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The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre offers MacEwan students writing support through:

- in-person and online appointments
- in-person and online drop-in support
- written feedback (submit a few paragraphs or a draft in progress)

We work with MacEwan students in all programs, in all years of study, and at any stage of the writing process. For more information, consult Writing Centre [Services](#) and our [FAQs](#).

The Writing Centre is located in the Library, room 6-202. Please visit the [Library's Hours of Operation](#) to plan your visit!

Makerspace

The Makerspace, located at John L. Haar Library in Room 6-203, is open and ready to assist students and faculty with leveling up their innovation! We provide tools and support so that you can use 3D printing, programming, and multimedia in pursuit of your research, course work, and personal projects. Check our hours on [the Library website](#).

Talk to us about your project today so we can help bring your ideas to life! Book a class tour, orientation or workshop. So many possibilities!

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Course Outline Service

The Library's [Course Outline Service](#) is the easiest way for instructors to add materials to a course. Simply send us your course outline (syllabus) and we'll do the rest to ensure your students have access to the reading and viewing materials they need. Library staff will:

- Insert a permanent link to full text articles, ebooks, and streaming media available electronically from the Library collection,
- identify whether material can be digitized (e.g. an excerpt from a book, stream a DVD),
- review and clear copyright,
- add materials to your mêskanâs course,
- add materials to print reserve,
- if requested, discuss options for using or creating [open education resources](#).

Fill out the [form](#) and library staff will follow up. Please allow 3-5 days for processing and considerably longer if copyright permission is required or if the reading/viewing materials are not in the library.

The Library's Data Services

Whether you're searching for secondary datasets to use in research or teaching or looking for resources to manage your own research data, the library can help.

Finding Secondary Data and Statistics

Visit the library's [Statistics and Data guide](#) for more information and links to statistics and data sources. Contact data@macewan.ca for help finding statistics and data.

Research Data Management

Research data management encompasses the entire research data lifecycle, including the creation, processing, analysis, preservation, sharing and reuse of research data.

The library can help you:

- Learn about best practices for managing research data
- Develop a research data management plan
- Document your data so it is discoverable for reuse
- Store data in an appropriate repository
- Share and promote your data

For more information visit our [Research Data Services guide](#) or contact data@macewan.ca.

MacEwan University Data Repository

The [MacEwan University Data Repository](#) provides a place to store, share, and explore data and supports the teaching and scholarly activity of MacEwan University. The Data Repository provides a place for researchers to deposit data to meet the requirements of funding agencies and publications, including the [Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy](#).

For more information visit our [Data Repository Guide](#) or contact data@macewan.ca.

Real Time Remote Access (RTRA)

RTRA is an online tool that allows users to run SAS programs in real time to extract results from Statistics Canada master files. RTRA users do not gain direct access to microdata and cannot view the microdata files. RTRA users can calculate frequencies, means, percentiles, percent distribution, proportions, ratios, and shares.

More information about RTRA is available on the [Statistics Canada website](#). For inquiries about using RTRA, contact data@macewan.ca.



RO@M Has a New Home

MacEwan's institutional repository, RO@M, has moved to a new locally hosted, open-source software platform, DSpace. This widely used repository software will help ensure the longevity and sustainability of this service.

What does this mean for RO@M users?

- Faculty and staff can still deposit works by email (roam@macewan.ca) or by sharing their citations with the library each year through the eCV/annual report.
 - Students can deposit works with faculty approval by using a Student Deposit Form that has been moved to the library website.
- Old links to records in RO@M will redirect to their new location. We would encourage users to share the new "permanent links" for these records with others moving forward.
- Each record in RO@M now includes a Statistics link where users can see usage analytics.
- Author profiles are no longer available in RO@M. We will, however, explore the creation of new, basic profiles for MacEwan faculty and staff at a future date.

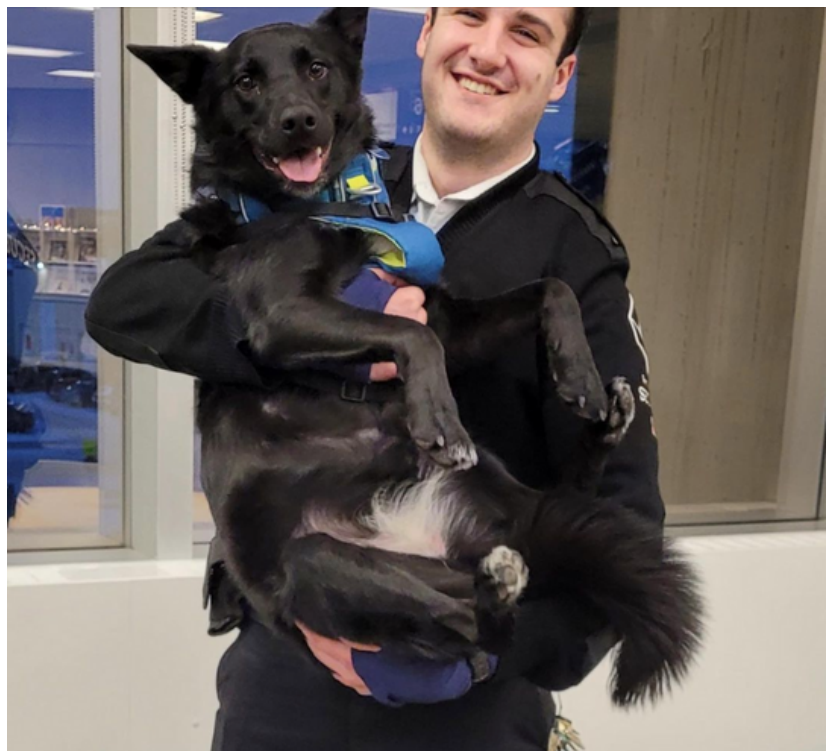
If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, email us at roam@macewan.ca.

Thank you for your continued support of this important initiative to digitally preserve and share the scholarly and creative output of the MacEwan community.

Employee of the Year

The Library's Employee of the Year for 2022 was [Bella Melatini!](#)

Bella is one of MacEwan's PAWSS dogs, and her incredible work ethic and ability to brighten anyone's day makes her the paw-fect employee.



Copyright term extended from 50 to 70 years effective December 30, 2022

January 1 is public domain day. When works enter the public domain it means they can be shared and copied without permission. Until very recently, Canada's term of copyright was life of the creator plus 50 years. However, in 2018 Canada signed the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) and agreed to extend the term of copyright from 50 to 70 years. The extension came into force on December 30, 2022. The extension is not retroactive and does not apply to any works that are already in the public domain, but it does mean that works that would previously enter the public space in 2023, such as the letters and writings of Lester B. Pearson, Canada's 14th Prime Minister and Nobel Peace Prize winner, will remain under copyright for another 20 years.

The [Center for the Study of Public Domain](#) at Duke University Law School highlights the critical cultural importance of a robust public domain. In fact, Flynn, Giblin and Petitjean (2020) in their study of [What Happens When Books Enter the Public Domain?](#) report that books' "commercial value" is short, much shorter than even the shortest of copyright terms, and "exhausted long before their *cultural* value" (p. 137). The decision to extend Canada's term of copyright was controversial with legal experts [questioning](#) the merits and the approach; it nevertheless was final and brought Canada into alignment with the term of copyright in the United States and the European Union.

Laptop Bursary Update

The MacEwan University Laptop Bursary ran this Fall semester, providing new laptops to students in financial need. This time the bursary was expanded from the year prior, with more laptops available for students in any program to apply for, University-wide. In total, we were able to give away 101 new laptops to our students.



Did You Know?

Over the 2021-2022 academic year, librarians taught 327 sessions, either online, in person, or blended!

At the end of 2021, the Library owned or licensed 205,929 physical titles, and 1,306,478 online titles.

Over the 2020-2021 academic year, the Library received 1035 item requests and sent out 2375 item requests.

More Library Services and Resources

Library Checkout App

The Library Checkout App offers an easy, contactless way to check out books from the library with your cell phone! Learn more on the [MacEwan Library Checkout App page](#).

Copyright

If you have questions about copyright related to teaching and research, check out the [Copyright & Fair Dealing](#) page.

Citing Sources

The Library has some helpful information about citing sources including [guides to the latest citation styles](#).

Research Instruction and Consultations

[Subject librarians](#) are available to discuss research assignments and provide instruction and learning materials for your students. Virtual and in-person research consultations are also available to students.