
Transcript: Harriet Irving Library Tour 2017

Welcome to the Harriet Irving Library, also known as the HIL. It is the largest of UNB's Libraries and serves the Social Sciences, Humanities, Nursing, and Kinesiology faculties. And, given the range of services offered, the attractive spaces, not to mention central location, the HIL also acts as an important hub of campus life.

A few general things before we get started:

- check the LCD screens for events and classes taking place in the library;
- set your mobile devices to quiet;
- take advantage of the Wi-fi available throughout the building;
- take care of your valuables; and
- look for signs indicating services, locations, and call numbers.

Never spend more than 5 minutes looking for anything. If you have any questions or concerns about anything in the library, please stop at one of our service desks or use the chat Ask Us service and speak with one of our library staff – we are here to help.

This video tour will give you a brief overview of our services, spaces, and collections.

The John B McNair Learning Commons hosts three service desks and a computer lab with printing and scanning services.

The Commons Service Desk is where you bring your books (along with your id card) to sign them out. This is also the place to borrow a laptop. The Commons Service Desk is also where you can claim a group study room by picking up a key, pick up any print items that have been put on reserve by your instructors, and sign up to rent a locker.

The Research Help Desk offers assistance in person, over the phone, through email, and also via the 'Ask U's chat service. Reference Services Staff can assist you with all of your research needs, such as finding useful books, articles, and more.

If you have any IT issues, the staff at the Information Technology Services (ITS) Desk can assist you with all your IT needs, such as setting up email, wireless, printing, and more.

UNB's Writing Centre offers evening drop-in hours at the HIL through the academic year in office 116.

The HIL Commons Café offers Java Moose coffee, a local coffee company based out of Saint John, as well as snacks and hot lunches provided by Sodexo. Notice the portraits of famous New Brunswick authors—Bliss Carmen, Charles G. D. Roberts, and Alden Nowlan.

There are seven group study rooms located in the HIL. Most of the group study rooms are equipped with Air Media presentation systems.

Another service point that you should know about is the Accessibility Centre located on the third floor. If you have any questions related to accessibility services and software you may direct them to the Centre (libaccessibility@unb.ca).

Also located on the third floor is the Government Documents, Data, and Maps/GIS Help Desk where you can find assistance with any questions related to this collection.

On the 3rd floor, be sure to check out the two bright and comfortable study areas with modular furniture. Also, take advantage of the dual monitor / collaborative workspace (room 310), ideal for working on data and GIS projects.

On the 4th floor, the Beaverbrook Reading Room, is an inviting study space that features a book collection donated by Lord Beaverbrook himself.

Among the thousands of print items found in HIL-STACKS the HIL has several notable collections that deserve highlighting.

The UNB Libraries' Microforms collection generally refers to material that contains a small image or microreproduction of a document. This format covers a diverse range of materials. The Loyalist Collection, for instance, mostly exists in this format. This is a specialized collection that focuses on the American Revolution and related topics from the seventeenth century into the late nineteenth century.

The Eileen Wallace Children's Literature Collection is the largest research collection of its kind in Atlantic Canada, often used by visiting scholars.

The Archives and Special Collections hold many of UNB's institutional records, private papers (historical and literary) relevant to New Brunswick, and rare books and 1st editions.

Thank you for joining me on this tour of Harriet Irving Library. For more information on this and other UNB Libraries, and to access a wide variety of our online services, please visit www.lib.unb.ca

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