past year has been a challenge, but in the Library we continue to support each other and provide excellent service to Trent community members. Even though we may go days without seeing some of our coworkers in-person, we continue to help one another whenever needed.”

LISA ROPERTZ, Library Technical Services Associate (Bata)

Maintaining Safe Study Spaces

Library spaces can be a quiet, comfortable oasis for students who need to study, while also providing access to WiFi, research help, or private rooms to work.

Keeping Library spaces safe and accessible was therefore a key priority. We worked with Trent Forward to follow health and safety measures, placed “Sanitization Stations” throughout the library buildings, and set up barrier screens at our Service Desks. We turned our group study rooms into individual study rooms to allow students a private space for studying, attending Zoom meetings, or writing online exams. Our bookable study rooms, as well as our grad study carrels, gave students a quiet place to work and meet.

“I am proud of how the library staff adapted to the changing rules and regulations. It has been a challenge! Our students are the heroes for following all of the guidelines, and still finding quiet and welcoming places to study.”

LORETTA DURST, Manager, Finance & Administration

Research Data Management (RDM)

Research Data Management (RDM) is the active organization and maintenance of data throughout its lifecycle, including its collection, interpretation, documentation, dissemination, long-term preservation, and reuse.

In March 2021, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) officially released the Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy (RDM Policy). The RDM Policy includes requirements for institutions and researchers eligible for CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC funds.

There are three key requirements:

- **Data management plans:** By spring 2022 the Tri-Agencies will identify an initial set of funding opportunities that will require applications to include a Data Management Plan (DMP). Before this date the agencies will pilot the DMP requirement in targeted funding opportunities.
- **Institutional strategies:** By March 1, 2023 each University must have developed an RDM strategy, making it publicly available on its website. The Agencies will review but not formally evaluate institutions’ RDM strategies.
- **Data deposit:** After reviewing the institutional strategies and in line with the readiness of the Canadian research community, the agencies will phase in the deposit requirement. (Recipients of CIHR funding must continue to comply with 2008 guidelines where appropriate.)

Trent Response to the Policy

The Trent Office of Research and Innovation has convened an RDM Working Group charged with devising Trent’s RDM strategy. Trent Library serves as a co-chair of the working group, which includes faculty, graduate students, and representatives from the Research Office, IT and library.

This working group presents a unique opportunity for collaboration and gaining a better understanding of Trent RDM practices and needs.

What Lies Ahead

Trent Library’s mandate is to provide RDM support to all researchers through all stages of the RDM lifecycle, regardless of funding status. We work closely with national and provincial library associations involved with building tools to support RDM. In the coming months the library will develop more instructional resources to introduce interested researchers to tools which support the creation of data management plans. It will also showcase different options and models available to researchers for data deposit. We look forward to gaining a better understanding of Trent’s RDM landscape and working collaboratively to improve RDM capacity for Trent researchers.
Two New Ontario Universities to Provide Shared Access to Resources Through Omni

McMaster University and OCAD University will join the Omni resource-sharing network this Summer 2022, further expanding the collection of 60,000,000 electronic and physical resources available to Trent community members through Omni.

Omni is a collaborative project between academic libraries across Ontario to share resources and expertise. Led by the Ontario Council of University Libraries, it provides fast and easy access to a diverse collection of high-quality academic materials.

If you cannot find a resource in the Trent University Library & Archives collection, use the Trent + Omni search to find and request the resource from another library in Ontario.

Use Trent + Omni search to request resources from other Ontario academic libraries: https://guides.lib.trentu.ca/omni/requests

Pick-Up Your Omni Requests From (Almost) Anywhere

Starting June 2022, you can now choose one of 16 Omni partner institutions across Ontario to pick up requested library material without having to come to Trent’s campuses.

Are you living in London, Ontario for the summer and need a book for your research that we don’t have in the Trent collection? You can request the item through Omni and pick it up at the Weldon Library at Western University.

Other pick-up location options include Brock University, Algoma University, University of Ottawa, York University, and many more.

When you are finished with your borrowed item, you can return it to any of the 16 Ontario partner institutions and it will be sent back to its original library (at no cost to you).


TULA Welcomes Dr. Suzanne Bailey as New Acting University Librarian

We are excited to welcome Dr. Suzanne Bailey as our new Acting University Librarian (2022-23) starting July 1, 2022. Dr. Bailey has contributed substantially to research and teaching at Trent University throughout her 17 years in the Department of English and is an active supporter of TULA. Dr. Bailey will serve as Acting University Librarian (UL) during the search for a permanent UL.

Dr. Bailey is also the current chair of the Trent Art Collection Presidential Advisory Committee, which oversees the care, protection, and promotion of over 700 pieces in the Trent University Art Collection.

Coralee Leroux, new Scholarly Resources Librarian

We are also excited to announce Coralee Leroux’s new position as TULA’s Scholarly Resources Librarian. As Interim UL (2021-22), Coralee led TULA through the pandemic, as well as academic planning activities, and many other projects. Coralee was TULA’s Manager of Library Services (2019-21) prior to her appointment as interim UL.

Robert Clarke served as UL from 2007 until his retirement in 2022. He was a key member of the planning team for the Bata Library Transformation Project in 2017-18.

In May 2022, Robert was honoured with an Eminent Service Award.

TULA also welcomes Allison Ridgway as the Student Experience and Outreach Librarian starting July 2022. Through this new position, Allison will explore ways to further engage students and faculty members with their Libraries, including through strategic communications planning, information literacy workshops, and library events. Allison began at TULA as a Learning & Liaison Librarian in June 2021.

Karen Suurtaam will join us as the new University Archivist and Head, Special Collections for a three-year term starting August 2022. Karen currently teaches courses in Archives and Records Management as an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Information. Prior to that, she worked for nearly a decade as a records manager and archivist in academic archives, including Victoria University, York University, and the University of Toronto. Karen is currently pursuing her PhD in Cultural Studies at Trent, conducting research on the archives of incarceration.

University Archivist Jodi Aoki retired in July 2022 after many years leading Trent’s Archives & Special Collections and curating the University’s art collection.
“During our Academic Planning sessions, I was struck by the dedication of our librarians and library staff to continuous improvement. It was clear that everyone wants to see the Library & Archives continue to be a thriving and vital part of the Trent community.”

CORALEE LEROUX, Interim University Librarian

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